

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 10th January, 2014

@3. ***Mr. A. Rehman Malik:** (Notice received on 09-12-2013 at 00:00)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open / allow U Tube in the country, if so, when?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Government of Pakistan is considering both technical and legal options to allow viewership of YouTube in Pakistan. Ministry of IT has re-emphasized to PTA to implement the Policy Directive of 31st May, 2012, through an Implementation directive dated October 25th, 2013 for effective monitoring & control of obnoxious (Blasphemous & Pornographic) content over internet in Pakistan.

Accordingly, PTA is upgrading its implementation mechanism for handling complaints regarding obnoxious content on the internet and a team is being tasked to proactively monitor the web for any obnoxious content including blasphemy.

However, it is virtually impossible to completely block any obnoxious material on the internet including YouTube.

Moreover, legal provisions are being drafted to provide Third Party Indemnity for web platforms such as Google Inc. so that they may consider localization of YouTube in Pakistan.

(b) The matter of opening of YouTube in Pakistan will be presented before “Inter-Ministerial Committee for Website Evaluation” (IMC) once implementation mechanism for handling obnoxious content on the internet is in place.

@Transferred from Information Technology and Telecommunications.

@7. ***Mr. Saeed Ul Hassan Mandokhail:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 02:20 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the persons working on daily wages basis in Government schools and colleges in Islamabad Capital Territory were being paid their remuneration / salaries out of student fund;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that due to free education in the said educational institutions the students fund is not being charged now, if so, the source from which the said employees will be paid their salaries / remuneration;*
- (c) *the names, parentage and designation of the persons working on daily wages basis in the said institutions with Province-wise breakup;*
- (d) *the remuneration / salary being paid to the said persons; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase salaries / remuneration of the said employees and regularize their services, if so, when?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division: (a) Yes the daily wages employees were being paid out of student fund.

(b) Student Fund is not being charged *w.e.f.* 20, November, 2013 in pursuance to the Article 25-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and in terms of section 3(2) of “Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012”. They are being paid from available student fund in the institutions. A case for provision of funds for their salaries has also been initiated.

(c) List of daily wage employees is placed at Annex-A. The province wise break-up of the said employees is as under:—

S#	Province	No. of Employees
1.	Punjab + Islamabad	1597
2.	Khyber Pakhtun Khwa	173
3.	Sindh	55
4.	AJK	25

@Transferred from Education Trainings and Standard in Higher Education.

S#	Province	No. of Employees
5.	FATA	9
6.	Gilgit Baltistan	2
7.	Balochistan	9
Total		1870

(d) The salaries of these employees ranges from Rs.2000/- to Rs.10,000/- depending upon their qualification and job description. Some of them are working on Honorary basis.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration to increase their salaries. The matter regarding their regularization is subjudice in Islamabad High Court.

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

29. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 20-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the details of the buildings owned by the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the said buildings or their portions have been rented out, if so, the names and other particulars of the companies / organizations to which the same have been rented out and the rent being charged in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The details of the buildings owned by PTA are given in **Annexure-A**.

(b) Only one building *i.e.*, a portion measuring 19,794 sq. ft of PTA RTTS Building H-10/4, Islamabad has been rented out to Frequency Allocation Board (FAB) offices at rent of Rs.742,280/- per month (*i.e.* @ Rs. 37.5 per sq. ft).

Annexure-A

Detail of the Buildings Owned by PTA in Islamabad

Sr. No.	Location
1.	PTA Headquarters building, Sector F-5/1, Islamabad
2.	H. No. 4, St. 52, F-6/4, Islamabad
3.	PTA RTTS Building (Plot No. 112) H-10/4, Islamabad
4.	H. No. A-8, G-7/4, Islamabad

Sr. No.	Location
5.	H. No. A-23, G-7/4, Islamabad
6.	H. No. A-24, G-7/4, Islamabad ..
7.	H. No:A-25, G-7/4, Islamabad.
8.	H. No. A-1/14, G-7/4, Islamabad
9.	H. No. A-1/17, Sector G-7/4, Islamabad.

30. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 21-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether there is any bar on the civil servants and their dependents from receiving remuneration or loans from international donor programs / projects?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Civil Servants, until and unless posted on deputation in International donor programs / projects with the prior approval of the Federal Government, cannot receive any remuneration and loan from such organizations.

However, Government of Pakistan does not owe any legal or financial responsibility if a civil servant does obtain loan or remuneration in his private capacity or during his deputation period with the International donor programs / projects.

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 25-11-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the volume of trade with India at present; and*
- (b) the list and value of each of major items being imported from India and exported to that country during last two years?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The following table shows the volume of bilateral trade between India and Pakistan at present:—

Years	Pakistan's Exports to India	Pakistan's Imports from India
2011-12	338.517	1507.328
2012-13	327.496	1809.867

Million US\$

Source: PBS

- (b) List of items alongwith their values being traded with India placed is at **Annex-I.**

32. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the names of cellular companies operating in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the number of Subscribers Identification Module (SIM) issued by each of the said companies so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The following Cellular Mobile Operators are providing services in the Country at present:

S. No.	Cellular Mobile Operator Name
1.	Mobilink
2.	Ufone
3.	Zong
4.	Telenor
5.	Warid
6.	Special Communication Organization (SCO)

(b) The details of SIMs issued by each mobile company are as follows:

S. No.	Operator	SIMs issued as on 30th Oct. 2013
1.	Mobilink	37,528,079
2.	Ufone	25,004,392
3.	CMPak (Zong)	23,340,402
4.	Telenor	32,833,542
5.	Warid	12,827,367
6.	SCO*	587,144
Grand Total		132,120,926

* As of June 2013.

33. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-11-2013 at 12:00 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that shops / stalls at Sunday Bazaars in Islamabad have been subletted by the allottees, if so, the mechanism for checking and discouraging such practice;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that substandard food items are being sold in the said bazaars and prices of various items are also higher, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*

(c) *the mechanism to check and monitor the quality and prices of commodities being sold in those bazaars?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Proper licenses are issued to the stall holders after exercising due identification etc. Bazaar Administration randomly checks the licenses and proceed against violators as per terms and condition. However, in this recent meeting the CDA Board has decided to re-check the Bazaars thoroughly to run the business according to the satisfaction of the general public.

(b) No substandard commodities are being sold in the Bazaars. The prices of the items are fixed on the basis of rates received from whole sale fruit and vegetable Market I-11/4 a day prior to holding Bazaars.

(c) Teams consisting of Inspector, Supervisors and Security Guards are deployed in each Bazaar for monitoring and controlling the prices and quality of the items, being sold in these Bazaars.

34. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred Question No. 113, replied on 30th August, 2013 and state the names, designations and service group / department of the Government servants in BPS-18 and above having dual nationality who are working in the defaulting Ministries / Divisions which could not furnish the information in reply to the referred question indicating also the names of countries nationality of which they have acquired?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Information received from the Ministries/ Divisions/ Provincial Governments containing the names of **40** Government Servants of BS-18 and above who possess dual nationality is at **Annex-I**.

35. ***Mrs. Khalida Parveen:** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

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

- (a) the details of contracts awarded by Benazir Income Support Programme to private firms for carrying out data survey, analytical research and preparing investigation reports during the last four years indicating also the amount paid in each case;*
- (b) whether the authenticity of survey conducted and reports prepared by the said firms has been got re-checked, if so, its details; and*
- (c) whether the said survey and reports have been made public, if so, whether the copies of the same will be placed on the Table of the House?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Four Firms were hired for Survey activity whereas three firms were hired for analytical research and investigative reporting through competitive bidding process. Firm wise payment detail is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The authenticity of the survey was assessed by two independent firms. The mandate of the firms was to check overall quality and quantity of the survey and they reported the activity as satisfactory.

(c) The reports have not been made public.

36. ***Mrs. Khalida Parveen:** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

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

(a) *whether the Benazir Income Support Programme has prepared its annual reports and submitted the same to the Cabinet and for information of general public during the last four years in pursuance of rule 25 of the Rules of Business, 1973, if so, the number thereof and if not, the names, designations and length of service of the officers who were assigned the task of preparing the same; and*

(b) *the time by which the said reports will be made public?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) BISP did not compile any annual report during last four years. No officers were assigned the said task.

(b) Annual report will be made public after its preparation.

37. ***Mrs. Khalida Parveen:** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of the monitoring and evaluation reports compiled by the Monitoring and Evaluation section of BISP during the last three years?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: Monitoring & Evaluation Section of BISP has compiled Performance Monitoring Dashboard Report since inception of M&E wing in November 2012 covering period from July 2012 to September 2013.

M&E.wing compiled field monitoring report of Waseela-e-Rozgar.

38. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 06-12-2013 at 10.30 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether it is fact that the decision of Federal Services Tribunal dated 04-01-2012 in Appeal Nos.1936 to 1944 (R) (CS) 2011, regarding upgradation of the posts of Instructors at VTCs / TTCs of Staff Welfare Organization from BPS-16 to BPS-17 has not been implemented so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be implemented?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: The implementation on the decision of Federal Services Tribunal dated 04-01-2012 in Appeal Nos.1936 to 1944 (R) (CS) 2011 regarding up-gradation of the posts of Instructor at VTCs / TTCs of Staff Welfare Organization from BS-16 to BS-17 is under process. Summary for implementation of the Federal Service Tribunal decision dated 04-01-2012 has been moved for approval of Establishment and Finance Division. The up-gradation will take place in due course of time and as and when finalized and decision arrived in this regard.

39. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 01:10 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to abolish the posts of Pak based staff and to appoint local based staff in Trade Missions of Pakistan abroad, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *the estimated No. of the employees of the Commerce Division likely to be affected by the said proposal if the same is implemented; and*
- (c) *the expected affects of the said proposal on the Pakistani business community?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to abolish the posts of Pak based staff and to appoint local based staff in Trade Missions of Pakistan abroad as such. However the Government has decided to rationalize the strength of Trade Offices abroad to make them, smart, efficient and cost effective. Resultantly, at majority of offices posts of Pak based staff were found redundant and are being retrenched.

(b) The estimated number of the employees of the Commerce Division likely to be affected by said exercise will be around 10 officers (BS 18-20) and around 90 officials.

(c) The decision of retrenchment of staff will not impact the business community as the staff being retrenched was not involved in Trade Promotional Activities.

40. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 23-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that PIA has recently purchased four new aero planes, if so, the details thereof indicating also the year of manufacturing of the same; and*

(b) *whether international standards for purchasing of aero planes was adopted / followed in the said purchase?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) PIA has not purchased any aircraft.

(b) Not applicable.

41. ***Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 23-12-2013 at 12:00 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred Q.No. 18 replied on 5th December, 2013 and state:

(a) *the details of relevant rule / rules of the Rules of business 1973 under which the agenda and minutes / decisions of the meeting of ECC and CCOP are treated as secret; and*

(b) *the date on which the decision to treat the said agenda and minutes / decisions as “secret” was taken?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) There are no exclusive rules under the Rules of Business, 1973 to deal only with ECC and CCOP.

However, Rule 24 of the Rules of Business, 1973 titled as “Action on decisions of the Cabinet, National Economic Council **or their Committees** etc is relevant.

All papers relating to Cabinet Committees including ECC and CCOP are treated as secret under **sub rule (8) of the Rule ibid which states as follows:**

*“All papers submitted to Cabinet are “**Secret**” until the Cabinet discussion has taken place. Thereafter each secretary shall decide whether the case should continue to be classified as “**Secret**”, and inform the Cabinet Division of his decision”*

(b) All papers submitted to the Cabinet Committees are treated as **secret** with effect from the 4th March, 1998 when S.R.O. No. 135(I)/98 was issued through which the words “**or their Committees**” were inserted in rule 24 of the Rules of Business, 1973.

42. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-12-2013 at 04:30 pm)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of wheat in the country; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that some areas have been earmarked for the said purpose, if so, the district-wise details thereof?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) The steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of wheat in the country are given as under:

- i. Development and promotion of new high yielding wheat varieties.
- ii. Ensured supply of farm inputs for wheat production.
- iii. Dissemination of good agricultural practices through provincial agricultural department using field visits and electronic and print media.

(b) No.

43. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-12-2013 at 04:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantum of sugar presently available with Trading Corporation of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import sugar, if so, when?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) At present 19,195 MT of sugar is available with Trading Corporation of Pakistan (as on 30-12-2013).

(b) No proposal regarding import of sugar is under consideration at the moment.

@69-B . ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja :** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of houses, schools and hospitals destroyed / damaged during the last earthquake in Balochistan; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide financial assistance for reconstruction of those houses, if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division: The information is being collected from the quarter concerned and will be placed on the floor of the house on the next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th January, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

@Transferred from Prime Minister's Office.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Friday, the 10th January, 2014

1. **Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above working in the headquarters of Benazir Income Support Programme indicating also the duties assigned and salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *whether the said officers have satisfactorily accomplished the tasks assigned to them during the last two years, if so, the details thereof in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 & above working in BISP Headquarter along with their salaries are enclosed at Annex-A.

(b) Performance of every officer is commented upon by the immediate superior through Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (PER). Copies of the same reports of the officers on deputation are available with their respective parent departments whereas the copies of the BISP employees are available with BISP-HR wing.

2. **Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

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

- (a) *the prime objectives of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) in line with the Rules of Business, 1973; and*
- (b) *whether any Mission Statement of the said programme has been incorporated / elaborated in the said rules, if so, the salient features thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) BISP is not reflected in Rules of Business, 1973. As per BISP Act No. XVIII of 18th August, 2010, following objectives are outlined:

- (i) Enhance financial capacity of the poor people and their dependent family members;
- (ii) Formulate and implement comprehensive policies and targeted programmes for the uplift of underprivileged and vulnerable people; and
- (iii) Reduce poverty and promote equitable distribution of wealth especially for low income groups.

(b) BISP is not reflected in Rules of Business, 1973. No mission statement in accordance with rules of business 1973 is available .

3. **Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 28-11-2013 at 02:40 pm)

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

- (a) *the number of workshops, seminars, programme launching ceremonies etc. held in five star hotels by the Government, BISP, International donors and financial institutions in connection with the BISP activities during the last three years indicating also the expenditures incurred from national exchequer and results achieved in each case;*
- (b) *the reasons for holding the said events/functions in the said hotels; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to transform such events into result oriented ones?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No workshop, seminars arranged by BISP in Five star hotels during last three years. There is no information available with BISP pertaining to workshops, seminars arranged by the Government, International Donors , and financial institutions.

(b) As above.

(c) As above.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th January, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.