

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 2nd March, 2016

*Question No. 26. **Senator Khushbakht Shujat:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 12:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade the posts of LDC, UDC, Assistant and Superintendent, if so, when?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: Yes, a proposal for up-gradation of the posts of LDC, UDC and Assistant is under consideration. No proposal for Up-gradation of the post of Superintendent is under consideration.

*Question No. 27. **Senator Sassui Palijo:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 02:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of members hailing from Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who are presently appointed on the Board of Functional Members in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: The Sub-section (1) & (2) of Section 18 of the General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011 states that:

- (1) *The Federal Government, based on a short list recommended by the Chief Statistician, may appoint five functional members to assist the Chief Statistician for the efficient performance of functions of the Bureau, on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Federal Government.*
- (2) *A functional member shall be a professional with demonstrated technical knowledge of relevant field. He shall have advanced university degree in a relevant subject from university recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan or preferably from leading International University having minimum fifteen years experience with atleast five years in senior management position within an organization of significant size and importance.*

Keeping in view, above provisions of Section 18 of the General Statistics (Re-organization) Act 2011, Functional Members shall be professionals with demonstrated technical knowledge of relevant field. The above Section of Act does not restraint the Federal Government to have Provincial representation in their appointment.

However, due procedure was adopted by inviting application through advertising the positions in the leading newspapers as well as on PBS website. After thorough review of applications, the final Selection was made by the Selection Board comprising of Minister Finance as Chairman and Secretary Establishment Division, Secretary Statistics Division, Vice Chancellor PIDE, Governor State Bank and Deputy Chairman Planning Commission as its Members. The final approval for appointment was accorded by the Prime Minister of the Pakistan.

It is also added for information of the House that three Functional Members (MP-II) are from Punjab Province, one from Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and one from Sindh Urban.

***Question No. 28. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing schemes launched by the Government for the development of industrial sector in the country;*
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under the said schemes during the last two fiscal years; and*
- (c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for the development of backward industrial estates in the country and the results thereof?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Ministry of Industries and Production has initiated number of projects for industrial development in the country. The objectives targeted in our Public Sector Development Programme aim at revival of the industrial sector through 18 projects worth Rs. 26.935 Billion (**List of Projects at Annex-I**) with focus on:—

- Innovation and efficiency in industrial sector.
- Reducing un-employment and poverty by creating new jobs.
- Building high skilled human capacity through targeted worker skills development programs.
- Common training facilities and common machinery pools.
- Development of emerging sectors like Gem and Jewellery and stone development.
- Targeted development of small and medium business entities.

- Industrial infrastructure development through development of Industrial Estates.
- Transfer of Technology, Value addition and diversification of products.

(b) The year wise allocation and expenditure incurred on the aforesaid projects during last two years is at **Annex-II**.

(c) This Ministry has initiated following three (03) projects for establishment of Industrial Estates in Balochistan to promote industries and uplifting of the socio-economic activities in the province. Project wise Detail of outcomes is as follows:—

S. No.	No of Initiatives / Projects	Results / Outcomes	
1	Establishment of Industrial Estate Phase-I	Provision of the developed plots and infrastructure in the Industrial estates will	Bostan

S. No.	No of Initiatives / Projects	Results / Outcomes
2	Establishment of Infrastructure in Quetta Industrial & Trading Estate (Phase-II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positively influence the socio economic development of the region. • Creating employment opportunities
3	Provision of Infrastructure in Quetta Industrial State (Phase-IV) one location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength of each region can be capitalized and Industrialization by attractive investment • Support services can be provided at • Availability of skilled manpower • Relatively secure environment

*Question No. 29. **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all imported eatable items are cleared on ports in the country only after due inspection and verification of its quality, if so, the procedure laid down for the same; and*
- (b) *the details of the said items confiscated during the last three years on account of being substandard?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The import of goods in the country is regulated under Import Policy Order, 2013 issued by the Ministry of Commerce. Health and safety criteria introduced *vide* Import Policy Order, 2009 have been continued under the prevalent Import Policy Order (IPO 2013) for all edible and eatable items imported in the country. For example, Appendix-B, Part-I, Sr. No.13 of the Import Policy Order 2013 spells out the specific criteria for the import of edible products. Similarly, for fish and fishery products, fresh and dry fruits and for other similar goods, different criteria have been prescribed in the IPO.

Pakistan Customs ensures that all requirements, conditions and restrictions etc. as set out in the IPO are duly complied with.

(b) Standards for the import of goods are notified by the Pakistan Standards Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), and are specified in Appendix-N of IPO. However, a list of representative cases made out on violation of different provisions of IPO is enclosed as **Annex-A**.

***Question No. 30. Senator Sassui Palijo:**

(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the share awarded / given to provinces in the Federal Budget for Financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 according to 7th NFC Award?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: The share awarded/given to Provinces for financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 according to 7th NFC Award is as follows:

***Question No. 32. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 27-01-2016 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of departments from which help will be sought for conducting next census;*
- (b) *the number of persons to be deployed for conducting the said census; and*
- (c) *the estimated expenditure to be incurred on conducting that census indicating also the time by which the same will be completed?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: As per decision of CCI, the Census will be conducted under the supervision of Armed Forces and the field force will be provided by the Provincial Governments *i.e.* Education, Health, Revenue and Local Govt. Departments.

(b) Approximately 209,323 personnel, excluding the security personnel, will be required for the conduct of census, 2016. The exact number of security personnel required has to be worked out, keeping in view various options and giving highest priority on the deployment of Armed Forces on frontiers.

(c) An amount of Rs. 14.5 billion will be incurred on conducting of Census-2016, which is to be shared from divisible pool by all provinces jointly. The field operation will be completed in two months.

***Question No. 34. Senator Baz Muhammad Khan:**

(Notice received on 29-01-2016 at 02:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of actions taken against the officials of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, its attached departments, subordinate offices and autonomous organizations etc. on account of misconduct and corruption during the last 3 years?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:

1. Finance Division (Main)	Annex-I
2. Central Directorate of National Savings	Annex-II
3. Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP)	Annex-III
4. Controller General of Accounts	Annex-IV
5. Pakistan Mint, Lahore	Annex-V
6. Pakistan Security Printing Corporation	Annex-VI
7. House Building Finance Company Ltd.	Annex-VII
8. SME Bank Limited	Annex-VIII
9. Zarai Taraqati Bank Ltd (ZTBL)	Annex- IX
10. State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)	Annex-X
11. National Bank of Pakistan (NBP)	Annex-XI
12. First Women Bank Ltd	Annex-XII
13. Industrial Development Bank Ltd	Annex-XIII
14. Competition Commission of Pakistan	Annex-XIV
15. Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan	Annex-XV
16. Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU)	Nil
17. Federal Treasury Officer (FTO)	Nil

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

***Question No. 35. Senator Baz Muhammad Khan:**

(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the firms / companies registered with SECP are required to file an affidavit on annual basis about their non-conviction by any court of law tribunal and good performance during the years, if so, the number of companies which have submitted such affidavits during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the action taken against those companies which failed to submit the said affidavits during the said period?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Companies registered with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) are not required to file any affidavit on annual basis about their non-conviction by any court of law, tribunal and good performance during the year.

(b) In view of the facts stated at (a) above, no action was required to be taken by the SECP.

***Question No. 36. Senator Sirajul Haq:**
(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the revenue collected by FBR during the last three financial years with province wise break up; and*
- (b) *the amount collected as customs duty at KPT and Port Qasim during the said period?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) FBR does not maintain province-wise break-up due to the reason that the federal tax revenue is compiled on the basis of point of collection and location of FBR's field formations (MCCs/RTOs/LTUs), where the tax collection is administered. It is not based on the point of economic activity and the resultant tax generation.

However, province-wise break-up based on point of collection and assessment has been compiled as per annexure-A.

- (b) the customs duty collected during last three years on specific ports is given as under;

	Karachi Port Trust (KPT)	Rs. (Billion)	2012-
13	Rs.125.0		
	2013-14	Rs.130.9	
	2014-15	Rs.165.7	

Port Muhammad Bin Qasim	Rs. (Billion)
2012-13	Rs.50.1
2013-14	Rs.51.8
2014-15	Rs.72.9

***Question No. 37. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 03-02-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that ZTBL has re-scheduled its loans for the flood affectees in the four provinces of the country, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: Yes, ZTBL has rescheduled loans installments in calamity affected areas. Province-wise details of loans rescheduled during 2013, 2014 & 2015 is annexed.

***Question No. 40. Senator Mohsin Aziz:**
(Notice received on 09-02-2016 at 11:36 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the foreign debt at the time of assumption of power by the present Government and as of today; and*
- (b) *the condition under which the IMF has granted loan to the Government?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The foreign public debt at the time of assumption of power by the present Government stood at US\$ 47,813 million. The debt on 31-01-2016 amounted to US\$ 53,122 million.

(b) The IMF loan is specifically for Balance of Payments (BoP) support and no amount is to be utilized for Budgetary Support. In addition, a broad agenda of structural reforms is implemented every quarter to qualify for release of loan installments.

***Question No. 42. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**
(Notice received on 10-02-2016 at 01:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for the Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount of loans granted to the farmers of Balochistan for installation of solar energy based tube well; and*
- (b) *the number of such tube wells installed in that province by the said farmers so far?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) & (b) Currently, no financing is extended by banks for solar tube wells in Balochistan. However, a scheme is being finalized by the Government which will provide interest free loans for installation of 30,000 solar tube wells over the coming three years in the country. The GoP will provide markup subsidy to small farmers.

ISLAMABAD:
The 1st March, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 2nd March, 2016

Question No. 6. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, educational qualifications, experience, special expertise, date of appointment, tenure and main responsibilities of the incumbent Chairman and members of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) indicating also the pay, allowance and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the appointment of the said Chairman and members and the name of their appointing authority?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Details are at Annex-A.

(b) Chairperson and Members have been appointed as per laid down procedure under the provisions of Sections 14 and 17 of Competition Act, 2010 (Annex-B) and rule 3 of the Competition Commission (Salary, Terms and Conditions of Chairman and Members) Rules, 2009. The posts were advertised in the National Newspapers on March 24, 2014. The short listed candidates were interviewed by the Committee as laid down in terms of Establishment Division's O.M. dated April 11, 2005. The candidates duly recommended by the Selection Committee were submitted to the appointing authority/prime Minister for final approval.

The Federal Government / Prime Minister is the appointing authority for Chairman and Members of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) under Section 14 of the Competition Act, 2010.

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

Question No. 7. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount of loans granted by scheduled banks for establishment of new industrial units in the country during the last two years indicating also the names and

place of domicile of the persons / applicants, names of the banks and amount of loan granted in each case?

Reply not received.

Question No. 8. Senator Sirajul Haq:

(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of foreign loans outstanding against Pakistan at present;*
- (b) the amount of the said loans received by the Government during the last three years; and*
- (c) the amount of those loans repaid by the Government during the said period with year wise break up indicating also the rate of interest which was applicable on those loans?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The amount of foreign public debt outstanding as on 31-01-2016 was US\$ 53,122 million.

(b) The amount of the foreign loans received by the Government during the last three years (1-1-2013 to 31-12-2015) comes to US\$ 20,810.04 million.

(c) The amounts of foreign loan repaid (principal) during the last three years are as under:—

Year	US\$ in Million
2013	5743.80
2014	4055.16
2015	3085.29
Total:	12,884.25

The average cost of borrowing was as under:—

2013	1.62%
2014	1.72%
2015	1.92%

Question No. 9. Senator Sirajul Haq:

(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economics Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of utilization of the amount collected under the head of Value Added Tax (VAT) during the fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15; and*
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure that said utilization is made in a transparent manner?*

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) There is no tax with the name Value Added Tax collected by the Federal Government. Tax on “value addition” collected by the Federal Government is termed General Sales Tax (GST) levied on various items such as cotton when it passed through various stages *e.g.* raw cotton, thread, cloth, printed cloth etc. The Tax (GST) is collected and accumulated in the Federal Consolidated Fund with the other receipts/resources of the Federal Government collected as one unified Fund.

(b) Since the receipts of GST become a part of Federal Consolidated Fund and is not maintained separately hence identifying its expenditure as a separate fund cannot possibly be ascertained. However, it may be noted that all expenditures are made after seeking the approval of the National Assembly in accordance with relevant provisions of the constitution.

ISLAMABAD :
The 1st March, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.