

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 10th March, 2016**

@\*Question No. 31. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 01:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state the details of infrastructure development projects launched by the present Government which are ongoing at present indicating also the estimated cost and percentage of funds released so far with head-wise breakup in each case?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal:** 147 projects costing Rs. 2,114 billion relating to infrastructure sector (energy, water, transport and communication and physical planning and housing) have been approved by the present Government that are being financed under PSDP 2015-16. List of projects indicating cost, percentage of funds released / utilized so far against each project is attached at Annex-I.

Indicated releases at column 10 of the list are from the allocation of PSDP 2015-16. Expenditure / releases including disbursement of foreign aid prior to June 2015 have been indicated in column 6 of Annex-I. Overall percentage of funds utilized / released against the approved cost so far is indicated at column 13 of the attached list.

It is added that allocated funds are released to projects. Head-wise releases are not made by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms. Head-wise expenditure can only be provided by executing agencies / Ministries / Divisions / Provincial Governments as the case may be.

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

@\*Question No. 41. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 09-02-2016 at 11:36 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state whether the project of Orange line Train in part of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) or otherwise?*

**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal:**

- I. CPEC transport sector projects are covered in Transport Monographic Study. Orange Line is not included in the study.
- II. The agreement on Orange Line Project was signed on the occasion of Chinese President visit of Pakistan.
- III. The Orange Line Project is totally financed by the Government of the Punjab and they have made all the arrangements for its financing. No Federal Government resources are involved in the project.

@ @\*Question No. 96. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of women/families who have been provided financial assistance under the Benazir Income Support Programme during the last three years with district-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the amount spent/disbursed under the said programme during the period with year-wise breakup?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** (a) The year-wise summary payments along-with number of families/women for the last three (3) years is as under:

Fiscal Year	No. Of Women Paid	Total Payments (Rs)
FY 2013/2014	4,626,146	65,037,808,300
FY 2014/2015	5,046,518	88,491,108,600
<b>*FY 2015/2016</b>	<b>**5,056,042</b>	<b>45,401,897,700</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>198,930,814,600</b>

\* *The payments for the current fiscal year (2015-16) will be finalized on 30th June, 2016 (Payment for Two Quarters has been made out of Four Quarters of FY 2015-16).*

\*\* Beneficiary number is as of 31st December, 2015. However, the number has been increased to 5,216,017 as on 31st January, 2016. These additional beneficiaries will be paid in next payment *i.e.* due in March 2016.

The district-wise summary is attached as **Annex-I**.

(b) A total of Rs. 198.930 billion (as on 31st December, 2015) has been disbursed in last two and half years across the country. Year-wise beneficiaries and amount break-up is given above.

**\*Question No. 161. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 01:40 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 launch new national saving schemes, if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same will be launched?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to launch/issue any new National Savings Scheme.

**\*Question No. 162. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 29-01-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the gross non-performing loans of the scheduled Banks have increased manifold, if so, the details of the same as on 31st December, 2015 with Bank wise break up?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** The gross non-performing loans (NPL) of the banks have gradually decreased during the last four years. The NPLs of banks stood at PKR 618 billion as on December 31, 2012 which have now declined to PKR 605 billion (2.10%) as on December 31, 2015. This decline in NPLs is mainly attributed to the concerted recovery efforts of banks besides improvements in quality of assets.

**\*Question No.163. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

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

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

- (a) *the number of Utility Stores in the country at present;*
- (b) *the profit earned or losses suffered by the said stores during the last two years; and*
- (c) *the mechanism devised by the Government to ensure quality and quantity of items being sold at those stores?*

**Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi:** (a) 5497 Utility Stores are in operation throughout country.

(b) The detail of profit and loss suffered by the Corporation during the last two years is as under:—

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Year	Profit earned (in millions)
2012-13	1399.842
2013-14	202.332

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Annual accounts of the Corporation for the Financial year 2014-15 have not yet been audited; hence the profit/loss earned during this period cannot be calculated.

(c) Brand items in the brand name like Uniliver, Nestle, Racket and Benckiser, from National and Multi-National Companies of repute. These Companies stand for the warrantee and quality of the products and items provided by them. There is no complaint on the quality of these items. The quality of these commodities are being checked by the Corporation at the following levels after observing the required codal formalities through USC Tender Committee:—

- a. At the time of opening of Tenders / Bids.
- b. At the time of receipt of stock at Warehouses.
- c. At the time of bulk breaking of commodities at USC Warehouses.
- d. At the time of receipt of stocks at stores.
- e. Customers Feedback on quality at store points.

The following quality assurance certificates are obtained at the time of prequalification of the Ghee/Oil Mills for procurement of Utility Ghee/Oil.

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- a. ISO-9001 Quality Management System
  - b. ISO-14001 Environmental Management System
  - c. ISO-22000 Food Safety Management System
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\*Question No. 164. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**  
(Notice received on 10-02-2016 at 02:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the increase in the development and non development expenditures of the FBR during the fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** The Development Expenditure of FBR for 2013-14 was Rs. 167.426 million which decreased to Rs. 137.505 million for 2014-15. Decrease was Rs. 29.921 million and percentage of decrease was 17.87%.

The Non-development expenditure for 2013-14 was Rs. 18.08 billion which increased to Rs. 18.951 billion during 2014-15. Increase was of Rs. 871.6 million and percentage of increase was 4.82%.

**\*Question No. 165. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 16-02-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the utilization of the amount received from neighboring and friendly countries as financial assistance during the year 2014-15 with head wise break up?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** The Government of Pakistan has received US\$1,750.94 million foreign economic assistance from the neighboring and friendly countries during the fiscal year 2014-15.

Head-wise utilization of (disbursement) is as under:

*(US\$ million)*

<b>HEADS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Project Aid	1,518.44
Budgetary / BOP Support	124.21
Commodity Aid	9.53
Earthquake	65.45
Floods	33.31
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,750.94</b>

**\*Question No. 166. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**  
(Notice received on 18-02-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the estimated number of persons in Pakistan whose income is taxable but they are not paying tax; and*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to bring those persons in tax net?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** (a) It is not possible to estimate/ascertain exactly how many persons in Pakistan are earning taxable income. However, number of returns-filers for tax year 2014 and 2015 are 1,047,170 and 923,346 respectively. However, for the Tax Year 2015 the date for filing of returns for individuals and AOPs has been extended upto 15th of March, 2016 and the number of return filers is expected to increase further. It may also be mentioned that number of NTN holders are 37,92,475.

To determine exact number of taxpayers and to bring them into tax net, FBR has introduced a number of measures including creation of a National Data warehouse which includes data collected from various authorities such as data regarding purchase of immovable property, purchase of vehicles, and from electricity distribution companies. Outcome of this exercise and other policy measures are mentioned in Part (b) of this Question.

- (b) (i) For this purpose, a National Data Warehouse has been created in FBR. The data warehouse primarily includes the data collected through third party sources such as motor vehicle registering authorities, educational institutions, CVT collected by FBR and provincial government on purchase of immovable property, electricity distribution companies, automobile companies, insurance companies and the withholding tax statements. Based on this database, notices are being issued.
- (ii) Certain new policy measures have been introduced through Finance Act, 2014 and 2015 to increase the cost of doing business of non-filers and different withholding tax rates for return filers and non filers have been prescribed. These include all bank transfers, sale and purchase of immovable property, purchase, registration and transfer of ownership of motor vehicle, cash withdrawal from banks and payment of profit on debt and dividend income. The higher rates of tax for non filers will not only compel non filers to file returns and declare their income from all sources, but also provide a database to FBR for identification of potential taxpayers to be pursued for broadening of tax base. The results of these measures so far are:
  - (a) Number of notices issued: 250, 021
  - (b) Number of returns enforced: 48, 043
  - (c) Tax paid with the returns: Rs. 1.3 (Billion)
- (iii) The Government has recently announced Voluntary Tax Compliance Scheme (VTCS) to encourage these non-filers to file their tax return for broadening of tax

base. This scheme provides a simplified procedure for filing Income Tax returns and assessment for traders and it is intended to expand the tax base in the country. So far 2507 returns have filed under the voluntary tax compliance scheme (VTCS) and tax of Rs. 250 Million has been deposited under the scheme. The last date for filing of return under the scheme also falls on March 15, 2016.

**\*Question No. 167. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 19-02-2016 at 09:02 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state details of cases of corruption surfaced in each collectorate of FBR during the last three years indicating also the names and designations of officers / officials found involved in the same and action taken against them?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** During last three years, **241** officers/officials of Pakistan Customs Service/ Customs Department have been proceeded against under the Government Servants (E&D) Rules, 1973, for various charges constituting “Inefficiency, Misconduct & **Corruption**”. On the basis of Inquiry reports, penalties have been imposed on **39** officers/officials and **33** officers/officials have been exonerated due to non-establishment of the charges and **12** officials have been issued warning/stood retired. Cases of remaining **157** officers/officials are under process. (List of officers/officials BS-17 & above, BS-16 and BS-1 to 15 against whom disciplinary proceedings have been initiated are enclosed as Annex-I, II & III, respectively).

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

**\*Question No.168. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 19-02-2016 at 09:02 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names and designations of the officers and officials of FBR presently posted on each dry ports in Pakistan; and*
- (b) the revenue collected from each dry port during the last three years with year-wise break up?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:** (a) The names and designation of Customs officers and Officials presently posted at different dry ports in the country is at **Annex-A**.

(b) The revenue collected through Customs dry ports during the last three years is detailed below:

**\*Question No. 169. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 22-02-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, parentage, district of domicile, designation and place of present posting of the persons appointed in the State Bank of Pakistan, National Bank of Pakistan and Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL) on contract and regular basis under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan programme since 2010?*

**Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar:**

#### **STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN**

SBP has appointed 66 persons in the Bank on , Balochistan Quota since 2010 on regular basis. Details of their names, parentage, district of domicile, designation and place of present posting of these persons is at **Annex-I.**

#### **NATIONAL BANK OF PAKISTAN**

NBP has appointed 248 persons during January 2010 to December 2015 having domicile of Balochistan on contract basis. Details of their names, parentage, district of domicile, designation and place of present posting of these persons is at **Annex-II.**

#### **ZARAI TARAQIATI BANK LIMITED**

ZTBL has a working strength of 335 employees having domicile Balochistan Province against 6% quota which comes to 313 employees on regular basis. During the period 2010 to 2015, the bank appointed 10 officers having Balochistan Domicile. Details of their names, parentage, district of domicile, designation and place of present posting of these persons is at **Annex-III.**

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**\*Question No. 170. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 24-02-2016 at 09:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that the establishment of a cancer department in Sandeman Hospital Quetta was announced under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan programme but the same has not been established so far, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Balochistan has prepared a PC-1 for the establishment of the said department in that hospital and has submitted the same to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, if so, the time by which the same will be finalized and implemented?*



**Mr. Ahsan Iqbal:** (a) Establishment of a cancer department in Sandeman Hospital Quetta was envisaged under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan package. However, the scheme was returned after the devolution of Ministry of Health in the wake of the passage of 18th constitutional amendment.

(b) The project namely “Extension and Development of Cancer Hospital at Quetta” at a cost of Rs. 300.002 million was submitted by defunct Ministry of Health *vide* letter No.F.22-4/2010-Plg dated 27th October, 2010.

After devolution of Ministry of Health in the wake of passage of the 18th constitutional amendment, the PC-I was returned *vide* PIA Section’s Letter No. (14)2010-11/PIH/PC dated 22nd August, 2011.

**\*Question No. 171. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 25-02-2016 at 04:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the production of Pakistan Steel Mills at present and its ratio / percentage to the overall demand in the country; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish new Steel Mills in the public sector, if so, details thereof?*

**Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi:** (a) Annual production capacity of Pakistan Steel Mills is 1,100,000 MTN translating into 3013.698 MTN per day. At present, Pakistan Steel is at zero production because of reduction of Natural Gas pressure from 10th June 2015.

(b) No proposal/project is under consideration of this Ministry regarding establishment of new Steel Mills in the Public Sector.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 9th March, 2016.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*