

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Tuesday, the 13th May, 2014**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Question No. 18 Deferred on 15th April 2014 (103rd Session))*

18. (Def.) **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 01:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Army Welfare Trust (AWT) has paid cost of construction of motorway interchange near their housing scheme at Sangjani, Sector D-18, Islamabad, if so, the amount paid by them for that purpose;*
- (b) *the present status of the said project; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said interchange will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Army welfare Trust has not deposited the construction cost to NHA. Infact AWT was constructing the Interchange at Sangjani through their own contractor.

(b) Presently NHA has withdrawn the NOC and suspended the work.

(c) As above in (b)

1. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the names of Universities which have been granted Federal Charter by the Government so far indicating also the names of the members of the Governing body of each university?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** Grant of Federal Charter to a University is privilege of the Parliament and the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan in case of

promulgation of an Ordinance for the purpose. Whereas a Federal Ministry may sponsor and undertake the process of grant of Federal Charter to a University. As per the record of the Higher Education Commission, the Ministry of Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education has not so far, undertaken any such activity. Therefore, the question of names of the members of the Governing Bodies of such universities does not arise.

2. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the details of housing schemes launched by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation for the Overseas Pakistanis so far in the country indicating also the location-and number of plots in each scheme; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch more housing schemes for overseas Pakistanis, if so, the details thereof?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** (a) To cater for the housing needs of Overseas Pakistanis and to provide them residential facilities, OPF has planned and established a number of housing schemes in different cities of the country. Thousands of plots in these schemes were allotted to overseas Pakistanis. These schemes are located at the prime locations in the cities of Islamabad, Lahore, Gujrat. Peshawar, Dadu, Larkana & Mirpur (AJK).

The detail of housing schemes alongwith location and number of residential commercial plots:—

	Residential	Commercial
1. <b>OPF</b> Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore (Phase-I)	1733	93
2. OPF Valley Zone-V, Islamabad	2246	100 Kanals
3. OPF Housing Scheme Bhimber Road, Gujrat	211	66
	Residential	Commercial
4. OPF Housing Scheme Rato Dero, Larkana	430	24
5. OPF Housing Scheme Moro Road, Dadu	404	13
6. OPF Housing Scheme Budhni Road, Peshawar	741	74
7. OPF Housing Scheme Chittarpari, Mirpur (AJK)	2877	187
8. OPF Housing Scheme, Turbat	366	—
9. OPF Housing Scheme, Raiwind Road, Lahore (Phase-I) Extention	485	184

(b) Presently the following projects are under consideration/process:

1. Rawat Industrial Estate, Rawat, Rawalpindi
2. Housing scheme Phase-II, Raiwind Road, Lahore.
3. Housing Project on Land leased by CDA in Zone-IV, Islamabad.

3. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 11.15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the date on which Malakand Tunnel Project was approved indicating also the estimated cost and expected date of completion of the project;*
- (b) *the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal year so far; and*
- (c) *the percentage of work done on that project so far and the time by which remaining work will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) PC-I of Malakand Tunnel amounting to Rs. 9,043.325 million was approved by ECNEC on May 26, 2011. The project is expected to be completed by December 2018 with commencement in June 2015.

(b) An amount of Rs. 840 million (F.C. =Rs. 672 million, L.C. =Rs. 168 million) is allocated in PSDP 2013-14, whereas Rs. 13.324 million has been released so far.

(c) The project is not yet started. Its planned completion date is December 2018. It carries financial assistant of Korea.

4. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of roads constructed so far to link Gawadar with other parts of the country; and*
- (b) *the details of more roads proposed to be constructed for the said purpose indicating also the length of road, time by which work will be started, expected date of completion and sources of funding in each case?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) There are three major highways that link Gwadar to the rest of the country Makran Coastal Highway, Gwadar Ratodero Road (M-8) and N-85.

(b) Gwadar is being connected with rest of the country including Punjab through following 4 main road links (N-10, M-8, N-85 and N-30).

**N-10.** Lyari Gwadar-Gabd (Makran Coastal Highways) (653 Km) is completed and operational.

**M-8.** Gwadar-Hoshab-Khuzdar-Ratodero (892 Km). It has following sections

I Gwadar-Turbat-Hoshab Section (M-8) (193 Km)

Project would be completed in 18 months after re-tendering.

II (Khuzdar Shahdadkot) Khori-Quba Saeed Khan Section (143 Km)

On Going

73% progress has been achieved till today.

III Khuzdar-Ratodero (M-8 (149 Km)

On going

The project is expected to be completed in December 2014 subject to availability of funds.

**N-85.** Sorab-Basima-Nag-Panjgur-Hoshab (454 Km)

On Going

The project is expected to be completed in December 2016 subject to availability of funds.

**N-30.** Basima Khuzdar (110 Km) Planned PC-1 of the project amounting to Rs 4454.631 million has been approved by ECNEC on May 26, 2011. Design of the project is complete. Work on the project is expected to start in FY 2014-15 subject to availability of funds.

5. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the grants / amount provided to the Malakand University during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** The Higher Education Commission has provided Rs. 1303.201 million to University of Malakand in last 5 years. The year wise breakup of recurring and development grants are tabulated below:—

*PKR in million*

Financial Year	Recurring Grant	Development Grant	Total
FY 2009-10	95.712	90.466	186.178
FY 2010-11	131.949	117.205	249.154
FY 2011-12	147.482	40.000	187.482
FY-2012-13	247.868	166.112	413.98
FY 2013-14	221.407	45.000	266.407
<b>Total:</b>	<b>844.418</b>	<b>458.783</b>	<b>1303.201</b>

\* Rs. 45.0 million released against the allocation of Rs. 60.0 million in FY 2013-14 up to April 16, 2014.

\*\* Rs. 221.407 million released against the allocation of Rs. 278.652 million in FY 2013-14 up to April 16, 2014.

6. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- the date on which Improvement and Widening of N-45 (including Takht Bhai flyover, Dir) was approved indicating also the estimated cost and expected date of completion of the project;*
- the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal - year; and*
- the percentage of work completed on that project so far and the time by which remaining work will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Improvement and widening of N-45 was approved in March, 2007 by ECNEC at an estimated cost of Rs. 2399.27 Million; the revised PC-I being Rs. 3405 Million (including Takht Bhai Flyover) is currently under process for clearance by NHA Executive Board. The expected date of completion of the project including Takht Bhai flyover is March, 2015.

(b) The PSDP allocation (2013-14) for the said project is Rs. 100.8 Million and released amount is also Rs. 100.8 Million.

(c) All other works under said PC-I except Takht Bhai Flyover have been completed. 15% progress has been achieved on the said flyover and is expected to complete by March, 2015.

7. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-03-2014 at 01:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the inflated / exaggerated prices of medicines in the country?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** The following steps have been taken by the Federal Government to reduce the inflated /exaggerated prices of medicien in the country:

- i. During last two years, 105 cases of unauthorized price increase were noticed by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) by Pharmaceutical companies. Upon taking action by the DRAP, 17 companies filed writ petitions /suits in different courts and managed to obtain stay orders. On 17th September, 2013, the DRAP filed an application in the Supreme Court of Pakistan to pass appropriated orders for resolving /disposal of petitions /suits filed by pharmaceutical companies in Sindh High Court, Karachi, Lahore High Court, Lahore and Civil Judge Lahore and on the honorable court on 19th September, 2013 issued notices to pharmaceutical companies.
- ii. DRAP application again came up on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 for hearing and the honorable court directed DRAP to file a comprehensive report so that a final and comprehensive order be passed by the appex court. Accordingly, a comprehensive report was filed on 12.04.2014 in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and next date of hearing is fixed on 16.04.2014.
- iii. DRAP also filed 25 Civil Miscellaneous Applications (CMAs) in the Sindh High Court, Karachi, Lahore High Court, Lahore and Civil Judge Lahore to vacate stay orders issued by the said courts in matters of unilateral price increase on medicines by pharmaceutical companies.
- iv. DRAP field offices have been advised to be vigilant, conduct market surveys and take actions against the companies if found overcharging of drugs. Accordingly, Federal Inspecto of Drugs have conducted raids on the warehouses of manufacturers and importers and siezed stocks of over priced drugs.
- v. Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs is regulated by the Provincial Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to take action under the law against the companies who increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.
- vi. A policy to rationalize the prices of drugs is under consideration of the Policy Board of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

8. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 11:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the statutory mandate upon which Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority, Karachi, was established;*

- (b) *the objectives set and achieved by the aid authority during the last five years with year wise breakup;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said authority has not been made fully functional so far, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;*
- (d) *the income and expenditure of the said authority during the said period with year-wise breakup;*
- (e) *the details of utilization of the loans obtained by the said authority and the amount of loans paid back by the authority so far with year-wise breakup;*
- (f) *the amount of foreign and indigenous loans against the said authority at present; and*
- (g) *whether post utilization audit of the said loans has been conducted, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael:** (a) As per Ordinance No. XVI of 1982, the Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority was established with the very mandate to promote deep sea fishing beyond territorial waters. Copy of the Ordinance is placed at Appendix-A.

(b) Since October, 2005 no deep sea fishing license has been issued. As a result the operational activities and income thereof remained low as compared to the targets envisaged at the time of inception of scheme of Korangi Fisheries Harbour. A statement showing the income (both operating & non-operating) duly compared with the targets during the past 5 years is provided at Appendix-B along with details of investment made or being made by private sector in various fisheries allied industries & support facilities.

At present these fish processing plants and other facilities are exporting fisheries products valuing over US\$ 20.0 million & employment to more than 1000 people.

(c) It is fact that the aims and objectives of the development of Korangi Fisheries Harbour is still in jeopardy mainly because of non availability of deep-sea traffic despite hectic efforts made for revival of deep sea fishing and move local fishing boats from over congested Karachi Fish Harbour. Following actions are being taken by the Federal Government to make the harbour functional:

- (i) As against recent advertisement released by Marine Fisheries Department in press, 14 applications for grant of fishing licenses have been received by the deadline. The applications shall soon be placed before Inter Ministerial Scrutiny Committee for consideration. It is expected that soon the licenses would be granted thereby ensures commencement of operational activities within next few months. Copy of the Advertisement is placed at Appendix-C.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) The Deep Sea Fishing Policy is being revisited to make it more investment friendly. The rationalization of scale of charges for royalty, license fee etc. would likely to further enhance interest of deep sea operators.
- (iii) In absence of deep sea fishing traffic, efforts are being made to attract local boats to use Korangi as home port. About 60 small boats have already been shifted to Korangi Harbour from vicinity. Further it has been agreed in principle in a meeting with MD, Karachi Fisheries Harbour Authority and representatives of Sindh Trawlers Owners Association that about 100 Indian confiscated boats auctioned by MSA in recent days will be shifted to Korangi Harbour. These boats which are causing serious congestion problem at Karachi Fish Harbour are not being presently issued fishing permits by GOS. The modalities for shifting of these boats are being worked out with the prime condition that fishing permits would be issued only in case these boats shift and use Korangi as home port. It is hoped that Korangi Fish Harbour would be functional in near future.

Further the government is planning to make the harbor functional by taking any of the following steps

- (a) Privatization of Harbor
- (b) Transfer of operations to a private company by long lease
- (c) Joint Venture
- (d) Year-wise expenditure incurred during past 5 years is provided at Appendix-D.
- (e) Korangi Fisheries Harbour has been developed under co-financing of ADB. Loan No. 494-PAK (SF) obtained by GOP, which was re-lent to Authority under a Financing Agreement with 4% interest. The Loan amounting to Rs. 664.643 million (US \$ 26.20million) was utilized for the construction of Korangi Fisheries Harbour as per details provided at Appendix-E.
- (f) The Authority is under debt of only re-lent loan of Asian Development Bank. Due to poor revenue generation only an amount of Rs. 71.0 million has been re-paid by the Authority against three moieties during the year 2005 when income of the Authority from deep-sea vessels was improving. Upon discontinuation of deep-sea fishing the Authority is unable to serve the debt. An amount of Rs. 698.392 is outstanding against the Authority by April 1, 2014. Considering the poor revenue generation the Authority has initiated a Summary for the consideration by ECC to convert the loan into grant.
- (g) As per Article 18(2) & (5) of the Ordinance No. XVI of 1982 and Section-4.09 of the Financing Agreement, the annual audited accounts by two independent auditors is being submitted to Auditor General Office on regular basis. The entire utilization from loan account



were timely audited by the Chartered Accountants as well as by the Government Auditors during the period of disbursements. Further the total amount utilized were also reconciled with EAD, the reconciliation statement is placed at Appendix-F.

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

9. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *the details of work completed on Gawadar Port so far; and*
- (b) *the details of work to be completed on that port and the time by which the same will be completed?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael:** (a) The Gwadar Deep Water Port Project (Phase-I) has been completed on 30th June, 2010.

(b) Preliminary details of the projects up to date are as follows:

1. through China -Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

● **Construction of Expressway on East bay of Gwadar Port.**

Estimated Cost: Rs.11000.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

● **Construction of Break Waters.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 13000.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

● **Dredging of Berthing Areas & Channel for additional terminals.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 2800.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

● **Pak-China Technical Vocational Institute at Gwadar.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 1000.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

● **Development & Construction of Port Allied Structures in Mullah band area.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 835.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

2. through Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP)

● **Acquisition of land for Free Trade Zone.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 6691.155 Million  
Completion Period: To be done after release of funds.

● **Up gradations of GPA Housing Complex**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 362.20 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 02 years.

● **Replacement of existing Nav aids of Gwadar Port**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 80.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 01 years.

● **Port Security system of Non-Concessional area.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 50.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 01 years.

● **Rehabilitation of Harbour Road.**

Estimated Cost: Rs. 30.00 Million  
Completion Period: To be completed within 01 years.

10. \***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha** : (Notice received on 26-03-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that deductions were / used to be made from the salaries of the Government employees under the head of old age benefits, if so, the amount collected under that head and details of its utilization?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** ● No directions were issued by the Finance Division to deduct old-age benefits from the salaries of Government Employees. However, under Employees Old-age Benefits Act 1976, a contribution of Rs. 480/- per month is collected by Employees Old-age Benefits Institution (EOBI) from registered industrial & commercial establishments workers and Employers for old-age pensioners at the following rates on minimum wage which is Rs.8000/- per month at present

✓ Rs. 80 @ Rs.1% from industrial workers per month

✓ Rs.400 @Rs.5% from employers.

● An amount of Rs.92.4 billion has been collected upto March 2014 out of which Rs.79.9 billion have been disbursed to the EOBI pensioners.

11. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 28-03-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the names, seniority position and date of retirement of the judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and each High Court in the country?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** The information is not available in this Division. Therefore, the Registrars of Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts were requested to provide the requisite information. The information regarding the above said question is available on the website, of Superior Courts. After insertion of **Article:175-A** in the Constitution through **18th & 19th Constitutionail Amendments**, no role has been left on the part of Law Ministry for determining the seniority of the Judges except to issue Notification for appointment of Judges.

The data regarding the names, position held and date of retirement of the judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and each High Court, has been downloaded from the respective websites which is at Annex-I-VI.

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12. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 28-03-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Election Tribunals working in the country with province wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the number of election petitions registered in the said tribunals after general elections 2013 indicating also the present status of the same?*

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmad:** (a) Fourteen (14) Election Tribunals were appointed soon after the Conduct of General Elections 2013 in the country. The Province wise breakup is as under:—

Province	No of Tribunals
Punjab	5
Sindh	3
KPK	3
Balochistan	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>14</b>

(b) Four hundred and ten Election Petitions relating to General Elections, 2013 and subsequent bye-elections were filed in the ECP Secretariat under Section 52 of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 and were referred to 14 Election Tribunals appointed by the Election Commission. The statement showing the present status is as under:

Province	Total Petitions	Disposed off	Pending
Punjab	177	82	95
Sindh	83	46	47
KPK	68	57	11
Balochistan	72	26	46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>199</b>

13. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at am)

09:15

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- the number of Motorways and National Highways in the country with province wise break up; and*
- the names, of toll plazas on the said Motorways and National Highways being run by FWO and NLC indicating also the date of awarding contract and date of expiry of the contract of each toll plaza?*

**Minister for Communications** (a) The number of Motorways and National Highways with, Province wise breakup is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) FWO is operating toll plazas on motorways details at Annex-B. Summary given below:—

Motorways	No of toll plazas	Date of Start	Date of Completion
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M-1	15	16th June 2007	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011
M-2	35	December, 1997	December, 2010
M-3	6	September, 2003	December, 2010

Name of the toll plazas alongwith date of commencement and date of completion being run by M/s NIC is attached at **Annex-C**.

14. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 03-04-2014 at 10:30 am)

*Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of Port and Shipping, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies, authorities and corporations etc. since 2011-12?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael: Gwadar Port Authority (GPA)**

10 non Muslims have been appointed in GPA since 2011-12. (Annex-A).

**Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), Karachi**

04 non Muslims have been appointed in PNSC since 2011-12. (Annex-B).

**Marine Fisheries Department (MFD), Karachi**

Nil

**Ministry of Ports & Shipping, Islamabad**

Azam Masih, Sweeper (NPS-01) is working in Ministry of Ports & Shipping, Islamabad on permanent basis. He is holder of ICT Domicile.

**Karachi Ports Trust, Karachi**

20 non Muslims have been appointed in KPT since 2011-12. (Annex-C).

**Port Qasim Authority, Karachi**

07 non Muslims have been appointed in PQA since 2011-12. (Annex-D).

**Ports & Shipping Wing, Karachi**

Nil

**Korangi Fisheries Harbour Authority, Karachi**

Nil

**Pakistan Marine Academy, Karachi**

Nil

15. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 03-04-2014 at 03:10 pm)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the heads of TB and Hepatitis vertical programmes indicating also the dates since when they are serving in present positions and the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *the details of foreign visits undertaken by the said officers in present capacity, indicating also the name of country visited, purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) (i) Hepatitis Programme has been devolved to Provinces as a result of 18th Constitutional Amendment therefore there is no any Head of the said Programme at Federal level.

(ii) Particulars of the Head of TB Control Programme is as under:

Name	Dr.Ejaz Qadeer
Educational Qualification	MBBS. MPH
Domicile	Balochistan
Date of Joining	17-01-2011

Salary allowances and other fringes benefits as per Government Rules in BPS-19 (salary slip is attached at Annex-A)

**Fringe benefits**

1. Vehicle for Monitoring
2. Mobile Phone
3. TA/DA as per rules

(b) The detail of foreign visits of the Head of TB Control Programme are as under:

Dates	Meeting Name	Purpose	Financial Support
23-28 Oct., 2011	International Union against TB and Lung diseases	To represent Pakistan in Friends of Pakistan	WHO HQ Air Tickets Hotel Stay

		Meeting Presented 3 research papers	
9-10 May 2012	Task Force on impact measurement Geneva	Data Analysis of Pakistan Prevalence Survey	WHO Air Tickets Hotel Stay
11-15 Sep, 2012	Global Fund Board	Represent Pakistan and Board	WHO, Air ticket and Hotel Stay
13-17 Nov, 2012	43rd World Conference on Lungs health, Malaysia	Presented 2 research papers & participated in WHO sub Group meeting	WHO, Air ticket and hotel stay
Dates	Meeting Name	Purpose	Financial Support
29 April to 3 May 2013	Multi country Workshop on Tb Prevalence Survey, Accra Ghana	Presented Pakistan Prevalence Surveys results	WHO Air Ticket and hotel Stay
10-12 June, 2013	Strategy and Technical advisory meeting group, Geneva	Members STAG to discuss STOP TB strategy	WHO Air ticket and Hotel Stay
30 Oct. to Nov. 3, 2013	44th IUATLD Conference, paris. France	Friends of Pakistan Meeting and Childhood subgroup meeting	WHO Air ticket and Hotel Stay
7-8 Nov. 2013	Twenty Third Meeting of Governing Board of SAARC TB and HIV/AIDS Centre, Nepal	Chairman of the Governing Board. Katmandu Nepal	Govt. of Pakistan payment due not received
2-4 March 2014	2nd Forum of National Stop TB Partnership Meeting, K=Jakarta, Indonesia	Represented Pakistan Global Fund Board	WHO Air ticket and Hotel stay

16. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 03-04-2014 at pm)

03:10

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

- (a) *the details of vertical programmes being dealt with at Federal level; and*
- (b) *the law under which the same have been retained at Federal level after the devolution under 18th Amendment in the Constitution?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) vertical programs being dealt with at Federal level are

- EPI
- Roll back Malarial
- TB control program and
- AIDS/HIV control program

(b) After devolution of Ministry of Health on 30th June, 2011, economic Affairs Division (EAD) submitted summary to the Prime Minister highlighting concerns showed by donor and international partners to place a Federal mechanism that ensure continuity of presently approved grants and to ensure securing of grant funds in future from international donors *i.e.* GAVI and the Global Fund etc.

The Prime Minister exercising his power as per Rule of Business, 1973 section 3 clause 2-4 (Annexure-A) was pleased to revive EPI at Federal (Annexure-B) and approve the project Management Units of HIV. AIDS, Malaria and TB dealing with GFATM (Annexure-C) in the interest of public health and to safeguard the vital support being provided by the international partner agencies, envisaging the coordination role with the provinces and international partners agencies after considering the views of the Provincial Governments and international partners who have agreed to continue with the central coordination mechanism for availing technical and material resources in the disease control, prevention and surveillance.

17. **\*Mr Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 04-04-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies, authorities, foundations and corporations etc. since 2011-12?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** 09 Persons belonging to Non-Muslims community were appointed in the following offices/attached departments of this Ministry:—

18. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 04-04-2014 at 09:15 a.m).

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of National Food Security and Research, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies, authorities, councils and corporations etc. since 2011-12?*



**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** The names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the Non-Muslims appointed in the following attached departments/organizations of M/o National Food Security and Research are as under:—

19. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-04-2014 at 09:30 am)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the number of persons working in TB control and Hepatitis vertical programmers with grade-wise and province-wise break-up?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) The number of persons working in TB control is placed at Annexure-A Hepatitis program is devolved to the provinces.

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

20. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 07-04-2014 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

*(a) the number of foreign students studying in Pakistani educational institutions with institution wise and country-wise break-up; and*

*(b) the number of Pakistani students studying abroad with country-wise break-up?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** The information is being collected from the quarter concerned and will be placed on the Table of the House as and when received.

21. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 08-04-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

*(a) the details of assistance being provided by the Federal Government to Provincial Governments in connection with campaign against polio;*

*(b) the names of areas where cases of polio have been reported in the country since 2010; and*

*(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make Pakistan polio free country?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) Polio campaigns operational cost is as below:

(b) Information as per Table at Annex-I

(c) Steps taken as are under:

- Operational security guidelines have been developed and fully implemented to improve the safety and security of polio vaccinators.
- Protected campaigns conducted in known reservoir areas.
- Deployment of rangers to conduct campaigns in Karachi.
- Military assisting with limited campaigns in Khyber Agency and elsewhere in FATA.
- Irish Government contributed for security measures such as providing funds for security staff transport, etc.
- Initiatives being taken in Peshawar to conduct fully protected campaigns.
- Initiatives for assigning permanent number of police for campaigns in Karachi.
- Tactical training for law enforcement.
- Deploying provincial security analysts from partner agencies.
- Consideration of altering campaign strategies and tactics.&
- Efforts done to make the community more involved and responsible for security arrangements.

22. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 16-04-2014 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to devolve the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) to provinces as per its obligation after the passage of 18th Constitutional Amendment; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for devolution of the said Commission to provinces since July, 2013?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) There is presently no proposal under consideration of the Govt. to devolve NCHD to the provinces. The Commission is working as an autonomous body of the Ministry of Education, Trainings & Standards in Higher Education *vide* Cabinet Division Notification No.4-10/2011-Min-I dated 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011 is Annexed.

(b) NA.

23. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 16-04-2014 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the Provincial Governments in the country which have established Higher Education Commissions at the provincial level and those which are in the process of establishing the same;*
- (b) *whether the establishment of the said Commissions at provincial level will affect the mandate, scope and working of the Federal Higher Education Commission, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *the details of domain of work of the Federal Higher Education Commission in each Province after establishment of the said Commissions at provincial level?*

Reply not received.

24. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 21-04-2014 at 01:30 pm)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) has approved a project for establishment and operation of basic education community schools in the country, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** Executive Committee of the National, Economic Council (ECNEC) has approved the project titled "Establishment and Operation of Basic Education Community Schools in the country" in its meeting held on 18th April, 2014 for the period 2013-2016 costing of Rs. 4282.059 million. Minutes of the meetings are enclosed at **Annex-A.**

25. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 22-04-2014 at 01:50 pm)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of vacant seats in the Senate, National and Provincial Assemblies in the country indicating also the name and number of constituency, time since which the same are vacant and reasons for being vacant in each case; and*
- (b) *the maximum time limit within which re-election on a vacant seat is to be held under the law?*

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmed:** (a) The existing vacancy position in the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies is as under:

Name of House	No. of Vacant seats	No. and Name of Constituency	Date of vacancy
Senate of Pakistan	2	1 General seat	21-4-2014
		1 Technocrat seat from Sindh Province	7-3-2013
National Assembly of Pakistan	4	1. NA-38 Tribal Area-III	10-5-2013
		2. NA-46 Tribal Area-XI	25-3-2014
		3. NA-47 Tribal Area-XII	5-5-2014
		4. NA-108 Mandi Bahuddin	14-3-2014
Provincial Assembly, Punjab	3	1. PP-107 Hafizabad-III	31-3-2014
		2. PP-136 Narowal-V	26-3-2014
		3. PP-259 Muzaffargarh-IX	12-5-2014
Provincial Assembly, KPK	3	1. PK-45 Abbottabad-II	9-4-2014
		2. PK-54 Mansehra-II	23-10-2013
		3. PK-63 Kohistan-II	8-11-2013
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>		

(b) Under Article 224(4) of the Constitution, a bye-election to fill the vacant seat in the National Assembly as well as in the Provincial Assemblies is required to be held within the period of **60 days** of occurrence of the vacancy.

Under Article 224(5) of the Constitution, a bye-election to fill the vacant seat in the Senate of Pakistan is required to be held within the period of **30 days** of occurrence of the vacancy.

26. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 24-04-2014 at 09:00 am)

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased refer to the Senate starred question No.7, replied on 15th April, 2014 and state:*

- (a) *the comparison of present yield per acre of wheat and cotton in the country with the production of the same at the world level;*
- (b) *the details of research programmes initiated / launched to develop new high yielding varieties and hybrid seeds of the said crops during the last five years;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said programmes have failed to produce high yielding varieties and hybrid seeds of those crops during the said period; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to mitigate the negative impacts of BT cotton before floating its seed in the domestic agriculture sector?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) The comparison of Pakistan's average wheat and cotton yield per acre with the world is given as follows:

Crop	Yield per acre (maunds)	
	<u>Pakistan</u>	<u>World</u>
Wheat	28.7	32.3
Cotton	21.4	21.5

(b) Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) apart from strengthening National Wheat Coordinated Research Programme has started a Wheat Productivity Enhancement Programme in collaboration with Federal and Provincial Research Institutes with support of development partners. Additionally a new initiative of Agriculture Innovation Programme (AIP) has been started to modernize research and variety development of wheat and other cereal crops.

The development of new cotton varieties and hybrids are in the purview of Ministry of Textile Industry. However; National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) has also started a Cotton Hybrid Development initiative.

(c) No

(d) There is no known negative impact of Bt cotton on domestic agriculture sector.

27. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 24-04-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the names and dates of retirement of Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Pakistan who retired since 1985 indicating also the details of pension, allowances and other fringe benefits such as servants, official accommodation, plots, vehicles (with make and model) and utility bills etc. admissible to them under the rules and of those actually provided them?*

**Mr. Pervaiz Rashid:** (a) The informaton is not available in this Division, Therefore, the Registrar of Supreme Court of Pakistan Has been requested to provide the requisite information, The same is still awaited and will be provided in the house as soon as received.

28. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-04-2014 at 10:20 am)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no regulatory authority to monitor the functions / working of private courier companies in the country, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a regulatory authority for the said purpose, if so, when?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that at present there is no regulatory authority to monitor the functions/working of private courier companies in the country. Reasons are elaborated in part (b) of reply to this question.

(b) Yes, the then Ministry of Postal Service now Ministry of Communications (Postal Service Wing), Islamabad has moved a summary to the Cabinet on 04-02-2013 to get approval in principal for the proposed legislation to establish Pakistan Private Courier Services Regulatory Authority which was considered by the Cabinet in its meeting dated 13-03-2013 and decided to refer the proposal to the Council of Common Interest (CCI), Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

On direction of the Cabinet, the then Ministry of Postal Services, Islamabad was- moved a case to the Council of Common Interest (CCI), Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad *vide* letter No. 1-89/2009-P.O.I dated 11th April, 2013 for including this item in the agenda of next meeting of Council of Common Interests (CCI).

29. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-04-2014 at 10:20 am)

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

(a) *the amount allocated by the Higher Education Commission to public sector universities in the country for research purposes during the last five years and details of its utilization with university-wise breakup; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that in some cases the said amount was not utilized for the purpose it was allocated, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

30. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-04-2014 at 10:20 am)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the electoral process by introducing latest technology like electronic voting machine and bio-metric verification system?*

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmed:** A Committee was constituted by the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner in November, 2009, which is presently working on various aspects of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM). Further more another Committee is also working on the legislation to be enacted by the Parliament enabling the Election Commission to implement the EVM in the next General Elections, 2018.

2. As far as use of bio-metric technology is concerned it is stated that the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa wants to introduce bio-metric system in the forthcoming Local Government Elections through NADRA. The activities in this regard are under process since last month by the NADRA/Election Commission on the use of bio-metric verification system during the forthcoming Local Government Elections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

31. **\*Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 25-04-2014 at 03:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as per law/rules it is compulsory to hold the meeting of Drug Registration Board once in a month; and*
- (b) *the date on which the last meeting of the said Board was held?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) No. Section 10 (2) of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 provides that meetings of the Policy Board shall be held twice a year or more as and when required. A special meeting may also be called at any time to deal with any urgent business.

(b) Last meeting of the Policy Board of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan was held on 16th January, 2014.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 12th May, 2014.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Tuesday, the 13th May, 2014

1. **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of food insecure areas in the country with district wise break up;*
- (b) *the reasons for food insecurity in the said areas; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problem of food insecurity in those areas?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) The main reasons for the food insecure are lower per capita income in a particular area. There are three aspects of food security:

1. Availability,
2. Accessibility/affordability,
3. Utilization/ Absorption, Safety.

The Ministry of National Food Security & Research only deals with the issue of “availability” of food. Its responsibilities also include: Planning for sufficient food products, undertaking research for higher production of crops/ livestock. Availability of agricultural inputs.

(b) The following factors, however have contributed to the food insecurity of common men:

- Rise in fuel and energy prices as well as general inflation.
- There is increase in farm inputs prices, resultantly increase in cost of production of food crops.

The economic growth remained stagnant during last 5 years, which has affected poor’s accessibility to food.



(c) Following steps are being taken by the Government to resolve the issue of food insecurity:

- Provision of essential food items at low prices through the network of the Utility Stores Corporations outlets.
- Special initiatives like Sahulat Bazar/Weekly Bazars and Ramazan Packages.
- Provincial Governments are providing, specific subsidy on the release of wheat to the flourmills for production of Wheat flour.
- Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) to provide monthly cash support to the tune of Rs. 1200/- per household covering 3.5 million poorest of the poor households.
- Bait ul Mal extends support to the dis-advantaged segments of the society like Special Children, Widows and other hardship cases.

2. **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at 12:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names of officers working in Election Commission of Pakistan on extension / re-employment basis indicating also the date of expiry of the extension/ re-employment of each of them?*

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmed:** The required information in respect of Election Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad is given hereunder:—

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Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Period of Current Re - employment/Extension Contract	
		From	To
1.	2.	3.	4.
1.	Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan, Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan (BPS-22).	05-11-2013	04-11-2014
1.	2.	3.	4.
2.	Mr. Sono Khan Baloch, Provincial Election Commissioner, KPK, Peshawar (BPS-21).	01-01-2014	31-12-2014
3.	Mr. Mehboob Anwar, Provincial Election Commissioner, Punjab, Lahore (BPS-21).	18-12-2013	17-12-2014
4.	Mr. Muhammad Nawaz, Director	01-10-2013	30-09-2014

(Law) in the ECP Secretariat,  
Islamabad (BPS-19).

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| 5. | Mr. Muhammad Noor Shahwani,<br>Regional Election Commissioner,<br>Kalat Division (BPS-19). | 13-08-2013 | 12-08-2014 |
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*Appointed against regular contract out of  
Election commission of Pakistan*

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| 6. | Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan,<br>Additional Director General-Legal<br>(BPS-20). | 20-11-2012 | 19-11-2014 |
| 7. | Mr. Sana Ullah Malik,<br>Director-Legal (BPS-19).                        | 15-11-2012 | 14-11-2014 |
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3. **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of higher educational institutions in the country which lack Ph.D. faculties; and*
- (b) *the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the shortfall of Ph. D. faculties in the said institutions?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) There are 59 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country which have PhDs less than 20% of their faculty. The list of these HEIs is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) Realizing that the quality of faculty is backbone of an Higher Education Institute (HEI) and to meet the shortfall of PhD faculty, Higher Education Commission (HEC) has implemented 22 PSDP funded development schemes (Indigenous as well as Overseas) worth Rs. 63.234 billion with main objective to produce PhD faculty within the universities the detail of these projects is attached at **Annex-B**.

In addition to the above projects, **Faculty Development Program (FDP) implemented by the universities/institutions** was launched, through which 1973 faculty members have been awarded PhD scholarships for studies abroad. University wise list of scholars sent abroad is attached at **Annex-C**.

Notwithstanding, HEC also implemented a program "**Interim Placement of PhD Faculty (IPFP)**" for placement of these PhDs as faculty in our universities. All these placements are/were for an initial support period of one year only. University wise number of PhDs placed under this program is attached at **Annex-D**.

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

4. **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 14-04-2014 at 01:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of overseas employment promoters / agencies presently registered in the country; and*
- (b) *the action taken by the Government against unregistered overseas employment promoters / agencies in the country during the last ten years?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** (a) The details of Overseas Employment Promoters/Agencies presently registered in the country are as under:—

**Valid OEPs Licences upto the Year 2016**

Name of Protector Office	No. of OEPs Licences
Karachi	259
Lahore	340
Rawalpindi	576
Peshawar	179
Malakand	186
Multan	142
Quetta	01
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1683</b>

\* The details of Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) having valid licences are at Annex-I.

(b) The un-registered Overseas Employment Promoters/Agencies do not come under the purview of the Bureau. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) is relevant agency to take action against un-registered/fake recruiting Agencies.

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

5. **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 15-04-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of Pakistan is negotiating with Italy, Ecuador and Ukraine for signing of MOUs for export of manpower to those countries, if so, the present status of such negotiations?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** Government of Pakistan is negotiating MoU for export of Manpower with Italy, Ecuador and Ukraine. The status of each is as follows:

**MoU Between Pakistan and Italy:**

The Cabinet has granted permission in principle for entering into an agreement with the Government of Italy concerning the export of manpower from Pakistan. The case is under process for signing.

**MoU with Ukraine:**

After completing all codal formalities the MoU was sent to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for onward transmission to Pakistan Embassy in Ukraine to obtain concurrence of Ukrainian side, which is still awaited.

**MoU with Ecuador:**

After completing all codal formalities the MoU was sent to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for onward transmission to Pakistan Embassy in Ecuador to obtain concurrence of Ecuador side, which is still awaited.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 12th May, 2014.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
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