

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 16th April, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 52, 54 and 56 were Deferred on 3rd March, 2015 (112th Session))

***Question No. 52 (Def.). Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:**

(Notice received on 27-11-2014 at 01:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the acreage of land of Pakistan Railways sold or given on lease basis during the last ten years with province and location wise breakup indicating also the names of buyers / lessee, purpose, rate and terms and conditions of sale / lease in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selling / leasing the said land?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) An area of 10485 acres has been licensed/leased out for various purposes (premium shops, stacking, agriculture & parking stands etc) during last ten years *i.e.* from January, 2005 to December, 2014. Division wise details are as under:—

Total leased out land in last 10 years.				
Division	Agriculture (acres)	Commercial (acres)	Government Department (acres)	Total (acres)
Peshawar	574.222	48.816	9.02	632.058
Rawalpindi	666.401	35.066	7.203	708.67

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Division	Agriculture (acres)	Commercial (acres)	Government Department (acres)	Total (acres)

Lahore	2471.503	40.561	—	2512.064
Moghalpura	—	0.308	—	0.308
Multan	5537.223	15.892	—	5553.115
Sukkur	743.41	2.178	—	745.588
Karachi	238.156	50.988	—	289.144
Quetta	42.048	0.817	0.963	43.828
	10272.963	194.626	17.186	10484.78 Say 10485

Details indicating location, name of licensee/lessee, purpose, rate and other terms & conditions are enclosed as annexure-A, & B. It is further clarified that Pakistan Railway does not sell any land, it is either licensed or leased out through open auction to the successful bidders.

The terms and conditions of licensing/leasing are given as under:—

1. **Agricultural Purposes.**

Through competitive bidding.

Lease Term:

- i. 03 years for cultivable land.
- ii. 05 years for barren land.

2. **Premium Shops Purposes.**

Through competitive bidding.

Lease term

10 years extendable for another 05 years.

3. **Stacking Purposes.**

Through competitive bidding.

Term:01 year.

4. **Parking Stands.**

i. To be leased on yearly basis for already developed stands.

ii. For new parking sites, lease term is 03 years extendable for 02 years.

(b) The procedure adopted for leasing/licensing of land is as under:—

- i. Wide publicity through advertisement in the newspapers to ensure transparency.
- ii. Leasing through competitive bidding / open auction.
- iii. Assessment of land by Divisional Assessment Committee keeping in view DC & market price.
- iv. Evaluation of bids by a committee.
- v. Execution of agreement with the successful bidder.

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

***Question No. 54 (Def.) Mr. Hidayat Ullah:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2015 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for management of Afghan refugees in the country and their repatriation to Afghanistan?

Lt. General (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch: The repatriation of registered Afghan refugees is guided by the principle of voluntarism as embedded in the Tripartite Agreement signed between Governments of Pakistan, Afghanistan and UNHCR.

To deal with the issue of repatriation of registered Afghan refugees, a Ministerial Committee has been constituted to find ways & means to ensure expeditious voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees and their reintegration inside Afghanistan. Efforts are being made to repatriate maximum number of Afghan refugees till the given date *i.e* 31st December, 2015.

***Question No. 56 (Def.) Mr. Saeed Ghani:**

(Notice received on 23-01-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and membership number of the members of Commoners Town, Islamabad who have been allotted plots of 250/500 sq yards in DHA, Islamabad indicating also the plot No. allotted, date and amount deposited through cheque in each case; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of members of the said Town have not been allotted plots in DHA, Islamabad, if so, their names and membership Nos. and reasons for not allotting them plots?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) At the time of merger of Commoner's Town with DHA Islamabad (during Dec. 2005), total 6,321 members of Commoner's Town were allotted the plots at different sectors (I,K,L,M,N&P) of DHA Islamabad (Phase-II).

(b) All members whose names were provided by Commoner's Town management to DHA Islamabad have been adjusted.

***Question No. 23. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state.

(a) the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Railways and its attached departments and subordinate bodies since June, 2013 with province-wise break-up; and

(b) the procedure adopted for appointment of the said persons?

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) In Pakistan Railways, appointments are made in the Ministry, Headquarters Office and its eight (08) attached working divisions *i.e.* Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Multan, Sukkur, Quetta, Karachi and Workshop. The details of appointments made since June, 2013 are as under (Annexure-A):

S. No.	Office	Persons Appointed
1.	Ministry of Railways	69
2.	Headquarters	76
3.	Railway Police	556
4.	Multan Division	61
Total		762

(b) The appointments in BS-01 to BS-05 were made through open advertisement followed by physical / skill test. The appointments in BS-06 to BS-15 were made through a centralized screening test conducted by National Testing Service (NTS) after open advertisement followed by an interview. All the appointments are made purely on merit by observing the prescribed provincial/ regional quotas.

The appointments in BS-16 and above were made through Federal Public Service Commission.

MP (Management Position) Scale appointments were made with the approval of the competent authority *i.e.* the Prime Minister of Pakistan through open advertisement, on merit, observing all the rules and regulations.

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***Question No. 24 Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 03:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of Pakistan Railways whose services have been terminated during the present regime indicating also the reasons for termination in each case;*
- (b) the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of Pakistan Railways whose services have been regularized during the present regime; and*
- (c) the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in Pakistan Railways during the present regime?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) The services of 151 persons were terminated in connection with unauthorized absence, gross misconduct, misappropriation and corruption. Details are attached as Annexure A.

(b) The services of 355 persons were regularized in compliance to recommendation of Cabinet Sub Committee on regularization of contract / daily wages employees under the Chairmanship of Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, *ex-Federal Minister*. Details are attached as Annexure B.

(c) 762 persons were appointed during the present regime. Details are attached as Annexure C.

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***Question No. 25. Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:15 a. m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Pakistan embassies / missions abroad where counters for issuance of National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) have been established;*
- (b) *the normal period during which the said cards are issued: and*
- (c) *the number of complaints about delay in issuance of those cards received during the last three years and the action taken thereon?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) The names of Pakistan embassies/missions abroad where counters for issuance of National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) have been established are as under:-

S. No.	Station/Country
1.	London, UK
2.	Manchester, UK
3.	Birmingham, UK
4.	Bradford, UK
5.	Jeddah, KSA
6.	Riyadh, KSA
7.	Madina Munawwarah, KSA
8.	Abdu Dhabi, UAE
9.	Dubai, UAE
10.	Milan, Italy
11.	Doha, Qatar
12.	Pretoria, South Africa
13.	Toronto, Canada

(b) The normal period for issuance of NICOP from Pakistan missions abroad is within 31 days.

(c) 28097 complaints have been received during the last three years. Out of which 27871 have been resolved and 226 queries are in process.

***Question No. 26. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of locomotives imported from China during the last five years;*

- (b) *the number of locomotives with Pakistan Railways which are out of order / defective at present; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import more locomotives?*

Khawaja Saad Rafique: (a) Yes. Sixty Three (63) Locomotives imported from China during the last five years.

(b) One Hundred and Seventy Eight (178) Nos. of Locomotives are out of order / defective at present with Pakistan Railways.

These defective locomotives would be made operational through Special Repair of 150 & 100 D.E. Locomotives and Rehabilitations of 27 HGMU-30 D.E. Locomotives PSDP Projects. Feasibility study of defective Sixty Nine (69) Chinese locomotives which were procured in the year 2002 is also under consideration to make these operational.

(c) Yes, there is proposal under consideration of Government to procure/import 75 No. D. E locomotives under PSDP scheme "Procurement / Manufacturing of 75 D.E locomotives". The project comprises fifty five (55) locomotives of 4000-4500 HP and twenty (20) locomotives of 2000-2500 HP.

***Question No. 27. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 11:00 a. m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Federal Secretaries (BPS-22) are entitled for issuance of official passport after their retirement; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allow the said facility to the retired Additional Secretaries (BPS-21) also?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) Yes. The retired Federal Secretaries (BPS-22) are entitled for issuance of Official/Gratis Passport under the provision contained in Para-9 of Passport and Visa Manual, 2006.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to allow the said facility to the retired Additional Secretaries (BPS-21)

***Question No. 28. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the amount allocated and released for development projects in FATA during the current fiscal year with Agency-wise break-up?

Lt. General (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch: FATA ADP 2014-15 has been pitched at a size of Rs.17080 million (local component) including Rs. 1708 million for FATA Development Authority (FDA). Out of this allocation, Rs.12310 million with addition of Rs.354.054 as supplementary grant have so far been released by the Federal Government from the total allocated budget. Releases detail is as under:—

- 1st quarter (20%) – Rs.3416 million
- 2nd quarter (20%) – Rs.3416 million
- 3rd quarter (30%) – Rs.5124 million
- Total (70%) – Rs.11956 million

Supplementary Grant Rs. 354.054 million

Grand Total:- 17080 million.

Out of the above releases of the Federal Government, Rs. 10753.699 million has so far been released to FATA Secretariat under the head of FATA-ADP 2014-15, from the approved budget allocation. The remaining releases are under process.

Agency wise allocation and release is at annexure-A.

***Question No. 29. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 4:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons appointed in Gilgit Baltistan Scouts during the last five years with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the number of posts lying vacant in the said department and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) During last five years 157 soldiers have been recruited /appointed to fill sanctioned vacant posts. All the soldiers belong to Gilgit-Baltistan.

(b) At present, 18 posts reserved for posting of Army Officers on deputation basis are lying vacant and appointment / posting against these vacant posts is awaited from General Headquarter(Military Secretary's Branch).

***Question No. 30. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 4:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state details of cases of corruption surfaced in NADRA during the last five years indicating also the names of officers / officials found involved in those cases and action taken against them?

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: 693 cases of corruption surfaced in NADRA during the last five years. The names 01 officers/official found involved in those cases and action taken against them are at **Annexure-A**.

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

***Question No. 31. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 4:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vehicles, stationery, printing material and other major items purchased by the NADRA during the last five years with item-wise and year-wise break-up indicating also the expenditure incurred on purchase of each item; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for purchase of the said items?*

Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan: (a) The details of vehicles, stationery, printing material and other major items purchased by NADRA during the last five years with item-wise breakup indicating also the expenditure incurred on purchase of each item is attached at **Annexure-A**.

(b) Vehicles, stationary, major items and printing material are purchased though NADRA Procurement department according to PPRA rules/instructions.

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ISLAMABAD :
The 15th April, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.