(127th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Wednesday, the 20th April, 2016

*Question No. 92. **Senator Rahila Magsi:**
(Notice received on 11-03-2016 at 01:30 p.m.)

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

(a) the details of grant / aid provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for construction of primary schools in rural Sindh during the last five years;

(b) the number of schools constructed under that grant / aid so far; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said Agency is going to provide more grant / aid in second phase of the ongoing schools education programme in rural Sindh, if so, the time by which the same will be provided / released?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) In 2009 on the request of Government of Pakistan Government of Japan agreed to provide grant assistance for "Upgrading Primary Girls Schools into Elementary Schools in Rural Sindh". The grant assistance was to be provided in two phases, with the 1st phase focusing on schools in Lower (Southern) Rural Sindh and the 2nd phase on Upper (Northern) Rural Sindh. Accordingly, for the 1st phase Grant Agreement amounting to Japanese Yen 808 million was signed on 11-02-2014.

(b) No school has been completed so far. However, 29 Schools in the southern part of Sindh are under construction.

(c) The grant agreement amounting to Japanese Yen 973 million for 2nd phase (Northern Rural Sindh) was signed on 1st March, 2016. The implementation of the project is under process.

*Question No. 94. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 15-03-2016 at 01:45 p.m.)

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

(a) the names and location of Marquees in Islamabad Capital Territory indicating also the recovery of sales tax made from each of them during the last three fiscal years;

(b) the amount of advance Tax collected from each of the said marquees during that period as per section 236-D of the Finance Act, 2013; and

(c) the details of withholding tax statements filed in respect of each of those marquees during the said period?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Attached as Annexure A.

(b) Attached as Annexure A.

(c) Attached as Annexure A.

ANNEXURE-A

INFORMATION ABOUT MARQUEES IN ISLAMABAD.

	NAME OF THE TAXPAYER (MARQUEE)	NTN/STRN	LOCATION OF THE MARQUEE	SALES TAX PAID				ADVANCE TAX COLLECTED U/S 236D				WHT STATEMENT STATUS FILED / NOT FILED	REMARKS
				2013	2014	2015	2016 Upto 31-03-2016	2013	2014	2015	2016 Upto 31-03-2016		
1	M/s Sind Travel (Pvt) Limited (Embassy Lodge)	2028580	Club Road, Islamabad	2,476,796	834,651	8,702,244	3,427,010	Advance Tax u/s 236D implemented through Finance Act, 2013. Therefore not applicable during the period 01-07-2012 to 30-06-2013	2,403,807	1,341,152	504,997	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
2	M/s Paragon Marquee	4223523	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	450,875	248,758	419,819	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,243,800/- issued.
3	M/s Khiva Events (Aleena Inam)	4183847	E-11, Islamabad			653,848		AS ABOVE	1,922,304	1,005,377	603,740	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,761,686/- issued.
4	M/s The Weddings (Farrukh Husain)	1223698	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	1,316,135	1,417,264	736,014	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,178,698/- issued.
5	M/s Clay Oven Marquee	2097190	Express Way	42,121	120,308	121,281	395,568	AS ABOVE	406,760	173,242	462,977	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
6	M/s Monal Marquee, (Dr.Muhammad Afzal Sheikh)	175733	E-11, Islamabad		1,420,659	2,681,501		AS ABOVE	1,216,106	934,268	86,239	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
7	M/s Paradise Complex	3041707-4	Express Way, Islamabad				784,544	AS ABOVE	2,014,280	2,182,322	477,953	FILED	. SCN @ Rs.2,881,396/- issued.
8	M/s Haveli Marriage Hall	4140586	Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	3,426,670	2,374,975	2,173,695	FILED	. SCN @ Rs.5,656,624/- issued.
9	M/s Avalon Marquee (Salman Ashraf Khan)	2211275	Express Way, Islamabad				69,965	AS ABOVE	376,318	190,333	178,800	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
10	M/s Hanif Rajput (Ashraf khan)	995604	G-8, Islamabad	2,802,696	3,061,013	3,040,667	5,527,819	AS ABOVE	650,397	85,320	1,453,657	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
11	M/s Al-Hamd-O-Lillah Food (1969)	2267051	Shakar Parrian, Islamabad	3,336,412	3,372,098	2,169,565	1,247,250	AS ABOVE	182,349	261,173	301,877	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
12	M/s Occasions Marquee	4393371	G-12 Kashmir Highway, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	38,698	632,734	FILED	-

13	M/s Millennium Marquee	4344577	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	498,714	405,099	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,178,699/- issued.
14	M/s Shahryar Raza (Aura Grand)	4223077	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	467,144	794,990	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,642,697/- issued.
15	M/s Blessing Marquee	4332454	E-11, Islamabad				301,607	AS ABOVE	0	91,325	188,142	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.602,054/- issued.
16	M/s Shahbaz Gul Shinwari (Taj Marquee)	1332468	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	358,250	368,225	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,178,699/- issued
17	M/s Royal Tag Enterprises (Orchard Marquee)	4282312	Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0	162,901	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
18	M/s Tulip Islamabad	4359956	Club Road, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0	208,200	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.535,049/- issued.
19	M/s Royal Marquee	3360252	Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.400,000/- issued.
20	M/s White House Marquee		Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
21	M/s Zakia's Marquee	4383796-4	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.1,072,[illegible] issued
22	M/s Majestic Banquets	7139677	Club Road, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0	794,181	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.2,260,259/- issued
23	M/s Levish Marquee	7170460	BAHARA KAHU, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0	196,325	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
24	M/s Dynasty Hospitality (Pvt) Limited	4299454	E-11, Islamabad				37,580	AS ABOVE	0	0	193,536	NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements. . SCN @ Rs.120,[illegible] issued.
25	M/s Empire Marquee	2137520	Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0	334,912	NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
26	M/s Saffron Event Lawns	7184688-6	PARK ROAD, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements.
27	M/s Obsession Event Lawns		Park Road, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty imposed for Non filers of WHT Statements

28	M/s Reet Marquee		Express Way, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty impose[illegible] Non filers of W[illegible] Statements
29	M/s Avenue One Marquee		Kashmir Highway, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty impose[illegible] Non filers of W[illegible] Statements.
30	M/s Rawal Event Lawn/Marquee		Bani Gala, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty imposed [illegible] Non filers of WHT Statements.
31	M/s Rubaish Marquee (Uni Sons)		Behria Town Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	Penalty imposed [illegible] Non filers of WHT Statements.
32	M/s Royals Marquee	7123633-7	E-11, Islamabad					AS ABOVE	0	0		NOT FILED	. Penalty imposed [illegible] Non filers of WHT Statements . SCN @ Rs.796,[illegible] issued.
TOTAL				8,658,025	8,758,729	17,369,106	11,791,352		14,366,001	11,668,315	11,679,013		* SCN: SHOW C[illegible] NOTICE

*Question No. 95. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 16-03-2016 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

(a) the details of revenue collected by each collectorate of FBR during the last three years with year wise break-up; and

(b) the steps taken to enhance revenue collection by each collectorate during the last three years?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Details of revenue collected by each collectorate of FBR during the last three years with year-wise breakup are at Annex-A.

(b) Details of steps taken to enhance collection by each collectorate during the last three years are at Annex-B.

ANNEX-A

COLLECTION OF DUTY/TAXES AT IMPORT STAGE BY COLLECTORATES

(Rs. In Million)

S.No.	COLLECTORATE	YEAR			
		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (Upto Feb)
1	Appraisement-West	150,105	184,969	226,074	167,376
2	Appraisement-East	178,871	178,188	223,037	195,324
3	Port Qasim	215,837	238,772	269,708	199,971
4	Preventive	79,312	102,388	108,325	90,894
5	Exports	2,152	4,363	4,376	2,170
6	Hyderabad	12,511	12,058	9,532	8,069
7	Quetta	8,406	3,846	6,520	7,803
8	Gwadar	7,049	14,603	17,293	5,293
10	Lahore(App)	45,563	45,901	56,200	38,218
11	Lahore(Pre)	14,272	21,777	26,273	19,548
12	Multan	35,100	36,233	37,535	27,193
13	Faisalabad	7,834	5,529	6,520	4,584
15	Islamabad	8,766	8,834	14,466	11,908
16	Peshawar	18,303	15,449	16,841	13,072
17	Gilgit +Baltistan	255	760	1,177	1,269

Source:- DRS,FBR/CB section

ANNEX-B

The steps taken to enhance collection by each collectorate during the last three years is as under;

1. **MCC(Appraisement-West), Karachi**

- Active follow-up and recovery of revenue stuck at different legal fora through
- Effective liaison with the Standing Council, Deputy Attorney General, Nazir of the Courts and the advocates on panel.
- Auction of pending lots aging upto 15 to 20 years:
- Enhancing minimum assessed value through active studies and analyses of international trends and local market trends
- Post release verifications were carried out actively.
- Importer Profile Maintenance for the purposes of categorization of green, yellow and red channels.
- Reduction in dwell time.
- Open door policy and expeditious redressal of grievances of bona fide taxpayers
- Effective supervision and monitoring of punctuality of officers/officials through bio metric system
- Effective liaison with port authorities for time grounding and examination of containers
- 24 x 7 working system at the ports

2. **MCC(Appraisement-East), Karachi**

- Implementation of budgetary measures, including enforcement of statutory changes, to realize/maximize the revenue.
- Expediting import clearances and facilitation of trade and industry
- Timely disposal of auctionable lots
- Finalization and encashment of securities where due.
- Avoidance from unnecessary and undue litigations.
- Automation of repetitive business processes.
- Recovery of outstanding government's dues
- Intelligence based monitoring.
- Post release verification of cleared consignments.

3. **MCC(Preventive), Karachi**

- The Research & Development Cell (R&D) has been established for monitoring & vigilance on clearances, which has resulted in an increase in revenue collection.

- The Appraisement and Examination staff have been sensitized thoroughly so that any attempt to clear high value or high tariff goods in guise of low value or low tariff goods can be thwarted.
- Regular auctions are held to clear confiscated/overstayed goods.
- The Court cases are pursued vigorously for vacation of Stay Orders.
- The Valuation ruling are applied whenever required.
- Timely encashment of the financial securities.
- Realization through recoveries of outstanding dues.
- By facilitating the importers in case of my hardship on priority and making the environment importer friendly.
- Regular meetings are held with staff & officers, regarding correct classification of goods.
- MCC Preventive being an Enforcement Collectorate have enhanced anti-smuggling operations to a great extent to check smuggling of goods, which indirectly improves revenue collection.

4. **MCC, Port Muhammad Bin Qasim, Karachi**

- The usage of WeBOC system has been progressively enhanced, and it currently stands at about 95% of the total imported consignments. The system automatically assists in applying correct valuation, granting only applicable concessions, and plugging revenue leakages to a great extent.
- The online system has also enabled greater visibility for continued monitoring of the cargo clearance by senior management. Any suspicious activity is cross checked by Collectorate's Intelligence Unit (C.I.U), and any short-paid revenue is recovered. Similarly, Post Release Verification (PRV) has been enhanced to assure proper payment of revenue.
- An open door policy is being followed at the officer level to ensure continuous feedback and redressal of grievances which helps not only in trade facilitation but also to optimize revenue collection.
- Transfer and postings policy has been devised in a way to place the right man at the right job. It has also been ensured that negligent and delinquent officials are penalized so that deterrence is created against inefficiency and mal practices.

5. **MCC, Quetta**

- Consolidation of the existing Customs Check Posts and establishing new check posts at Rakhni, Zhob and Drakhshan (Bolan).
- Effective supervision and galvanization of the anti-smuggling Mobile Squads.
- Choking all entry and exit points to and from Quetta;
- Involving other Law Enforcement Agencies specially Frontier Corps and Baluchistan Police for active participation with Pakistan Customs in curbing the menace of smuggling.
- Business processes have been re-viewed at the border Customs Stations/dry port and effective mechanism of systemic monitoring have been introduced.

- Import / Export processes have been streamlined with least chances of evasion of duty and taxes.
- Ground work has been completed for roll out of WeBOC at Chaman and Taftan to ensure transparency and check revenue evasion.
- Officers / officials having good reputation have been posted at all important posts / stations ensuring merit base placement of staff.
- A comprehensive system of reward / punishment has been introduced.
- Quick Disposal of Confiscated Goods

6. **MCC, Hyderabad**

- Disposal of seized/confiscated goods
- Clearance of overstayed goods
- Encashment of securities/bank guarantees wherever applicable
- Efforts to vacate the stay order at different legal fora wherever revenue is involved.
- Efforts geared up for recovery of arrears etc.

7. **MCC(Appraisement), Lahore**

- Facilitation in Clearance
- Slashing Dwell Time
- Implementation of Web Based One-Customs (WeBOC) Clearance system
- Audit of all clearances from WeBOC system, under Green Channel.

8. **MCC, (Preventive) Lahore**

- Audit of past clearances to curb revenue pilferage:
- Strict watch on declaration of complete description and specification of goods on Goods Declaration.
- Detection of mis-declaration through diligent examination and assessment of goods.
- Detection of undervaluation through accurate/ proper assessment of goods declaration
- Recovery of outstanding government dues
- Quick disposal of auctionable lots
- Timely encashment of securities

9. **MCC, Multan**

- Effective liaison with Pakistan State Oil Company and other Oil Marketing companies for maximum clearance of HSD oil through this collectorate
- Recovery of arrears where there is no stay
- Auction of confiscated and overstayed goods on monthly basis.
- Effective monitoring of mis-declaration and under invoicing
- Correct examination and assessment of the imported goods
- Strict compliance regarding application of valuation rulings
- Post Clearance audit of imports

Continuous efforts to convince the importers of the region to use Multan dryport and airport for the clearance of their import consignments which may eventually result in increased revenue.

10. **MCC, Faisalabad**

- Importers and exporters are facilitated for expeditious clearance of their consignments strictly in the light of law/rules.
- Oil Marketing companies have been motivated to clear their imported products through MCC, Faisalabad.
- Frequent auctions were conducted to realize maximum revenue through disposal of confiscated goods/vehicles.
- Rigorous efforts have been made for recovery of stuck up /recoverable arrears.
- Anti-smuggling drive has been accelerated to boost up performanc3 of anti-smuggling wing. A new office was established at Sira-e-Muhajir to eliminate the menace of smuggling of contraband goods and encourage genuine imports.
- Litigation cases are being pursued vigorously at different appellate fora for early recovery of government dues.

11. **MCC, Islamabad**

- Electronic filing/examination/ assessment through WeBOC implemented in letter and spirit which has greatly reduced dwell time.
- Valuation is being monitored in the light of One Customs /WeBOC data & valuation rulings. The value aspect of major revenue generating items are being taken up with Directorate General of Valuation to revise valuation rulings on a case to case basis in order to curb under invoicing.
- This Collectorate made efforts to scrutinize clearance data and issued various assessment alerts to other collectorates where FED was collected through WeBOC @ 6% instead of 9% as the slab of FED was increased in the Finance Act, 2014. Due to efforts of this collectorate this anomaly was corrected and resultantly the loss of billions of rupees was effectively checked.
- The inventory of the cases ripe for disposal is being made regularly. Resultantly, auction is being conducted on regular basis to generate revenue.
- Due to recent anti-smuggling efforts a phenomenal increased has occurred in the number and value of seizure cases.
- Attachment officers are deputed to expedite recovery. Liaison with other organizations such as NADRA and Banks is maintained to obtain the defaulters information 3.7 million was recently recovered by the collectorate through recovery efforts.

12. **MCC, Peshawar**

- For prompt and transparent clearances of Import consignments, WeBOC has been launched at Customs Dryport/Airport during the last three years. Recently, WeBOC based clearances have been launched at the Torkham border crossing.

- The automated One Customs clearance system has been launched at Customs Stations located in Kurram Agency and WeBOC is also being launched during April, 2015.
- The dormant Customs Station of Khyber Border Terminal Jamrud, Khyber Agency has been operationalized to ease pressure on C.S Torkham.
- Post clearance audit of clearances has been conducted on regular basis to improve enforcement.
- Auction of seized goods has been streamlined and auction has been scheduled at least twice in month.
- Valuation Rulings have been strictly enforced to improve assessment of goods.

*Question No. 96. **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling of various goods / items is taking place at Pak-Afgan Border, if so, the estimated annual volume of the same; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to curb that smuggling at the said border?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Pakistan Customs operates through notified Custom Stations along Pak-Afghan border with sole purpose of regulating trade *i.e* imports and exports and safeguarding the state revenue. It is an admitted fact that Customs have no physical presence on the international borders for control on smuggling which normally takes place through unfrequented routes manned by other Law Enforcement Agencies. FBR, in view of above fact, has authorized the officers of Pakistan Rangers, Frontier Corps [Khyber Paktunkhwa] including Political Administration in FATA, to exercise anti-smuggling powers under section 6 of the Customs Act, 1969. The powers so entrusted to FC Balochistan have been surrendered in 2014, on the request of the said LEA.

Owing to the afore-stated reasons, it is difficult to ascertain the exact volume of smuggling with absolute precision. A study to this effect is being undertaken by the FBR.

(b) The Government has taken following steps to curb smuggling:

(i) Anti-smuggling powers under Section 6 of the Customes Act, 1969 has been entrusted to F.C (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including FATA) *vide* SRO 1090(I)/2010, dated 01-12-2010. Similarly, the Political Administration of FATA has also been entrusted with anti-smuggling powers *vide* SRO 60(I)/2000, dated 14-02-2000.

(ii) in a recent initiative by Pakistan Customs, a comprehensive Anti-Smuggling strategy has been chalked out. Available resources and manpower, although meager, have been pooled up for optimum use. In this regard, joint efforts including intelligence sharing and joint operations have been launched by Customs Collectorates and Directorate General or Intelligence and Investigation (Customs) with the help of other Law Enforcement Agencies in the settled areas and all main roads leading to down country are being closely monitored.

(iii) In order to ascertain the quantum of smuggling and to analyse its impact on national economy with a view to chalk out effective strategy to control the menace, FBR is in a process of conducting a meaningful and robust survey by the qualified experts.

(iv) Nevertheless, as a result of heightened enforcement efforts by Pakistan Customs, a visible increase in seizure of smuggled goods can be judged from the figures given as under during the last three (03) years:

Year	Value (Rs. in Millions)
2012-13	5,328.83
2013-14	7,409.32
2014-15	9,582.29
2015-16 (up to March, 2016)	9,950.16

*Question No. 97. **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

(a) the number of utility stores established in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, at present, with district wise break up; and

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such stores in the said province, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) At present 1313 Utility Sotres are functioning in KPK. The district wise number of stores in operation is given below:—

Name of Region	Name of district	Regular stores	Franchise	Total
Bannu	Bannu	40	07	47
	Karak	23	3	26
	Lakki	19	01	20
Total: -		**82**	**11**	**93**
Chitral	Chitral	46	04	**50**
Dir	Dir lower	23	06	29
	Dir upper	29	03	32
Total: -		52	09	**61**
D.I.Khan	DIK	82	05	87
	Bhakkar	31	01	32
	Tank	12	--	12
	Lakki	02	--	02
	Total	**127**	**06**	**133**
Kohat	Kohat	54	34	88
	Hangu	20	10	30
	Total	**74**	**44**	**118**
Mardan	Mardan	75	15	90
	Nowshera	09	03	12
	Malakand	06	02	08
	Total	**90**	**20**	**110**
Peshawar (South)	Peshawar	**99**	**10**	**109**
Peshawar (North)	Peshawar	34	07	41
	Nowshera	23	06	29
	Charsadda	40	06	46
	Mohmand agency	01	---	01
	Total	**98**	**19**	**117**
Swat	Swat	38	41	79
	Bunair	24	---	24
	Shangla	19	---	19
	Malakand	12	---	12
	Lower Dir	10	----	10
	Total	**103**	**41**	**144**
Total: -		**771**	**164**	**935**

Abbotabad Zone

Name of Region	Name of district	Regular stores	Franchise	Total
Abbottabad	**Abbottabad**	67	4	71
	Mansehra	01	10	11
	Haripur	01	06	07
Total		**69**	**20**	**89**
Haripur	**Haripur**	60	---	60
	Abbottabad	02	---	02
Total		**62**	**----**	**62**
Mansehra	Mansehra	103	-----	103
	Battagram	18	----	18
	Kohistan	02	----	02
	Shangla	03	----	03
	Total	**126**	**----**	**126**
Muzaffarabad	Mansehra	05	**----**	05
	Abbottabad	02	**-----**	02
	Total	**07**	**-----**	**07**
Swabi	Swabi	51	33	84
	Bunair	03	----	03
	Nowshera	07	-----	07
	Total	**61**	**33**	**94**
	Total	**325**	**53**	**378**
	Grand Total	**1096**	**217**	**1313**

Total Operational stores = 1313

(b) At present there is no proposal for opening of new stores in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

*Question No. 98. **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of persons who have been provided loans under the Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Scheme in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since the launching of the same with District wise break up?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: District wise break up of disbursements of loans under PMYBL Scheme in KPK is as under;

Bank	DISTRICT	No of Beneficiaries to whom loans have been disbursed	AMOUNT DISBURSED (Rs in Mn)
National Bank of Pakistan	Abbottabad	53	42.0
	Lower Dir	87	70.5
	Chitral	68	54.3
	Karak	16	16.8
	Lakki Marwat	13	11.8
	Charsadda	26	22.9
	Tank	2	2.1
	Bannu	38	45.6
	Nowshera	22	21.8
	Mansehra	73	61.6
	Peshawar	109	99.5
	D.I.Khan	30	35.7
	Haripur	21	20.1
	Malakand	43	35.2
	Kohat	10	9.5
	Shangla	12	11.3
	Swat	46	49.6
	Swabi	193	213.3
	Mardan	17	20.7
	Sub Total	879	844.2
First Women Bank Limited	Abbottabad	6	7.5
	Mardan	3	1.6
	Peshawar	2	0.8
	Sub Total	11	9.91
Bank Al Habib limited	Haripur	1	2.0
Total		891	856.10

*Question No. 99. **Senator Najma Hameed:**
(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

(a) whether it is fact that the Utility Stores Corporation had advertised for appointments against various vacant posts in various districts of the country during the year 2015, if so, the date of advertisement; and

(b) whether it is also fact that tests / interviews for the said posts have also been conducted but the appointments against the same have not been made so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which appointment letters would be issued to the successful candidates?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Yes. USC advertised different vacant posts on 8th February 2015 and 20th October 2015.

(b) Tests of the candidates have been conducted through National Testing Service (NTS). However, interviews against the advertised posts have not yet been conducted. Appointment letters will be issued to successful candidates after completion of the recruitment process.

*Question No. 100. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 18-03-2016 at 12:55 p.m.)

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore the facility of opting out of presumptive tax regime in respect of sale, import and export of goods which was introduced in the Finance Act, 2012 but withdrawn under the Finance Act, 2014, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the additional burden imposed on the corporate sector and decrease the risk of tax audits?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The facility for opting out of the presumptive tax regime (PTR) in respect of import and sale is already available to the taxpayers under clauses (56B) and (56C) respectively of Part-IV of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. These clauses were inserted in the statute *vide* Finance Act 2014. Similarly the facility for opting out of presumptive tax regime for exporters is available under sub-section (5) of section 154 of the income Tax Ordinance 2001 since 01-07-2015.

(b) It is submitted that no additional burden has been placed on corporate taxpayers rather the tax rates for corporate taxpayers, other than banks, have been reduced to 32% for the tax year 2016 from 35% in tax year 2013. Their tax rates have been further reduced to 31% for tax year 2017 and to 30% for tax year 2018.

Taxpayers, including corporate taxpayers, file their income tax returns under universal self assessment scheme under which whatever is declared by a taxpayer is accepted as such, unless the case in selected for audit. Throughout the world where self assessment scheme is applicable, tax audits act as deterrent for the taxpayers to declare true particulars of their income. The risk of tax audit is always embedded in the self assessment scheme under which the taxpayers are given authority of self assessment of their income. Therefore, the risk of tax audit cannot be reduced under the self assessment scheme under which the taxpayers file their returns.

*Question No. 101. **Senator Rahila Magsi:**
(Notice received on 21-03-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that weapons are being smuggled at Pak-Afghan border, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to stop / control the same; and

(b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the performance and increase the number of personnel responsible for checking the said smuggling on that border?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Pakistan Customs operates through notified Custom Stations along Pak-Afghan border with sole purpose of regulating

trade *i.e* imports and exports and safeguarding the state revenue. It is an admitted fact that Customs have no physical presence on the international borders for control on smuggling which normally takes place through unfrequented routes manned by other Law Enforcement Agencies. FBR, in view of above fact, has authorized the officers of Pakistan Rangers, Frontier Corps [Khyber Paktunkhwa] including Political Administration in FATA, to exercise anti-smuggling powers under section 6 of the Customs Act, 1969. The powers so entrusted to FC Balochistan have been surrendered in 2014, on the request of the said LEA.

As such no seizure case of weapons/arms or ammunition has been reported by field formation of Customs at border Custom Stations on Pak-Afghan border. However, seizures of Arms/Ammunition have been conducted during in land transportation from time to time. The level of efforts put in by the FBR in anti-smuggling operations can be gauged from the following figures;

Table: 1 **VALUE OF TOTAL SEIZURES (Goods including Arms & Ammunition)**

Year	Value (Rs. in Millions)
2012-13	5,328.83
2013-14	7,409.32
2014-15	9,582.29
2015-16 (up to March, 2016)	9,950.16

Table: 2 **ARMS & AMMUNITION (OVERALL)**

Year	Quantity (in numbers)	Value (Rupees in Millions)
2012-13	229	0.007
2013-14	7,566	16.71
2014-15	18,603	2.51
2015-16 (up to March, 2016)	*1	0.20

***** MCC Islamabad has seized one (I) Pistol at AFU, Islamabad in February 2016.

(b) There is no denying the fact that increased vigilance is required at Pak-Afghan border by all concerned Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). This goal can be achieved by increasing the number of personnel and by constantly monitoring the performance of those LEAs responsible for checking the aforesaid smuggling.

FBR has taken the following steps to control smuggling:

(i) FBR *vide* SRO 1090(I)/2010 dated 01-12-2010, has entrusted anti-smuggling powers to F.C (Khyber Pakhtunkhaw including FATA) to carry out anti-smuggling operations within 20 K.M of the international border. The Political Administration of FATA has also been entrusted anti-smuggling powers under the Customs Act, 1969 to check the in-flow of smuggled goods in the bordering tribal belt.

(ii) Joint efforts including intelligence sharing and joint operations are undertaken by Customs Collectorates and Directorate General (Intelligence and investigation) Customs with other Law Enforcement Agencies to curb the menace of smuggling bringing positive results.

(iii) Major entry points/smuggling routes in the country are being monitored through check posts and mobile anti-smuggling units manned by Pakistan Customs with the assistance of Law Enforcement Agencies.

(iv) A dedicated Customs Border Enforcement (CBE) unit has been set up at Torkham Custom Station for vigilance on undocumented trade.

(v) Scanners have been installed at land border custom stations at Chaman (Balochistan) and NLC Terminal at Jamrud (Khyber Agency) for scanning of cargo.

*Question No. 102. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 21-03-2016 at 07:54 p.m.)

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

(a) the names of automobile companies manufacturing / producing vehicles in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said companies are not producing fuel efficient vehicles, if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the details of preferential incentives given to the new companies for manufacturing / producing vehicles in the recently announced Automotive Policy 2016-21; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Government has restricted the import of new vehicles, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Currently there are following automobile companies manufacturing/ producing vehicles in the country:

Cars	Pak Suzuki Company, Honda Atlas Company and Toyota Indus Company
Jeeps	Sigma (Defender) and Toyota (Fortuner)
LCVs/Pickups /Van	Suzuki, Toyota, Master. Karakoram, Al-Haj FAW, PM Autos, Tayyaba Motors and New Allied Motors
Tractors:	Al-Ghazi Tractors (Fiat), Millat Tractors (MF), Universal, Hero, Farm-All, Arzoo, PM Auto.
Truck/Buses	Hino, Nissan, Isuzu, Master, Afzal. Daewoo Pak, Al-Haj FAW, Tayyaba Fuso Master New Allied Motors
Motorcycle:	Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Chinese Brands Companies

(b) Higher cc Vehicles produced in the country are at par with other countries in term of fuel efficiency. However, small car of 1000 cc and below are not *at par* in terms of fuel efficiency with other countries mainly because of old technology.

(c) Under New policy following two categories of New Investors with different incentives are allowed:

Category-A: Greenfield Investment is defined as the installation of new and independent automotive assembly and manufacturing facilities by an nvestor for the production of vehicles of a make not already being assembled/manufactured in Pakistan. **(Note: "Make" is defined as any vehicle of whatever variant produced by the same manufacturer)**

Category-A:Investment Incentives

(a) Duty-free import of plant and machinery for setting up the assembly and/or manufacturing facility on a one-time basis;

(b) Import of 100 vehicles of the same variant in CBU form at 50 percent of the prevailing duty for test marketing after ground breaking of the project;

(c) Concessional rate of customs duty @ 10 percent on non-localized parts and @ 25 percent on localized parts for a period of five years for the manufacturing of Cars and LCVs;

(d) Import of all parts (both localized and non-localized) at prevailing customs duty applicable to non-localized parts for manufacturing of trucks, buses and prime movers for a period of three years, and

Category-B: Brownfield Investment is defined as revival of an existing assembly and/or manufacturing facilities, that is non-operational or closed on or before July 01, 2013 and the make is not in production in Pakistan since that date and that the revival is undertaken either independently by original owners or new investors or under joint venture agreement with foreign principal or by foreign principal independently through purchase of plant.

Category-B: Investment Incentives

(a) Import of non-localized parts at 10 percent rate of customs duty and localized parts at 25 percent duty for a period of three years for the manufacturing of Cars and LCVs, and

(b) Import of all parts (both localized and non-localized) at prevailing customs duty applicable to non-localized parts for manufacturing of trucks, buses and prime movers for a period of three years.

(d) Government has not restricted the Imports of New Vehicles.

*Question No. 103. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**
(Notice received on 24-03-2016 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

(a) the amount of foreign and domestic debt at present;

(b) the names of foreign countries / organizations from which the said debts have been obtained indicating also the date on which the debt was obtained and the purpose for which the same was obtained in each case; and

(c) the amount of debt paid back by the present Government so far indicating also the current status of the remaining debt?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Total foreign and domestic debt stock as of end January, 2016 was Rs. 18,694.2 billion. This includes foreign debt Rs. 5,573.6 billion (US$ 53,122.0 million) and domestic debt 13,120.6 billion.

(b) The list indicating the names of foreign countries/organizations from which the foreign debt has been obtained including the dates and the purposes for which the debt was obtained, is attached at Annex-A.

(c) The present government has repaid foreign debt of US$ 10,730.2 million including repayment of US$ 4,415.0 million to IMF during June, 2013 to January, 2016.

The government is running fiscal deficit, therefore, instead of repaying domestic debt, it has refinanced domestic debt from the domestic market.

Debt servicing (Principal repayment and Interest payment) of foreign loans is being managed on due dates against appropriate budget provisions as per amortization schedules.

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

*Question No. 104. **Senator Farhatullah Babar:**
(Notice received on 24-03-2016 at 02:25 p.m.)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) has been formed for planning and execution of CPEC projects, if so, the date on which the same was formed;

(b) the terms and conditions of the said Committee;

(c) whether the decision of the all parties Conference (APC) held on 28th May, 2015, about giving priority to the western rout has been communicated to that Committee for implementation, if so, the date on which the same was communicated and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that said Committee has endorsed the Orange Line Project, Lahore, as part of the CPEC, if so, the date on which the same was endorsed?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) was notified on August 13, 2013 for planning and execution of CPEC projects.

(b) Terms and Conditions are defined in Article 2 of MOU on the Cooperation of Developing "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor"

(c) The decision of APC of May 28. 2015 was formally communicated to the committee in 5th JCC held on November 12, 2015 in Karachi which was ratified in APC of January 2016.

(d) It may be noted that Orange Line Project is not funded by Federal Government. The project is planned, financed and executed by Government of Punjab.

*Question No. 105. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 25-03-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides soft loan for research and development under various schemes, if so, the details of those schemes; and

(b) the amount granted by the Government as loans under the said schemes since fiscal year 2012-13 with year-wise, province wise and scheme wise break up?

Rana Tanveer Hussain: (a) Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) does not provide soft loan for research and development schemes. However, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and some other institutions provide research grants to the R&D schemes. PSF under the aegis of MoST provides research grants out of its non-development budget to the researchers. In this regard, **during fiscal year 2014-15,** an amount of **Rs. 20.816 Million** was disbursed to various research institutions. During **CFY 2015-16** an amount of **Rs. 22.300 Million** stands allocated for this purpose, out of which an amount to the tune of **Rs. 11.252** Million has been disbursed to-date.

(b) No soft loan has been provided for this purpose since fiscal year 2012-13 to date.

*Question No. 106. **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi:**
(Notice received on 25-03-2016 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the foreign remittances sent by the Overseas Pakistanis during the last five years with year wise break up?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: The amount of foreign remittances sent by the overseas Pakistanis during the last five years is as under:

In Million US Dollars

Fiscal Year	Amount
2010-11	11,200.97
2011-12	13,186.62
2012-13	13,921.66
2013-14	15,837.71
2014-15	18,720.00
Total	**72,866.96**

*Question No. 108. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 30-03-2016 at 10:25)

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

(a) whether the feasibility report for construction of Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob-Quetta-Khuzdar Motorway as part of western route of CPEC has been prepared or otherwise;

(b) the amount allocated for the said project; and

(c) the time by which work will be started and completed on that project?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) M/s NESPAK Consultants are conducting feasibility study for DI Khan-Zhob section while the procurement process for consultants to conduct the feasibility study for dualization of Zhob-Quetta section is in hand. For conducting detailed design of Khuzdar-Quetta-Chaman section, consultancy is under procurement.

(b) There is no allocation for this project in current financial year.

(c) The work is likely to commence in the next financial year with completion period of 24-36 months subject to approval of respective PC-I's.

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AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

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For Wednesday, the 20th April, 2016

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Un-starred question No. 7 deferred on 4th March, 2016 126th Session)

(Def.) 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?

Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar: An amount of Rs. 94,908 million has been granted by different scheduled banks during last two years for establishment of new industrial units. Bank-wise details are annexed.

2. Regarding names and place of domicile of the persons/applicants, it is mentioned that Section 9 of Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992, stipulates that no bank or financial institution, shall divulge any information to the affairs of its customer and secrecy of *bonafide* banking transactions shall be strictly followed. Like-wise under Section 33-A of BCO, 1062 private information of individual borrowers is protected.

Annexure-A

Sr. No	Bank Name	Loan Granted (in millions)
1	AL Baraka Bank	1,995.93
2	Allied Bank	10,891.40
3	Askari Bank	4,965
4	Bank Alfalah	4,970.95
5	Bank Al-Habib	3,977.49
6	Dubai Islamic Bank	2,560.00
7	Faysal Bank	1474.542
8	Habib Bank	8,795.00
9	Habib Metropolitan Bank	1,201.34
10	JS Bank	950.00
11	MCB Bank	9943.58
12	Meezan Bank	5,263.60
13	National Bank of Pakistan	5,440.25
14	NIB Bank	1,011.78
15	Sindh Bank	3,040.713
16	Soneri Bank	2,449.148
17	Summit Bank	1,478
18	The Bank of Khyber	219.736
19	The Bank of Punjab	16,929.02
20	The Bank of Tokyo	240.00
21	United Bank	7,110.89
	Total	94,908.369

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