

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 6th November, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 56, 63, 64, 65, 69, 84 and 85 deferred on 9th October, 2015 (120th Session))

***(Def.) Question No. 56. Senator Nehal Hashmi:**
(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 09:07 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of SIMs issued by various cell phone companies in the country so far with company-wise and province-wise breakup?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The company-wise and province-wise break up of the number of SIMs issued by the cellular mobile companies as on 31st July, 2015 is given in the table attached as Annex-A.

***(Def.) Question No. 63. Senator Nehal Hashmi:**
(Notice received on 18-08-2015 at 09:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) on what grounds legal consultancy contract of CAA was cancelled; and*
- (b) how much fees was paid by CAA to the Law firms / Legal consultants?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) No legal consultancy contract was cancelled.

(b) The expenses on hiring Law firms / Legal Consultants/Advocates during the financial year 2014-15 was Rs. 16,450,101/-.

***(Def.) Question No. 64. Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 13-08-2015 at 05:47 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that patients in ICU at PIMS are not provided medicines by the hospital and their attendants are asked to purchase the same from the market, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there is only one medical store in the said hospital, if so, the time by which more medical stores will be opened there?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Medicines available at formulary are provided to patients in ICU in PIMS. The medicines not available in the formulary are not provided to the patients in ICU.

(b) At present only one medical store M/s Pharmax Pvt. Ltd, Karachi in working in PIMS. The PIMS has decided for Establishment of 02 Pharmacy stores at Children Hospital (CH) and MCH/BCC on BOT basis. Therefore, tender was advertized twice and opened on 10-09-2014 and 04-04-2015 but could not materialize due to lack of codal formalities. Therefore the said tender was advertized for the 3rd time and was opened on 09-06-15.

The said tender is under approval process and after completion of the codal formalities 02 pharmacy shops will be established/ opened at PIMS.

(Def.)* Question No. 65. **Senator Samina Abid:
(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 09.10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of trees which have been cut down / proposed to be cut down due to the work of expansion of Islamabad Expressway between Zero Point and Faizabad; and*
- (b) *the number of new trees planted on the alternate green belt in that area?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) A total of 319 trees were cut down which include 256 trees of Mulbery, which are not environmental friendly.

(b) CDA has planned to plant 28,000 plants of environmental friendly species in the Green Belt of Islamabad Expressway in which Shisham & Kachnar are main species.

(Def.)* Question No. 69. **Senator Samina Abid:
(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 10.38 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan imposes only 5% duty on cotton thread being imported from India while India is imposing 25% duty on the cotton thread which it imports from Pakistan, if so, the reasons for this disparity?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: Pakistan's standard rate of duty on import of cotton thread is 25%. However, under SAFTA Agreement, Pakistan has extended duty concession on the said item to the member states, including India with preferential rate of duty at 5%.

As regards India, its standard rate of duty on cotton thread is 10%. And, it has also extended duty concession on the said item to the SAARC members under SAFTA with preferential rate of duty at 6%.

Therefore, there is hardly any disparity in the duty structure of cotton thread in Pakistan and India.

*(Def.) Question No. 84. **Senator Nehal Hashmi:**
(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 5:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the qualifications, experience and training required for posting against the post of airport manager; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the present managers of Gilgit, Skardu and Mohenjodaro airports do not possess the said qualifications, experience and training, if so, the reasons for their posting against those positions?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The minimum qualification for posting against the post of Airport Manager is graduate degree from a recognized Institute with at least five years experience of working in various disciplines in officer cadre at the airports for small / feeder airports and at least ten years experience of working in various disciplines at the airport(s) in officer cadre. The individual should have gone through Airport Management / Management courses for deployment as Airport Managers. The post of Airport Manager is tenable by suitably qualified and experienced officers of various trades / branches.

(b) All the three Airports Managers of Gilgit, Skardu and Moenjodaro possess the above qualification, experience and training for deployment as Airport Managers at such airports.

*(Def.) Question No. 85. **Senator Nehal Hashmi:**
(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 10:57 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the present manager of Islamabad airport is the same person who was held responsible by the joint investigation team for terrorist's attack at Karachi airport; and*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister of Pakistan directed to remove the said manager and to take disciplinary action against him, if so, the action taken against him so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The present Airport Manager of Islamabad Airport was the Airport manager of Karachi Airport at the time of terrorist attack. However, Joint Investigation Team found him no responsible for the incident.

(b) It is correct that the individual was removed on the directives of Prime Minister of Pakistan. The officer was placed as OSD where he remained for a period of almost five months where after he was posted as Additional Director Economic Oversight at HQ CAA since he was not held responsible for the incident. The officer was posted as Airport Manager at Islamabad Airport on 14th July, 2015.

@*Question No. 45. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 09:31 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that text books are not being provided free of cost to the students of schools and model colleges of Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: It is not a fact. Free textbooks are being provided to the students from Class Prep to Matriculate by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad in all schools and model colleges.

*Question No. 71. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 10-08-2015 at 10.30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has permitted the duty free import of books, if so, the name of countries books of which are being imported by the major publishes of the country; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that such trend is affecting local Industry, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Pakistan has not allowed duty free imports of books. The import of books is charged at 6 % Withholding Tax and Customs Duty ranging from 1-10% depending upon the HS code classification of the books. The import of books is exempted from Sales Tax. During the period July-May, 2014-15 Pakistan Imported books worth PKR 71.45 million. The books have been imported from over 45 countries of the world. Detail is at Annex-I.

(b) In Pakistan the publishers are mostly involved in the business of publishing Syllabi books and the ones who publish books other than syllabi publish local work, hence the imported books are not affecting the local publishing industry.

@Transferred from Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.

*Question No. 72. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 20-08-2015 at 10.52 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of dengue virus cases surfaced / reported in the Islamabad Capital Territory during the last two years;*
- (b) the measure adopted by the Government to control the said virus; and*
- (c) the medication provided to the patients of that virus by the Federal Government hospitals during the said period?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) The detail of number of dengue virus cases surfaced/reported in PIMS & FGPC hospitals, Islamabad during the last two years are as under:

PIMS	FGPC
240	55

(b) The hospital authorities conducted workshop and health educated programs regarding dengue fever to patients and their attendants. Admitted patients are kept in isolation room, bed nets and insect killer spray is used for prevention purpose. This is one way of controlling the dengue.

(c) Blood component are given to patient as per requirement. The hospitalized patients are given Paracetamol and if needed, antibiotic cover.

*Question No. 73. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 21-08-2015 at 10.20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to adopt advanced and up to date monitoring system for timely warning of impending disasters, if so, the details thereof?

Minister Incharge of Climate Change Division: Pakistan is vulnerable to multiple disasters to include floods (urban/flash/riverine), landslides, avalanches, Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF), earthquake, tsunami, tropical sea storms and drought.

Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) under Ministry of Aviation is the head Department to provide Early Warning against all the natural calamities *i.e.* rain forecast, flood forecast, monitoring of earthquake, tsunami and drought.

The Sensors of PMD relate to monitoring of meteorological conditions through radars and weather stations/observatory while for seismic/tsunami activity it has ground based seismic sensors. For GLOF it again has ground based sensors. For hydrological conditions *i.e.* river flow it depends on telemetry system of Ministry of Water & Power/Irrigation Departments of Provinces and human observation.

The meteorological, hydrological and seismic network requires modernization as well as enhancement of all sensors to bring qualitative change in Early Warning System against disasters.

National Disaster Management Authority (N DMA) seeks early warning from PMD and initiates its action of coordination/response with all stakeholders. NDMA for its part has comprehensively identified the limitations of PMD in its National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) 2013-2022. The list of interventions required to achieve desired end state is given at Annex-I. The budget requirement is US\$ 188.5 million (as calculated in year 213). NDMA has been pursuing case of Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) with Aviation Ministry. It facilitated approval and replacement of two weather radars with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Karachi and Islamabad which will be installed by the end of 2017. Some of other measures facilitated by NDMA are listed at Annex-II.

*Question No. 74. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 21-08-2015 at 10.21 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that scientists have warned against “intensive heat wave” every year during from May to September, if so, the pre-emptive measures adopted by the Government in this regard?

Minister Incharge of Climate Change Division: The most prominent aspect of climate change resulting from 410 an increase in average global temperature is an increase in frequency and intensity of extreme climate events such as heat waves, droughts, unusually very high or very low temperatures, floods, cyclonic activities etc. The larger the temperature increase the higher is the increase in frequency and intensity of such events. As a result, heat waves have recently become more intense and frequent. In the past, Pakistan has faced the extreme events of heat waves in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2010. The most recent extreme event of heat wave was witnessed in most parts of Sindh province including the metropolitan city of Karachi from 17th to 25th June, 2015. This heat wave event took more than 1200 human lives in Karachi and about 200 lives in other parts of Sindh province.

According to the International Panel on Climate Change, it is virtually certain that there will be more frequent hot and fewer cold temperature extremes over most land areas on daily and seasonal timescales as global mean temperatures increase and it is very likely that heat waves

will occur with a higher frequency and duration. It means that if we are experiencing an intense heat wave after every five years, in future we may experience such an event after every three years on the average or in some cases we may experience intense heat waves in consecutive years like in the case of floods. However, it is still not possible to say with absolute certainty that the country is going to be hit by intense heat waves every year in future.

Heat waves like other extreme climate events are a consequence of climate change and Government of Pakistan is well aware of the gravity of the situation and has already taken a number of steps to cope with the negative impacts of climate change on the country. These include:

1. Establishment of Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) to provide scientific support to the Ministry of Climate Change and other planners & policy makers;
2. Establishment of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA); for Risk Reduction of Climate Change related Disasters and Provision of Relief;
3. Formulation of National Climate Change Policy;
4. Preparation of Framework for implementation of Climate Change Policy;
5. Establishment of Consultative Group on Climate Change;
6. Preparation of Work Programme for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Pakistan in Priority Areas;
7. Formulation of National Forest Policy: a draft of National Forest Policy (2015) has been prepared on the especial directives of Honorable Prime Minister and is available at Ministry's website for provincial and public comments. The draft policy document also takes into account the recent concepts of carbon storage and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) etc. besides reinforcing massive afforestation and deforestation.

The phenomenon of climate change is affecting the entire planet. No single nation or its inhabitants can fight out the catastrophe that might descend upon earth as a result of it. It is a combined effort by the whole population of the globe which is either aimed at reducing the anthropogenic influence on atmosphere or adapting as much as we can to what we cannot change. Pakistan is doing whatever it can, given the constraints of resources and technology that it has.

***Question No. 75. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 08-09-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, place of domicile and BPS of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications and its attached departments during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the number of posts presently lying vacant in the said Ministry and departments with grade-wise breakup?*

Mrs. Anusha Rehman Ahmad Khan:

- (a) (i) Data related to Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication (main) is at **Annex-A**.
- (ii) Under the Rules of Business 1973, the Attached Department of MoIT is the National Information Technology Board (NITB). No appointment have been made in NITB in the last three years.
- (b) (i) Data of posts presently lying vacant in the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (main) is at **Annex-B**.
- (ii) Data related to posts presently lying vacant in the Attached Department *i.e.* National Information Technology Board is at **Annex-C**.

***Question No. 76. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 08-09-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be please to state whether it is fact that USF fund is being utilized on development projects in the less developed areas of the country, if so, the details of projects launched under that fund during the last three years indicating also the location and present status of each project?

Mrs. Anusha Rehman Ahmad Khan: (a) Yes. As per Section 33B(2) of Telecommunication (Re-Organization) Act 1996 (Amended 2006), the USF is utilized exclusively for providing access to telecommunication services to people in the un-served, under-served, rural and remote areas. Following programmes are being run under the USF fund:

- (a) Rural Telephony & e-Services (RTeS).
- (b) Optical Fiber Cable.
- (c) Broadband
- (d) Special Projects

A subsidy of Rs. 36.71 billion till September 2015 has been utilized for USF projects all over Pakistan.

(b) During last three years, Rs. 20.33 billion worth of new projects have been undertaken in the Broadband and RTeS Categories. Details are placed at Annex-I.

***Question No. 77. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 16-09-2015 at 06:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names, BPS and place of domicile of the persons appointed/posted as commercial counselors / attaches in Pakistan Missions abroad during the last five years?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: A list of names, BPS and place of domicile of the persons appointed / posted as Commercial Counsellors / Attaches in Pakistan Missions Abroad during the last five years is at **Annex-I**.

***Question No. 78. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:02 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the steps being taken to introduce occupation-specific skills / education system in public and private schools in the federal capital?

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: The Government has taken necessary steps for imparting occupation specific skills education system (Technical Education) in the ICT. Following technologies in various Federal Government institutions under Federal Directorate of Education have been introduced :

Electrical Wiring
Wood Work
Dress Making & Hardware Metal Work
Motor Winding

Moreover, 01 vocational institution located in G-7/4, Islamabad is also imparting technical education in the following disciplines:—

Electrical Wiring
Plumbing
Welding
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

As regard Private educational institutions, it is stated that there is less focus in imparting occupation-specific skills education, except for computer knowledge. However, Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) is initiating a dialogue with private educational institutions in the capital.

***Question No. 79. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Information, Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to regulate Internet and make it safer, and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that Internet banking system in Pakistan is at high risk, if so, the measures adopted by the Government in this regard?*

Mrs. Anusha Rehman Ahmad Khan: (a) Pakistan has historically followed the policy of free flow of information and open access to the internet ever since its emergence. However, considering potential risks from certain activities like forgery, identity theft, electronic frauds and harassment, MoIT, after thorough consultations and review of various relevant international laws, has formulated draft Prevention of Electronic Crime (PEC) Bill and laid it before the Parliament. After multiple rounds including rounds of public hearing, the bill was cleared by the sub-committee of National Assembly Standing Committee for IT and subsequently has been forwarded by National Assembly Standing Committee for IT to the National Assembly. Promulgation of PEC Bill into an Act will enable a trusted and safe electronic environment for internet use.

PTA has been entrusted with the responsibility of blocking/monitoring obnoxious content on the web with the approval of Prime Minister of Pakistan, after disbanding the previous mechanism of Inter Ministerial Committee for website evaluation.

(b) Online banking is not in the domain of MoIT. However, in order to ensure provision of a secure & efficient mode to facilitate online payments, MoIT has taken the initiative by steering formulation of e-Commerce framework in consultation with Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA).

A strategy framework for e-Commerce gateway has been finalized and endorsed by the Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by MoIT. Through this forum Pakistan's ranking on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) List has been raised from Grey to White, which will enable entry of credible international players like PayPal, Google Wallet, Ali-Pay etc. Leadership of global companies are also being contacted for launch of these secure payment services in Pakistan.

Adequate remedies against Electronic Forgery, Electronic Fraud and identity thefts have been addressed in Prevention of Electronic Crime Bill.

***Question No. 80. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 04:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is fact that the air-fare for Quetta-Islamabad, Karachi-Quetta and Lahore-Quetta is higher than the air-fare for other domestic routes / sectors, if so, the reasons for this disparity?

Minister Incharge of Aviation Division: No, the lowest saleable fare on Karachi/Lahore/Islamabad is PKR 11949/- as compared to lowest fare saleable on Quetta-Karachi/Lahore/Islamabad sectors which is PKR 9413/-. The fare structure given below depicts that fare levels on Karachi-Islamabad/Lahore are much higher than fares on Quetta-Karachi/Lahore/Islamabad sector.

***Question No. 81. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 04:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentarians are facing problems in issuing air tickets, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a mafia is involved in selling air tickets in the black market?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) In order to facilitate honourable parliamentarians, a proper ticketing/reservation office is already housed in the Parliament Building. Two staff members are especially dedicated to resolve the issues related to ticketing and reservation. For the convenience of honourable parliamentarians the office timings are from 09:00 am to 04:00 pm on daily basis. Moreover, the office timings are extended from 09:00 am to 08:00 pm when National Assembly and Senate are in session.

(b) Neither any mafia selling tickets in black market nor PIA have received any formal complaint regarding illegitimate selling of PIA tickets.

***Question No. 82. Senator Saleem H. Mandviwalla:**

(Notice received on 22-09-2015 at 11:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of passengers buses for Economy and Business Class Passengers deployed by the PIA at all airports of the country;*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to increase the number of the said buses at all airports of the country; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to acquire the above said buses on lease like acquiring of aeroplanes on lease, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Presently, the Ramp Services Division of PIAC has deployed 68 passenger buses/coasters for Economy and Business Class passengers at all airports countrywide.

(b) Recently, 08 second hand used buses of good condition have been provided by Government of Qatar as a gift to the national carrier which are included in the said fleet of 68.

(c) Phase wise induction plan has been made by Ramp Services Division of PIAC and currently 04 passenger buses are under the procurement process.

***Question No. 83. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 09:37 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number and locations of hospitals functioning under the administrative control of the Federal Government in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the detail of facilities available in the said hospitals; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that medical facilities are almost nil in rural areas of the Islamabad Capital Territory?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) The following 03 hospitals are under the administrative control of Capital Administration and Development Division:—

1. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS)
2. Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH)
3. National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM)

The other Federal Government hospitals like CDA Hospital, Government Hospital (Chak Shahazad), and NIH located in ICT are not under the purview of CA&DD.

(b) The detail of facilities available in the said hospitals are Annex-I, II& III.

(c) The medical facilities in rural area of ICT do not fall the purview of CA&DD. The above 03 hospitals are providing the medical facilities/services to the patients coming from rural areas of ICT.

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

***Question No. 85. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of members of the OGRA indicating also qualification and place of domicile of the each member; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the appointment of the said members?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division : (a) As per OGRA Ordinance, 2002, the Authority comprises Chairman and three Members, *i.e.* Member Gas, Member Finance and Member Oil. As per Section 2 of the Ordinance *ibid*, Member means a Member of the Authority including the Chairman. Detail of the members is as under:—

Name & Rank	Qualification	Domicile
Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan, Chairman	MA (Public Administration)	Punjab (Sargodha)
Mr. Amir Naseem, Member (Gas)	B.Sc, (Mechanical Engineering)	Punjab (Rwp)
Mr. Noor ul Haq, Member (Finance)	ACMA, FCMA	KP (Swabi)

Post of Member (Oil) was advertised on 17-07-2015 and the process of selection is underway.

(b) Appointment of Chairman/Member is carried out by the Federal Government as per following procedure:—

(1) Post is advertised in the local press inviting applications as per qualification / experience prescribed for the respective post, as provided in Section-3 of the Ordinance *ibid*.

(2) Shortlisting of the applications is carried out by the following Shortlisting Committee:—

- a. Additional Secretary-II Cabinet Division (in chair)
- b. Joint Secretary, Establishment Division (Member)
- c. Joint Secretary, M/o Petroleum & Natural Resources (Member)
- d. Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division (Member/Secretary)

(3) Shortlisted candidates are interviewed by the following Selection Committee and nominations / panel is forwarded to the Prime Minister for orders:—

(For MP-I / Chairman)

- (a) Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (In chair)
- (b) Cabinet Secretary (Member)
- (c) Additional Secretary, Establishment Division (Member)
- (d) One Expert in the field of Law (Co-opted Member)
- (e) One Expert in the field of Oil & Gas (Co-opted Member)
- (f) Joint Secretary RA Cabinet Division, Secretary.

(For MP-II / Members only)

- (a) Cabinet Secretary (in chair)
- (b) Secretary Privatization Division (Member)
- (c) Secretary M/o Petroleum & Natural Resources (Member)
- (d) Chairman OGRA, (Co-opted Member)
- (e) Expert from Private Sector in respective field (Co-opted Member).
- (f) Joint Secretary RA Cabinet Division, Secretary.
- (4) After approval, notification is issued by the Establishment Division.

*Question No. 86. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of PIA routes of the country on which flights are facing losses; and*
- (b) *the names of PIA routes in the country where the public demand is to increase flights indicating also the time by which number of flights on those routes would be increased?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) PIAC has always been fulfilling its prime responsibility for providing safe and convenient transportation to people of Pakistan through establishing air-link from North to South and East to West of the country alone. In fact on all socio economic routes of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Northern areas, like

Turbat, Gawadar, Panjgor, Zhob, Dalbadin, D.I. Khan, Chitral, Gilgit & Skardu, PIAC is facing losses. During the period Jan-Aug 2015, PIAC has suffered a loss of Rs. 113.43 million (approximately) on total operating cost on these socio economic routes.

(b) All routes on PIAC network are evaluated on a regular basis to establish operational and economic viability keeping in view the market demand. Almost on every route within the country there is a demand to increase number of flights. Currently PIAC has expanded its fleet and as per market demand flights have been increased on domestic routes. Following is a brief overview of additional domestic flights mounted in current winter schedule:—

Station	Additional Flight
Chitral	01
Dera Ghazi Khan	02
Gilgit	01
Islamabad	07
Karachi	14
Lahore	07
Multan	01

*On Skardu route VIAC is now operating with A320, enhancing seating capacity.

- PIAC is keeping a constant eye on the market indicators, traffic trends prevalent on all routes and will certainly take necessary steps to further expand the operation on Domestic as well as International routes.

*Question No. 87. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- whether it is a fact that the Private Education Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) is without its Chairman for more than two years, if yes, the reasons thereof; and*
- whether the PEIRA Board is in order and according to the laid down procedure?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Yes, Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority is without its Chairman since 11th June, 2013. Non-availability of recruitment rules for the post of Chairman PEIRA is the main reason for not filling up the said post. Matter has been taken up with the Establishment Division to finalize the recruitment rules. In the meantime, Establishment Division has been requested to post a regular officer as Chairman (PEIRA). Presently the matters of PEIRA are being looked after by Joint Secretary (CA&DD) who has been entrusted with additional charge of PEIRA.

(b) There is no provision for establishment of PEIRA Board in the PEIRA Act 2013.

Delay in finalization of rules was due to submission of draft rules to standing committee of National Assembly. A Sub-Committee has been examining the draft rules. The matter of appointment of Chairman will be taken up in the light of approved Rules. Meanwhile Additional Charge was assigned to Joint Secretary (Admn), CA&DD held this Additional Charge.

***Question No. 88. Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has declared the shortfall of electricity production fake as compared to the demand and the available production capacity is not being utilized?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: NEPRA has not declared the shortfall of electricity as fake. However, some plants which are old/outlived, are under-utilized due to technical faults and in-efficiencies.

Thermal power station Multan and Gas turbine power station Shahdara have ceased operation since 2010, whereas, Natural gas power station Multan have been excluded from the Generation License, due to in-efficiency and very high cost of generation.

Government is endeavoring to bring new, highly efficient and state of the art plants, which will generate cheaper energy in near future and will replace these old plants.

***Question No. 89. Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the NEPRA has allowed increase in the losses of distribution companies (DISCOS) by up to 15.3 percent from 13.03 percent in 2004 in the power tariff, inflicting a loss of Rs. 2.1 billion per annum to manage the circular debt agreed to with the IMF, if yes, the reasons of passing of efficiency and theft burden to the honest consumers; and*

(b) *the justification of recovering the above said amount from the consumers in the tariff?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a&b) Assessment of T & D losses is carried out by the Authority considering the technical losses of a DISCO and the margin of Law & order situation in which it operates. The level of T&D losses referred 13.03% in the question appears to be national average of NEPRA determined level of T&D losses for all the XW-DISCOs for the FY 2013-14 the same are reported as under.

In the tariff determinations pertaining to the FY 2014-15 the Authority raised the level of T&D losses for few DISCOs, whereby a margin of law & order situation was revised upon the request and agitation of the relevant DISCOs. The latest determined level of T&D losses along with the new national average of 15.27% are reproduced hereunder:—

*In the light of aforementioned, the level of T&D losses (PESCO, QESCO, TESCO, SEPCO and HESCO) was revised to allow the margin for law & order situation. The technical level of T&D level losses in the matter of LESCO was revised based on an internal study of losses provided by LESCO.

*Question No. 90. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the PIA has curtailed its fares in terms of reduction in oil prices, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons thereof?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: Yes, PIAC has reduced their air fares after 1st May 2015 on various sectors (domestic / international) in terms of reduction in oil prices for its valued customers as per detail given below:—

*Question No. 91. **Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Salahuddin Tirmizi:**

(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether there is any official mechanism in place in order to assess impact of a high intensity earthquake in densely populated areas of the country particularly those areas which are prone to earthquakes such as Islamabad and Rawalpindi;*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to identify weaknesses and vulnerabilities in urban infrastructure, such as the design and construction of high-rise buildings in the country keeping in view the above said earthquake; and*
- (c) whether there is any contingency plan of the Government for timely emergency response to deal with mass casualties and to provide medical treatment, foodstuff and shelter to the affectees of a large magnitude earthquake?*

Minister In-charge of the Climate Change Division: (a) Yes there is an official mechanism in place as Pak Met Department has established and is running a state of the art earthquake monitoring network which is comprised of 20 automatic remote stations. In Islamabad, one broadband (BB) category and other very broadband (VBB) earthquake monitoring equipments are working. These equipments are capable of recording minor and major earthquakes of magnitude 1.0 -10.0 on Richter scale. The system is able to compute all features of an earthquake (magnitude, location, depth, shockwave radius) within 3 minutes and the information is immediately share with NDMA, concerned authorities and media. Besides Rawalpindi / Islamabad, other stations are working at the following sites all over Pakistan:—

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| 1. Islamabad | 11. Fort Manro |
| 2. Cherat | 12. Bahawalnagar |
| 3. Pattan | 13. Zhob |
| 4. Katas | 14. Lahore |
| 5. Nagerparker | 15. Chitral |
| 6. Turbat | 16. Gilgit |
| 7. Khuzdar | 17. Balakot |
| 8. Tarbela | 18. Muzaffarabad |
| 9. Karachi . | 19. Skardu |
| 10. Quetta | 20. Umerkot |

(b) Ministry of Housing & .Works, Islamabad alongwith collaboration of other departments has prepared the Building Code of Pakistan (Seismic Provision 2007) after the earthquake of October 08, 2005 and these codes are implementing throughout Pakistan as well as in Pak istan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants Pvt. Ltd. (PEPAC), Ministry of Climate Change.

(c) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has undertaken concerted efforts in formulation of plans for the timely emergency response (both rescue and relief) to disaster situations. To this end a National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP) has been published which chalks out an effective Response Mechanism and Standard Operating Procedures for a coordinated and prompt response. Furthermore, comprehensive work was put into publication of Standard Operating Procedures for Government Departments during Disaster Situations (Earthquakes & Floods) in Urdu to further enhance coordination at provincial & district levels.

Additionally, the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) has been prepared with the help of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) which covers all aspects of Disaster Management, such as detailing Roles and Responsibilities of Government Departments, in regards to provision of relief goods (*i.e.* food, water, non-food items) and shelter in disaster situations.

NDMA has currently strategically stockpiled relief goods at various locations to cater to approximately 300,000 persons. In addition to pre-existing warehouses, NDMA has in cooperation with World Food Programme (WFP) constructed Humanitarian Response Facilities (HRFs) at key locations in Provinces and FLOSPANs at vulnerable districts so as to ensure relief goods are promptly distributed to disaster affectees.

National Health Emergency Preparedness Response Network (NHEPRN) has the primary responsibility of Healthcare during a disaster situation from coordination, preparedness, relief & recovery and capacity building of healthcare. NHEPRN in cooperation with relevant stakeholders has prepared Health Contingency Plan at Federal Level with allocation of resources from all stakeholders which can be directed to provinces if needed. “After the 18th Amendment, the primary responsibility of healthcare falls to the provinces, as such during a disaster situation, NHEPRN acts as the Federal coordination body in Health matters which ensures timely sharing of information, resource mapping, etc. between stakeholders and as a Federal back-up the provision of essential medicines if required by the provinces in a 50/50 ratio (50% covered by the provinces, by Federal Government) in case of an overwhelming situation.

***Question No. 92. Senator Aurangzeb Khan:**

(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 02:25 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of appointments made in the PIMS and Federal Government Services Hospital Islamabad, during the last five years;*
- (b) the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile along with the age of those persons who were appointed in the said departments during the said period ; and*
- (c) the number of persons appointed from FATA in the above said departments according to the quota of that area?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) The number of appointments made in PIMS and FGSH during the last five years are as under:—

PIMS	FGPC
● 159 appointments regular basis.	99
● The services of 265 contractual employees have also been regularized on the recommendation of Cabinet Committee during 2011-13	

(b) The detail of name, educational qualification and place of domicile etc of persons appointed in PIMS & FGPC during last five years is at Annex-I & II.

(c) The detail of number of persons appointed from FATA during the last five years by PIMS and FGPC hospitals are as under:—

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

***Question No. 93. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Afghanistan has been importing goods via Karachi being a landlocked country, if yes, the volume of trade in terms of money which passed through Pakistan; and*
- (b) the details of levies applied on NATO supplies via Pakistan during the last year?*

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Afghanistan being a landlocked country is dependent on Pakistan for trade. Pakistan and Afghanistan signed “Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement” (APTTA) in 2010. Karachi is one of the entry and exit points of Pakistan-Afghanistan transit trade. Afghanistan transit trade through Pakistan amounted to US\$ 2550 million in FY 2014-15.

(b) According to the Custom General Order (CGO) No.5 dated 9-7-2013 fee charges on NATO supplies are Rs. 24,000/- per GD (Goods Declaration). Between August, 2013 and April, 2015 total levy collected on 1964 GDs was Rs.4,71,36000/-.

***Question No. 95. Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the date of establishment of Thalassemia Center at PIMS, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of patients being treated daily in the said center; and*
- (c) the policy being adopted for quality control in the said center?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) The Thalassemia Center at PIMS, was established on 21-10-2005.

(b) 60 patients are being treated daily in the centre.

(c) The policy being is being adopted for quality control in Thalassemia centre is as followed:—

- Safe blood which is hepatitis B,C and HIV negative is used for transfusion after screening test. Blood products from private blood banks are not accepted.
- Screened blood products from Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and Red Crescent society are acceptable for transfusion in our unit.
- The blood products are transfused in the presence of doctors.

***Question No. 96. Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of employees working in Thalassemia Center at PIMS, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of employees appointed for the said center on regular and temporary basis; and*
- (c) the date of the last time promotion given to the officials of the above said center?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Total 24 NGO employees in BPS-01 to BPS-17 are working in Thalassemia Centre at PIMS, Islamabad.

(b) These 24 employees are hired by the NGO for Thalassemia Centre at PIMS. They are being paid by PITSA (pitsa stand for Pakistan Italian debt for development swap agreement).

(c) No officer/official is working as regular employee of PIMS.

***Question No. 97. Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of operational CT scan machines in the PIMS, Islamabad;*
- (b) the number of patients being provided facility of the said machines daily; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to purchase new CT scan machines for the said institute, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Currently in Radiology Department, One 16-Slice Multi-Detector C.T. Scan machine is working which was installed in 2007.

(b) The facility is being provided to approximately 150 patients per 24 hours.

(c) New C.T. Scanner has been tendered and expected to be installed in the next 03 months.

***Question No. 98. Senator Saleem Zia:**

(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 03:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Sectors G-9/2 and G-6/1-2, Islamabad have not been fumigated with anti-dengue spray, if so, the time by which it will be done; and*
- (b) *whether the whole of Islamabad Capital Territory have been fumigated with the said spray during the current year, if so, when, if not, the reasons thereof and the time by which it will be done?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Evidence based fumigation with anti-dengue spray is being carried out regularly in sector G-9 and G-6/1-2 since 1st January 2015.

(b) Evidence based spray / fumigation and larviciding is being carrying out in the whole of Islamabad Capital Territory during the current year since January 2015.

***Question No. 99. Senator Nisar Muhammad:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designations, place of domiciles of the officers on deputation in grade 20, 21 and 22 who joined various Federal Government departments on deputation since 2013; and*
- (b) *the names present designations place of domicile of those non-technical officers who joined various Federal Government departments on deputation on technical posts?*

Minisiter In-Charge of Establishment Divisions: (a) List of Officers of BS-20, 21 & 22 of PAS / PSP / SG as well as officers belonging to other Occupational Group / Services posted on deputation basis in various department of Federal Government since 2013 are placed at Annex-I, Annex-II, Annex-III, Annex-IV & Annex-V.

(b) Nil

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

***Question No. 100. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of employees working on contract and daily wages in the Federal General Hospital, Chak Shazad Islamabad; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the services of the employees of the said Hospital have not been regularized, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which it will be regularized?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) There are 41 contract employees working in Federal General Hospital, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad since 2012, which is under the administrative control of the Cabinet Division is annexed.

(b) Yes, the services of contract employees working in BPS 16-18 have not been regularized. A Committee has been constituted vide notification No. F-21212014-Lit dated 2nd April, 2015 for looking into the matter regarding regularization of contract/contingent/daily wages employees which are under adjudication in various Judicial Fora. Their cases have been forwarded to the said committee for consideration.

ISLAMABAD :
The 5th November, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.