

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*

**Thursday, the 6th August, 2015**

*DEFERRED QUESTION*

(Questions Nos. 101,20,24,26,36 and 39 Deferred on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2015  
(117th Session))

*(Def)* \*Question No. 101 **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 22-04-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start quality assessment and accreditation of the schools/colleges affiliated with the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Islamabad, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** FBISE has well defined set of Rules relating to the grant of an Affiliation / Accreditation duly approved by the Statuary bodies, identifying the need of infrastructure (Class Rooms, Laboratory(s), Library, Play Grounds, space for conduct of examination, administrative staff, etc.) and required Human Resources (Qualification and Experience of the faculty members) for different level of classes (SSC / HSSC). The Affiliation is granted provisionally on the recommendations of Affiliation Committee constituted for the purpose as per proviso of the relevant rules, which is renewed for each session after satisfying that minimum requirement are met by the institution. Regarding Quality Assessment, the FBISE has well defined qualification and experience for a paper setter and examiner. However, FBISE has initiated a number of initiatives like, Training of Paper Setters, Supervisory Staff (responsible to conduct the examination) and the examiners evaluating the Answer Scripts. To Strengthen the process, the Federal Government has sanctioned a project titled “Modernization of Examination System” amounting to Rs. 50 millions for the purpose.

*(Def)* \*Question No. 20 **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**  
(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 09:00 a. m.)

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

- (a) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to increase the production of tea in the country; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make arrangements for cultivation of tea plants in Districts Swat and Dir, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:** (a) The following steps have been taken by the Government to increase the production of tea:

1. **National Tea Research Institute (NTRI)** was established at Manshera in 1985-86 under Pakistan Agriculture Research Council to work on research, development and promotion of tea plantation in Pakistan.
  2. NTRI made tremendous efforts to collect tea germplasm from different countries like Sri Lanka and China etc.
  3. NTRI established tea garden on 34 acres at the institute and 50 acres at farmer's field in Mansehra district.
  4. GOP also installed a tea processing plant with the capacity of one ton per day at NTRI.
  5. Presently, the following two development projects are underway for the promotion of tea in the country.
    - (a) **Participatory Development of Tea Value Chain around Mansehra Area under Agricultural Linkages Programme (ALP).**
    - (b) Mechanization of tea production and promotion of green tea to improve profitability under Research for Agricultural Development Programme (RADP).
- (b) Yes; PARC has established a tea nursery at Swat to provide tea plants to the farmers.

(Def.) \*Question No. 24 **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**  
(Notice received on 21-05-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start employment and skill oriented courses in colleges and universities in the country, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to review the on-going programme of Higher Education Commission which supports career oriented add-on courses in colleges and universities in the country, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) Higher Education Commission (HEC) initiated the process of developing & updating curriculum of employment and skill oriented courses in the year 2011-12. For the purpose, guidelines have already been circulated to Universities & Degree Awarding Institutes of the country to initiate **Associate Degree Programs** in 37 predefined market driven subjects on unified template as detailed at Annex-I.

(b) HEC is continuously developing & updating the curricula of all academic degree programs to bring *at par* with National and International standards keeping in view employability and research needs of the country. HEC is expanding the scope of associate degree and trying to enhance the subjects after consultation from different stakeholders including universities, market, professional accreditation council, etc. In addition, the curriculum of various undergraduate programs in professional and academic degrees are being reviewed and revised periodically by HEC through its respective National Curriculum Revision Committee (NCRC) after every 3 to 4 years, keeping in view the socio-economic needs of the country, ensuring better employability prospects and the latest advancement in the subject. However, no specific proposal for career oriented add-on courses is currently under consideration. Moreover, Government of Pakistan is upgrading National Institute of Science & Technical Education (NISTE), Islamabad to National Skills University of Science & Technology. The PC-I of the project is being developed. The purpose of the project is to develop a university that offer career oriented programs on a research based curriculum.

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

(Def) \*Question No. 26 **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 22-05-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad was amongst the top 20 Universities in the ranking of Higher Education Commission till 2010;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said University has now been excluded from that ranking, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that the number of students of the said university has been decreased, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has never been ranked in Higher Education Commission (HEC) rankings, therefore, it cannot be said that AIOU was one of the top 20 universities till 2010.

(b) Yes, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad has been excluded from the University Rankings published in 2010 & 2015, as universities imparting distance learning education were excluded from the ranking because of incompatibility with formal education system and ranking parameters defined thereof.

(c) No, the number of students of AIOU has not decreased rather it has been on the rise.

(Def) \*Question No. 36 **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 10-06-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of degree awarding institutions/Universities in the country recognized/affiliated with Higher Education Commission;*
- (b) *the names of the said institutions / Universities which have un-authorized campuses in other cities in the country; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that various universities have different fee structure for the same programme of study, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) A consolidated list containing the names of degree awarding institutions/ Universities in the country recognized by Higher Education Commission (HEC) is attached at **ANNEX-A**.

(b) A consolidated list of the said institutions/ Universities which have un-authorized campuses in other cities in the country is attached at **ANNEX-B**.

(c) Yes, the universities [Public as well as Private] are corporate and self-governance entities by the prescribed name in accordance with the provisions of their respective Act or Ordinance. Universities and Degree Awarding Institutions have a specific stipulated authority to demand and receive such fees and other charges as they may determine through the statutory process. There is difference in quality, nature and level of academic, research, and associated infrastructure and faculties across universities. Such factors may include Ph.D. faculty, enrolment, laboratories and IT provisions, location within a particular region, kind of program, and operational expenditures etc.

(Def) \*Question No. 39 **Senator Rozi Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 17-06-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Universities established in the country during the last five years with province wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number and locations of the Universities proposed to be established in the country in near future?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of 35 (thirty five) universities have been established during last 5 (five) years *i.e.* 2010-15. Province Wise segregation is as under:

Federal	2
Punjab	13
Sindh	9
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	7
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	3
Balochistan	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>35</b>

(b) A total of 13 (thirteen) new proposals have been received by Higher Education Commission (HEC) for establishment of new Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIS) across the Pakistan and the projects/proposal are at different processing stages. The location-wise breakup is attached at **ANNEX-A.**

\*Question No. 54 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**  
(Notice received on 20-05-2015 at 06:57 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Kosovo;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*
- (c) *the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** It may be noted that Pakistan has not established its Embassy in Kosovo.

\*Question No. 55 **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**  
(Notice received on 20-05-2015 at 06:57 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Kyrgyzstan;*

- (b) *the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*
- (c) *the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers/officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is as follows:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Place of Domicile	Date of Present Posting
1.	Mr. Muhammad Bakhsh Sangi	Second Secretary/ Charge d' Affaires	Sindh (R)	12-04-2012
2.	Mr. Farid Akbar	Assistant Private Secretary	Islamabad	19-03-2015
3.	Mr. Ameer Hamza	Accountant	Punjab	10-07-2014

(b) The Office of the Federal Ombudsman had forwarded a complaint regarding receipt of illegal gratification by Mr. Muhammad Baldish Sangi, Second Secretary in lieu of attestation of educational documents. However, the Mission denied these allegations and maintained that best efforts were being made to facilitate Pakistani students, studying in Kyrgyzstan. The Mission's views were conveyed to the Office of the Ombudsman on 12 November, 2014, which has not issued further instructions on the matter, so far.

(c) Mr. Muhammad Bakhsh Sangi, Second Secretary/Charge d' Affaires has completed his 03 years stay in the Mission, a few weeks ago. The officer's replacement has already been announced and is expected to join the Mission during the next month.

**\*Question No. 56 Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**  
(Notice received on 20-05-2015 at 06:57 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designation of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Missions in Maldives;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the said persons against whom complaints have been received during their present posting indicating also the action taken in each case; and*

(c) *the names and designation of the said persons who have completed their tenure of posting in the said Embassy / Missions indicating also the time by which they will be transferred / called back?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers/officials

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Shahid Mehmood	Third Secretary/Charge d' Affaires a.i.
2.	Mr. Wajid Hussain	Accountant
3.	Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon	Assistant Private Secretary
4.	Mr. Muhammad Asim	Security Guard

(b) No complaint has been received against any of the above-mentioned officers/officials.

(c) None of the officers/officials has completed his normal tenure of posting in the Mission.

**\*Question No. 57 Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 26-05-2015 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of the persons working on adhoc and daily wages basis in Allama Iqbal Open University with department / section-wise and grade-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the details of payments made to the said persons since 2011-12 with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that appointments against some key posts in the said university have not been made on permanent basis, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of eight hundred and three (803) employees are working on Adhoc and daily wage basis in Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Islamabad and its Regional Centers. Department/Section-wise and Grade-wise breakup of Adhoc and daily wages employees is attached at ANNEX-A & B respectively.

Break-up of daily wages employees working in the AIOU Regional Offices is placed at ANNEX-C.

b) Year-wise breakup of salary paid to the said employees is as under:

PKR in Million

Financial Year	Amount
2011-12	136.372
2012-13	145.461
2013-14	183.456
<b>Total:</b>	<b>465.289</b>

(c) It is stated that on some key administrative posts *i.e.* Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Director Regional Services and Director Print Production Unit (PPU), appointments were made on additional charge basis in the tenure of the previous Vice Chancellors.

The new Vice Chancellor after joining the University on 09-10-2014 has already made regular appointments on the following key administrative posts with the approval of the competent authority:

1. Registrar
2. Controller of Examination
3. Regional Director Rawalpindi
4. Director Student Affairs

The post of Director, PPU was advertised but appointment could not be recommended due to non availability of a suitable candidate. The same will be re-advertised.

Appointment on the post of Director Regional Services (DRS) is in progress and the post shall be filled in the next few days.

**\*Question No. 58 Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 29-05-2015 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is no uniform curriculum in educational institutions in the country, if so, the steps being taken by the government to introduce the same in the all public and private educational institutions in the country?*



**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** After 18th Constitutional Amendment the subject of curriculum is totally devolved to the provinces.

It is a fact that all federating units (Provinces and Area) are implementing the National Curriculum 2006-07 developed and notified by the defunct Ministry of Education. However, the implementation status is not the same in all provinces/ area because of the capacity with respect to textbook development and teacher training etc. besides, some provinces have changed parts of curriculum by certain addition/ deletion. However, our government has recently revived the forum of inter-Provincial Education Minister's Conference (IPEMC) and with its approval notified National Curriculum Council (NCC) which may develop Curriculum Development Framework (CDF) to have overall uniformity among all federating units of the country. NCC may provide opportunities to provinces to sit together to have same direction, to be educationally on same page and share among each other issues of mutual interests related to education. IPEMC has agreed to have a minimum national curriculum and also to have National Education Standards.

It is optional for the provinces to become part of this forum. So far Sindh has not become fully part of NCC.

**\*Question No. 59 Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 29-05-2015 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of plans made by the Government to extend the existing network of motorways in the country during the financial year 2013-14 indicating also the progress achieved on those plans so far?*

**Minister for Communications:** The Government of Pakistan embarked on construction of Motorways linking Peshawar with Karachi under section wise construction programme. We have managed to construct Motorways as follows:

- (i) Peshawar -Islamabad, (M-1) 150.22 KM.
- (ii) Islamabad Lahore (M-2) 367 Km.
- (iii) Pindi Bhattian to Faisalabad (M-3), 52.3 KM
- (iv) Faisalabad Gojra, 58 Km.
- (v) Khanewal to Multan (M-4), 57 Km.

It was required to construct the balance motorway links connecting Multan with Karachi and Lahore with Khanewal.

In this regard NHA planned in 2013-14 the construction of balance sections as given hereunder:

- (i) Gojra-Khanewal, 126 Km and a link to Lahore from Abdul Hakeem, 230 Km
- (ii) Multan Sukkur 399 Km
- (iii) Sukkur-Hyderabad 301 Km
- (iv) Hyderabad Karachi 136 Km

\*Question No. 60 **Senator Saleem Zia:**  
(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Ph.D degrees awarded by the universities in the country during the last five years with year-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the total number of students being enrolled in Ph. D programmes and various fields of research in the said universities during the said period with year-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *the number of Ph.D degree holders who have been provided employment in those Universities since January, 2011?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of 5536 (Five thousand five hundred and thirty six) Ph.D. awarded by the universities during last five years. The year-wise breakup as under:

Year-Wise Breakup					Total
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
832	1024	1118	1211	1351	<b>5536</b>

(b) A total of 25,812 (twenty five thousand eight hundred and twelve) fresh students were enrolled in Ph.D program and 1,800,79 (one lac eighty thousand and seventy nine) were enrolled in MS/MPhil program in the said universities during the said period. The year-wise breakup as under:

Year	Ph.D.	MS/MPhil
2010-11	3059	21167
2011-12	4117	26883
2012-13	4729	36533

2013-14	6215	41349
2014-15	7692	54147
<b>Total:</b>	<b>25812</b>	<b>180079</b>

(c) A total of 2265 (two thousand two hundred and sixty five) Ph.D. degree holders have been provided employment in the universities under Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.Ds

Program since January, 2011. The year-wise breakup as under:

S. No.	Year	Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.Ds
1	2010-11	300
2	2011-12	483
3	2012-13	499
4	2013-14	499
5	2014-15	484
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2265</b>

These placements under Interim Placement of Fresh Ph.D Program (IPFP) included both Higher Education Commission (HEC) scholars as well as Non-Higher Education Commission (HEC) scholars.

\*Question No. 61 **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**  
(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistani students of MBBS graduating from Cuba are exempted from House Job in Pakistan on the basis of completing the same in Cuba; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Pakistani students of MBBS graduating from other countries like Russia etc. are required to complete House Job in Pakistan despite the fact that they have already completed the same from their graduating countries, if so, the reasons for this discrimination?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) It is informed that Pakistani students were sent to Cuba for MBBS program on scholarship basis in year 2007-2008. In this regard an MOU was signed between PM&DC and HEC, and as part of that MOU the house job at Cuba was accepted in Pakistan as it is part of their degree program (details may be seen at (Annex-A) . The status of

house job at Cuba has been asked by PM&DC on 23rd June, 2015 from Cuban Authorities via Embassy of Pakistan (Annex-B) After getting confirmation from Cuban Authorities these graduates will be issued permanent registration.

(b) As per Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulations 2008 (Annex-C) one year house job in clinical subjects in a hospital approved by the Council is required for permanent registration. No house job or internship shall be given if the applicant does not possess a valid PM&DC provisional registration certificate.

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

\*Question No. 62 **Senator Saleem Zia:**  
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons working in the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) at present indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

**Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada:** Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has been created under the Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance, 1962. Whereby PCB is a body corporate having a perpetual succession and under Section 5 and makes its rules and regulations.

At present total 527 employees are working in Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in all over Pakistan at different stations.

The detail of their type of jobs alongwith their designations and domicile is attached *vide* **(Annex-I)**.

The scale wise pay scale of the employees is attached at **(Annex-II)**.

Summary of the employees of PCB is as under:—

**Details according type of jobs:**

<b>Regular employees</b>	<b>Contract employees</b>	<b>Deputation</b>	<b>Total</b>
355	171	01	527

**Details according type of scale:**

Type of scale	Number of employees	Range of salary per year
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M	1	810,000
D	8	600,000
DH1	4	600,000
DH2	14	420,000
FH1	20	300,000
FH2	30	20,000
FH3	89	155,000
NA	1	100,000
O	97	70,000
SS	263	48,000

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**\*Question No. 63 Senator Saleem Zia:**

(Notice received on 29-06-2015 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the names and location of the Agricultural Universities, Colleges and Institutions in the country which are under the purview of the Federal Government indicating also the main disciplines being taught in the same?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** There is no Agriculture University in the country which comes under purview of the Federal Government.

However, federally chartered Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad offers undergraduate programs in Agriculture. Various other universities and their affiliated colleges are offering different undergraduate & postgraduate degree programs in Agriculture Sciences. A consolidated list of Universities/DAls offering Agriculture Sciences Degree Programs is enclosed at Annex-A; and list of affiliated colleges offering the said program is annexed at **Annex-B**.

**\*Question No. 64 Senator Syed Shibli Faraz:**

(Notice received on 06-07-2015 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister, for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) the details of assets and liabilities of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) devolved to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa indicating also the criteria /formula adopted for the same; and*
- (b) the details of properties of the said corporation yet to be devolved to the provinces as per decision of its Board of Directors 75th, 76th review meeting and 77th meeting regarding transfer of the corporation to the provinces?*

Reply not received.

**\*Question No. 65 Senator Najma Hameed:**

(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 1:05 )

*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of students against whom inquiries have been made by the Punjab University from January 2005 to 30th June, 2015 for obtaining BA degrees on the basis of invalid / fake certificates of Metric and Intermediate; and*
- (b) *the names and addresses of the students of the said university whose BA degrees were cancelled / withdrawn on the basis of possessing invalid / fake certificates of Matric and Intermediate during the said period?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) A total of 2 (two) students against whom inquiries have been conducted by the Punjab University from January 2005 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 for obtaining B.A. degree on the basis of invalid/fake certificates of Matric and Intermediate.

(b) The following 2 (two) students of the Punjab University whose B.A. degrees were cancelled/withdrawn on the basis of possessing invalid/fake certificate of Matric and intermediate during the said period:

1. **Mr. Liaquat Abbas**  
Village & Post Office Burgdara  
Tehsil and District Haffizabad  
Result quashed on 19-09-2013
2. **Mr. Bilal Asghar**  
House No.229, Block-B  
Faisal Town, Lahore  
Result quashed on 27-06-2015

**\*Question No. 66 Senator Najma Hameed:**

(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 1:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for receipt of international mail by Pakistan Post indicating also the name of place / city where it is being received;*

- (b) *whether the outgoing International mail is sent from one specific place, if so, the details thereof indicating also the procedure laid down for the same; and*
- (c) *the income generated by the Pakistan post from the international mail during the last five years?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) International mail is received in accordance with procedures laid down in the Foreign Post Manual. Mail is exchanged between UPU member-countries through the specially designated International Mail Offices (IMOs) which are authorized to receive or dispose of international mail. The IMOs also handle transit mail of other countries forwarded through Pakistan. A copy of detailed procedure of receipt of International mail is attached as **Annexure-I**.

International mail is received through following international mail offices:—

- (i) International Mail Office (Letters), Karachi
- (ii) International Mail Office (Parcels), Karachi
- (iii) Express Post Centre, Karachi
- (iv) International Mail Office, Islamabad
- (v) International Mail Office, Lahore

(b) Following International Mail Offices dispatch international mail to destinations abroad :—

- (i) International Mail Office (Letters), Karachi
- (ii) International Mail Office (Parcels), Karachi
- (iii) Express Post Centre, Karachi
- (iv) International Mail Office, Islamabad
- (v) International Mail Office, Lahore

International mail is dispatched to UPU member-countries in accordance with procedures laid down in the Foreign Post manual through the specially designated International Mail Offices (IMOs) which are authorized to make-up, dispatch or dispose of international mail.

A copy of detailed procedure for dispatch of International mail is attached as **Annexure-II**.

(c) Pakistan Post generated following revenue from exchange of international mail during the last five years:

(Rs. in Millions) Year	(Rs. in Millions) Receipts	(Rs. In Millions) Payments	Net Revenue
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2009-10            772.099            457.825            314.274

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**\*Question No. 67 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 13-07-2015 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is one of the largest consumers of antibiotics in the world if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that easy availability and widespread and indiscriminate use of antibiotic drugs in the market have contributed to the high rate of antibiotic resistance to a number of standard antibiotics among the people in the country, if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) whether national data on bacterial resistance to antibiotics is available in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch a national policy on antimicrobials used to control the rising trend of antimicrobial resistance, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:** (a) As per data published by the World Economic Forum-Global Risk 2013, Pakistan is one of the major consumers of antibiotics.

(b) Yes, antibiotic resistance is due to irrational use of antibiotic and is one of the major reason for antibiotic resistance development.

(c) Presently no such national data is available. However, as per published report by World Economic Forum Global Risk 2013, 71 % of the infections in the newborn in Pakistan are from Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (ARB).

(d) Yes. A draft proposal is under consideration by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP). The outcome of the recommendations shall be processed through Policy Board to be adapted as National Policy Moreover the international agencies like USAID., MHRA (UK) etc will be requested for surveillance of antimicrobial resistance.

**\*Question No. 68 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 13-07-2015 at 08:45 a.m.)



*Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) the details of the private universities in the country which sought approval of the Government for providing long distance education during the last five years; and*
- (b) whether foreign universities are allowed to provide the said education in Pakistan, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman:** (a) The following private sector universities in the country have sought approval of the Higher Education Commission for providing long distance education during last five years:

- i. Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology, Peshawar.
- ii. University of Faisalabad, Faisalabad.

(b) Yes, foreign universities accredited in their home country can be allowed to provide same mode of education in Pakistan.

According to decision of 1st Equivalence & Accreditation Committee, all those foreign universities can be allowed to provide distance/online/virtual mode of education in Pakistan which are accorded/chartered in their own home country, carrying the provision of offering distance learning/collaborative degree programs in their charters and they have both on-campus and distance education programmes. (Decision of the Equivalence and Accreditation committee regarding recognition of distance learning programs is referred at **Annex-A**).

So far, HEC has allowed 14 institutions which are offering collaborative distance education of foreign universities up to sixteen (16) years' Master level only. (The list of these institutions is attached at **Annex-B**).

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**\*Question No. 69 Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**  
(Notice received on 14-07-2015 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of persons sent abroad for employment since 2012 with year-wise and country-wise break up;*
- (b) the details of registered recruitment / placement agencies in the country with province-wise break up;*

- (c) *whether the Government has received any complaints against the registered or unregistered recruitment / placement agencies on account of violation of relevant rules in recruitment of workers abroad during the said period, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against those agencies with year-wise break up;*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up a regulatory mechanism to regulate and monitor the functioning of the said agencies, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *the measures taken by the Government to curb illegal activities of those agencies?*

**Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi:** (a) Total number of persons sent abroad for employment since 2012 till 2015 (upto March) is 2,232,429. The year/country wise details are at **Annex-I**.

(b) The details of registered Overseas Employment Agencies in the Country with Province-wise break up are at **Annex-II**.

(c) A total of 400 complaints were received against the Overseas Employment Promoters since the year 2012 to 2015 (up till April-2015). The details of year wise break up and action taken against such Overseas Employment Promoters (OEP), is at **Annex-III**.

(d) A regulatory mechanism already exists. Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment is a regulatory authority under Emigration Ordinance, 1979 & rules-made there under. A comprehensive and overhauling mechanism has been provided in the said Ordinance and Rules to regulate the conduct of OEP agencies.

(e) The Bureau has taken appropriate action against the OEP agencies involved in illegal activities and issued warning and show Cause Notices to such OEPs to check their behavior. OEP licences of 13 OEPs have been cancelled (since the year 2012) on account of their negligence.

**\*Question No. 70 Senator Ahmed Hassan:**  
(Notice received on 14-07-2015 at 2:10 )

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 19, replied on 8th July, 2015 and state:*

- (a) *the details of portions of the Indus Highway between Peshawar and Kohat section which were repaired during the fiscal year 2014-15;*
- (b) *the amount allocated for repairing of the said section of the road for the fiscal year 2015-16; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to repair/reconstruct the 35 kilometer portion of that section of the highway which is in poor condition, if so, when?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Maintenance of following two sections of the Indus Highway is currently being carried out:

AMP	Category	Location (Km)	Amount (Rs. In mill)
2013-14	Periodic Maintenance/ Rehab	1204-1221	96.74
2012-13	Periodic Maintenance /Rehab	1222-1225.50	142.788
<b>Total:</b>		<b>20.50</b>	<b>239.528</b>

(b) The allocation of maintenance funds for each road of NHA Network are made under Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) prepared each year. AMP for financial year 2015-16 has yet not been finalized. Allocations for F.Y 2015-16 will be made upon finalization of the AMP.

(c) Maintenance of 20.50 kilometer out of the 35 kilometer portion is being carried out through allocation of Rs.239.528 million. Future allocations for road sections would be made upon finalization of AMP 2015-16.

\*Question No. 71 **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**  
(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 9:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount released and utilized for the project for widening/repairing of N-45 during the fiscal year 2014-15 indicating also the details of works carried out under the said project during that year; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated for that project for the fiscal year 2015-16 and the time by which the project will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Construction An amount of Rs. 2393 Million has been incurred on “Improvement of 78.2 Km of Nowshera - Dir - Chitral road (N-45) Project” All other works under PC-1 of Improvement and Widening of N-45 except Takht Bhai Flyover have been completed. 30% progress has been achieved on Takht Bhai Flyover.

The status of development funds allocated releases and utilization in FY 2014-15 for the improvement of 78.2 KM Nowshera-Dir-Chitral Road (N-45) is as under:

PSDP \_\_\_\_\_Rs

(Million)

a. Allocation	500
b. Releases	500
c. Utilization	220

\_\_\_\_\_Repair/Maintenanene. An amount of Rs. 826.48 million has been committed during fiscal year 2014-15 (up to May-2015) for maintenance works of N-45 individual detail of the maintenance categories is given, as follows:—

Maintenance Category	Amount. Utilized E.Y.2014-15 Rs)
Routine Maintenance	143,091,737
Periodic Maintenance	397,241,791
Rehabilitation	183,827,410
Special Maintenance (Preventive and Reactive)	102,316,818
<b>Total (Rs.)</b>	<b>826,477,756</b>

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) Construction. An amount of Rs. 200 Million is allocated for that project for the fiscal year 2015-16. Takht bhai flyover is expected to complete by March, 2016 (Subject to availability of funds, and if issues resolved with the provincial Government).

\_\_\_\_\_Repair/Maintenance. Funds for maintenance of each road of NHA Network are allocated through an Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) prepared each year., AMP for financial year is currently under preparation; therefore, status of allocation of funds will be finalized upon accomplishment of AMP 2015-16.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 5th August, 2015.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*