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(306th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Thursday, the 4th February, 2021

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Questions Nos. 357, 19, 43, 44, 49, 51 and 52 were deferred on 23rd October, 2020 (304th Session)]

(*Def.*) *Question No. 357 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:** (Notice Received on 22/08/2019 at 10:00 AM) QID: 36338

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of domestic juvenile servants in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) indicating also the measures and steps being taken by the government to protect the rights of the children, preventing against violence and educating of 100% children?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: No record is maintained regarding domestic servants in ICT neither by the Labour Welfare Department of ICT nor ICT Police. However, ICT Administration is going to carry out child labour survey with the help of UNICEF soon, after a hiatus of two decades. Last survey was conducted in 1996. For effective policy intervention, the importance of data cannot be over-emphasized.

However, Government has already taken effective measures for protection of rights of children preventing them from violence / torture etc. In this regard and Act titled "The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018" has been promulgated and is applicable in ICT. Under the said Act, a Body named "National Commission on the Rights of Children" has been constituted to take necessary steps and measures for protection of rights of children. The said Commission is functioning under the Ministry of Human Rights.

"ICT Home Based Workers Bill" has been approved by the CCLC recently and will now be sent to Law & Justice Division for further processing at their end.

Moreover, a Bill titled "ICT Domestic Workers Bill" has already been moved in the National Assembly as Private Member Bill in order to provide legal cover to the ICT based domestic workers. The Bill has already been cleared by the National Assembly Standing Committee on Interior. The draft legislation comprehensively addresses the juvenile / child labour in households and also provides for mechanism for inspection and rehabilitation of children suffering from denial of their basic rights such as education and freedom from violence.

It is further added that all the SHOs have been strictly directed to take prompt action upon receipt of any complaint of violence against domestic juvenile servants in accordance with law. During the current year, no such complaint of violence against any domestic juvenile has been received within Islamabad.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 19 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:** (Notice Received on 27/08/2020 at 11:35 AM) QID: 37247

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 253 replied on 22nd July, 2020 and state whether the Station Head Quarter, Rawalpindi has awarded contract / authorized a private contractor to collect parking / adda fee at Kalar Syedan Road, Rawat, Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof and if not, the action taken / being taken against the said contractor/person?

- **Mr. Pervez Khattak:** a. The Camping Ground (CG) Rawat measuring 95.79 Acres, comprising Khasra No.2405 & 2562 of Moza Rawat is owned by Army after/pre partition of Sub-Continent for "Defence Purpose" *vide* Governor General Notification No.236 dated 29-10-1937 and same is entered in Military Land Register (MLR) of Military Estate Office (MEO) Rawalpindi.
- b. The CG is being utilized by Pak Army for said purpose and a very small portion is being utilized for temporary projects on land rent basis, as per use of A-1 land policy, issued vide Government of Pakistan Ministry of Defence letter No.F2/5/D-12/ML&C/99 dated 2-5-2008.

- c. The CG Rawat as well as its utilization is beyond legal jurisdiction of Union Council Rawat, Islamabad metropolitan Corporation and National Highway Authority.
- d. On front of the Camping Ground, National Highway Authority has constructed/outsourced a Bus Bay/Vehicle Stand, while utilizing right of way. The tax collected thereby is deposited by the contractor with Union Council Rawat. Military Authorities have no concern what so ever with the Tax collection.
- (Def.) *Question No. 43 **Senator Fida Muhammad:** (Notice Received on 16/09/2020 at 2:40 PM) QID: 37449

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of land allotted by CDA to Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad indicating also the date, purpose and price of allotment of the same; and
- (b) the acreage of land allotted to the said Hospital indicating also the acreage of land being used by the same at present?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: (a) CDA offered plot to M/S Shifa International Hospital dated 20-11-1986, Possession of the land was handed over on 27-04-1987 Confirmation of allotment of plot measuring 8.14 acres to M/S Shifa International was issued on 19-07-1988 after remittance cost of land amounting to Rs. 3,939,760/- @ 100 per square yard Additional land was offered on 30-08-1987. Possession of the land was handed over on 07-05-1988. Confirmation of Additional land allotment of plot measuring 2.98 acres was issued on 14-06-1989 on Payment of land amounting to Rs. 1,442,320/- @ 100/- per Square Yard.

(b) CDA allotted land measuring 8.14 acres on19-07-1988 and additional land measuring 2.98 acres allotted on 14-06-1989. At present CDA allotted land to M/S Shifa International Hospital is 11.12 Acres.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 44 **Senator Fida Muhammad:** (Notice Received on 18/09/2020 at 10:40 AM) QID: 37511

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the acreage of land and leased out by CDA in Islamabad at present indicating also the purpose and period of lease and revenue received by the Government from the same in each case?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: CDA leased out land for agro-farming and so far a total of 5438.02 acres are being used for this purpose. The government has, till date, received Rs. 1238.192 Million in revenues from these leased lands (**Annexure-A**). Summary of the allotted plots is enclosed (**Annexure-B**).

These plots have been allotted for the purpose of growing Vegetable, poultry and Orchard farming.

The total time period of lease is 33 years, which can extended once or twice for 33 years each (**Annexure-C**).

The Criteria for allotment is placed at (**Annexure-D**).

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

(Def.) *Question No. 49 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:** (Notice Received on 29/09/2020 at 9:40 AM) QID: 37459

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of studios of Pakistan Television Corporation (PTV) which are non-functional at present indicating also the reasons for the same; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of studios of PTV are only producing News / Current Affairs programmes at present but no social / entertainment programmes are being produced in the same, if so, the details and reasons thereof?

Syed Shibli Faraz: (a) 03 is the count of non-functional studios at different Centres of PTV Corporation as per following detail:

Centre	Studios	Reason
PTV News Centre, Islamabad	1	Non-functional due to non-availability of studio cameras
PTV Home Centre Peshawar	1	03 studio cameras are out of order due to fire incident
PTV Home Centre Quetta	1	02 studio cameras, and audio and video consoles are out of order, furthermore, studio needs renovation.

(b) It is not the fact that a number of studios of PTVC are only producing News/Current Affairs Programmes at present. Studios of PTV Home Centres at Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Quetta and Peshawar are producing social/entertainment programmes for PTV Home, PTV National and PTV Bolan Channels. PTV News and Current Affairs programmes are accommodated just like the programmes of PTV National, PTV Bolan and PTV Sports. Utilization of PTVC Studios is as under:

Centre	Studio Utilization
PTV Home Islamabad	 One studio for 90 Mts. Morning Show RISING PAKISTAN (live, 5-days a week). Recording of Drama serial ANDESHAY is also under production at the Centre. One studio is being used for PTV Sports Channel and recording of sports programmes and live transmissions.
PTV	The only studio is being used for transmission of
Academy	Teleschool Channel and for Academy Courses.
Islamabad	
PTV	1- One studio for 2-Hrs. Morning Show
Home	MORNING@HOME (5-days a week)
Karachi	2- Another studio for PTV Home entertainment
	programmes, presently programme STAR AND STYLE is produced in the studio.
	3- One studio for PTV National Transmission and
	recording of its regional language entertainment programmes
	4- Only one studio is available to accommodate
	News & Current Affairs programmes.

PTV	1- One studio is used by PTV Home shows and
	music programmes. It is also being used for
Home	recording of PTV World English programmes
Lahore	and News and Current Affairs shows.
	2- One studio is being used for PTV Home and
	PTV National entertainment programmes
	and live shows
	One studio is used exclusively by PTV News
	4- One studio is used exclusively by Current
	Affairs
PTV	1- One Studio is used for PTV Home and PTV
Home	Bolan entertainment programmes, presently
Quetta	Rabiul Awwal programmes are being
	recorded. 2- One studio is being used for PTV Bolan
	Transmission, 03 Hrs daily morning
	transmission (5-days a week), and 03 Hrs
	Prime Time Live Transmission daily (5-days
	a week). This studio is also used for News &
	Current Affairs programmes.
	3- One studio is non-functional due to out of
	order equipment, however, set is being
	erected for PTV Bolan transmission from this
	studio through OB etc.
PTV	1- One studio is used for PTV Home
Home	entertainment programmes and for regional
Peshawar	language programmes of PTV National.
	2- One studio is used for live PTV National
	transmission of Pashto language. News and
	Current Affairs programmes are also
	accommodated in it.
	3- One studio is non-functional due to fire incident.
PTV	1- One studio is used for entertainment
Centre	programmes and current affairs programme.
Multan	2- One studio is exclusively used by PTV News
Widitall	and Current Affairs programmes.
PTV	1- One studio is used for PTV World exclusively
News	for their live Morning Show (5-days a week)
Islamabad	and channel transmission.
	One studio is used by PTV News along with
	News Desk and News Rooms
	3- Two studios (with 03 sets in each) are being
	used exclusively by Current Affairs
	Department. 4- One studio is non-functional.
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Presently, Rabi ul Awwal programmes are under production at all PTV Home Centres. 02 PTV Home morning shows (each, 5-days a week), one fashion show STAR AND STYLE, drama serial ANDESHY, live transmissions of PTV National and Bolan (02 transmission of 03 Hrs. each for Bolan, and 02 transmissions of 2 Hrs for PTV National) fall under social/entertainment programme genres. News and Current Affairs programmes are accommodated on PTV Home Centres just to facilitate PTV News and Current Affairs programming which is only a fraction of overall PTV Home, Sports, National, and Bolan's social/entertainment productions.

(*Def.*) *Question No. 51 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:** (Notice Received on 30/09/2020 at 9:30 AM) QID: 37371

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

- (a) whether is s a fact that Pakistan Television Corporation is unable to pay pension to its retired employees, if so the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the government to make timely payment of pension to them; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said Corporation is not maintaining its pension account properly, if so, the action taken against those responsible for the same?

Syed Shibli Faraz: (a) Pakistan Television Corporation is paying monthly pension to its all retired employees on regular basis since their retirement in time. The pension payments to all retired employees never delayed even for one day. As far as, the payment of commutation / retirement dues is concerned, it is stated that PTVC is in serious financial crunch since last few years due to which the payment of commutation has not been made to retired employees in time since March 2018.

Utmost efforts are being made to arrange funds with the help of Government of Pakistan to clear the remaining outstanding amount of commutation. Further, an amount of Rs.25 million is paid every month towards outstanding commutation to pensioners.

(b) PTV Corporation is maintaining pension account separately in a proper manner as per Corporation requirements. With the extensive

efforts of management, PTV Pension Fund Trust has been registered, new bank accounts have been opened and registration with FBR is under process after which the Pension Fund Trust will become fully operational. In this regard, a case for grant of seed money has already been forwarded to Government of Pakistan.

(Def.) *Question No. 52 **Senator Sassui Palijo:** (Notice Received on 1/10/2020 at 1:45 PM) QID: 37466

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of executive passport offices established in the country at present with district and location wise breakup?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: The number of Executive Passport Offices established in the country at present with district and location wise breakup is as under:—

- 1. ISLAMABAD (plot 19-a ground floor, Pak Plaza, Fazal-e-Haq road Blue Area, Islamabad).
- 2. RAWALPINDI (Executive Passport Office Rehmanabad, Murree road, Rawalpindi).
- 3. GUJRAT (Main G.T Road opposite Serivce Mill Gujrat).
- 4. GUJRANWALA (Executive Passport Office near FBR Regional Office G.T road Gujranwala).
- 5. SIALKOT (Executive Passport Office Imam Sahib Road Hajipura, Sialkot).
- 6. MULTAN (3rd floor Chan One Tower Abdali road, Multan).
- 7. SARGODHA (MM Alam Road, Near Sher Zaman Town Toheed Plaza, Sargodha)
- 8. LAHORE (Executive Passport Office 27-A Block xx, phase-III, DHA, Lahore).
- 9. FAISALABAD (Fazal Plaza backside Kohinoor Plaza Jaranwala road, Faisalabad).
- 10. SAHIWAL (Executive Passport Office Gulistan road near Ali Masjid Sahiwal).

- 11. KARACHI (behind South City Hospital adjacent to ATC court in building "Karachi Beach Residency" ground floor, plot # commercial 2/5 Clifton 3).
- 12. QUETTA (Plot No. 30, main Commercial Area, Jinnah Town, Quetta).
- 13. PESHAWAR (Nadra Mega Centre Tambowanu Mor opposite Runway, next to Rasheed Motor, Peshawar).

@*Question No. 12 Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:

(Notice Received on 12/11/2020 at 1:30 PM) QID: 37605

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign health related Non-Governmental Organizations, which have closed their operations in Pakistan during previous Government;
- (b) the number of applications received by the present Government from foreign Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for seeking permission to work in health sector in Pakistan; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant permission/exemption to foreign NGOs interested to work on prevention and control of Covid-19 pandemic in Pakistan, if so, details thereof?

Reply not received.

*Question No. 44 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:** (Notice Received on 5/01/2020 at 10:30 AM) QID: 37684

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total number of firing incidents took place at police check posts in Islamabad Capital Territory during the last two years indicating the details and action taken against those police officials involved in firing on citizens?

Reply not received.

[@] Transferred from the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

*Question No. 45 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:** (Notice Received on 11/10/2020 at 12:30 PM) QID: 37553

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of prohibited and non-prohibited arms licenses issued during the period from January, 2018 to August, 2020; and
- (b) the policy and procedure laid down for the issuance of arms licenses to Parliamentarians and Government servants?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: (a) The detail of Prohibited and Non-Prohibited arms licenses issued during the period from 1st January, 2018 to 31st Aug-2020 are as under:—

License Type	Total No. of Arms Licenses issued
PB	245
NPB	16087

(b) In terms of section 11-A of Pakistan Arms Ordinance 1965, empowers the Federal Government for issuance of Arms Licenses. In this regard, the draft Pakistan Arms (Amendments) bill, 2020 for inserting clause about delegation of powers from Federal Government to any authority or officer sub-ordinate has been to the Parliament for consideration. The decision regarding provision of Arms Licences to Parliamentarians & Government servants will be taken as per approval of the Parliament.

*Question No. 46 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:** (Notice Received on 2/11/2020 at 11:00 AM) QID: 37269

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued more than 6000 visas to foreigners from March, 2019 till May, 2020 without fulfilling the legal formalities/requirements, if so, the details indicating the names of those foreigners along with the names of countries of origin and current status of their stay in Pakistan; and

(b) the names of the recommending and competent authorities in the Ministry separately which recommended/authorized issuance of the said visas?

Reply not received.

*Question No. 47 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:** (Notice Received on 10/11/2020 at 11:15 AM) QID: 37601

Will the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to given the status of Province to Gilgit Baltistan, if so, details thereof?

Mr. Ali Amin Khan Gandapur: Grant of provisional provincial status to Gilgit-Baltistan is under active consideration of the Federal Government pending the final settlement of Jammu & Kashmir dispute, in accordance with UN resolutions. Moreover, the case of Constitutional and Administrative Reforms in Gilgit-Baltistan is subjudice in Supreme Court of Pakistan.

*Question No. 48 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:** (Notice Received on 11/11/2020 at 10:30 AM) QID: 37492

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) is facing financial problems, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to resolve the same?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: It is submitted that since inception of the ICTLGA-2015 and establishment of the Local Government of MCI, CDA had been giving financial support to MCI. So far CDA has allocated / released a sum of Rs. 23.00 billion to MCI on loan basis under the head of pay 8 allowances and other operational charges, Presently Finance Wing of CDA is operating for both organizations and as such no separate Finance Directorate is operational in MCI. No Schedule of Expenditure and Budgeting is done in MCI. As per CDA Finance Wing data, budget deficit of MCI is more than 4.00 billion per year, which is being financed by CDA on loan basis. Moreover, consequent upon approval of the Federal Government and for effective service delivery in the Capital City of Islamabad to ease difficulties being faced by the citizens, services

related formations of MCI have been entrusted to CDA *vide* Ministry of Interior Notification No. 6-14/2020-CDA-II dated 05th Oct, 2020 for an interim period of six months under Section 94 (2) of the Local Government Act-2015.

*Question No. 49 **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:** (Notice Received on 12/11/2020 at 10:30 AM) QID: 37481

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that street crimes are on the rise in Islamabad at present, if so, the details thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government for protection of general public from street criminals?

Reply not received.

*Question No. 50 **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:** (Notice Received on 25/11/2020 at 10:45 AM) QID: 37645

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of current outstanding amount payable to Pakistan Railways by other organizations, and the steps taken by the Government for recovery of the said amount?

Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati: The outstanding amount payable to Pakistan Railways by the departments of Federal and Provincial Govts is **Rs. 8375.04 million** up to November 2020 as detailed below:—

	Gross Total:	Rs. 8,375.04 (Million)
(c)	Autonomous and Private Bodies	Rs. 5685.736 (Million)
(b)	Provincial Departments:	Rs. 1980.217 (Million)
(a)	Federal Departments:	Rs. 709.084 (Million)

Department-wise detail is as under:-

(a) Federal:

Departments	Federal
Defence	547.303
National Highway Authority	46.124

Postal	85.307
State Bank of Pakistan	4.414
Controller General of Accounts, Islamabad	7.236
Public Works Deptt	18.700
Total	709.084

b) Provincial Departments:

Departments	Punjab	Sindh	Baluchistan	KPK	Total
Food	158.652	5.081	23.702	306.659	494.094
Provincial Highway	1,092.096	210.679	0.000	0.000	1,302.775
Irrigation	3.483	0.761	0.000	5.496	9.740
Police	21.604	0.162	0.003	0.000	21.769
Town Muncipal Authorities (TMA, TMOs)	68.732	16.566	8.117	58.424	151.839
Total	1,344.567	233.249	31.822	370.579	1980.217

c) Autonomous & Private Bodies:

Auto & Private Bodies	Amount
PSO	1872.569
WAPDA	475.003
Oil Companies (Shell Shevron)	544.510
Public Private Partnership	2,457.049
(Business Exp. Shalimar Exp, Night Coach, Bolan Exp)	
Other	336.605
Total	5685.736

*Question No. 51 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**(Notice Received on 25/11/2020 at 12:35 PM) QID: 37629

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of province-wise Railway land, encroached across the country and steps taken or being taken by the Government since July, 2018 to retrieve its land?

Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati: The detail of Province-Wise Railway land encroached across the Country is as under:

(Area in acre) Punjab **KPK** Type of Sindh Balochistan Total **Encroachment** Commercial 110.81 20.37 172.96 67.91 372.05 Residential 51.25 437.57 422.04 1399.91 2310.77 Agriculture 457.35 12.43 758.45 46.19 1274.42 Govt. Deptt. 171.98 338.30 33.42 13.42 557.12 Defense Deptt. 198.92 14.73 12.85 48.22 274.72 Total:-1361.1 437.08 2377.59 613.31 4789.08

Following steps have been taken by the Railway administration to retrieve the encroached land:—

- Detailed survey was carried out in the context of Suo Moto case No.18/2011 to identify the encroached land, occupied by the individuals and under illegal occupation of Government departments.
- The campaign is being monitored by the Divisional Superintendents, Headquarters office and at the level of Ministry of Railways.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Joint Procedure order have since been issued for strict implementation of this policy.
 FIRs are being lodged and cases are registered and sent to Railway Judicial Magistrates for expeditious trial.
- The issue regarding illegal occupation/possession of Railway land by Government Departments/Institutions has also been taken up with concerned departments. It is an ongoing campaign which will continue till the elimination/regularization of encroachments.

 An area of 439.8 acre Railway land illegally encroached by private individuals has since been retrieved back through antiencroachment operations from 01-07-2018 till date, details are as under:-

(Area in acre)

Type of Encroachment	Punjab	KPK	Sindh	Balochistan	Total
Commercial	43.993	6.77	14.734	1.19	66.687
Residential	138.91	80.382	56.84	9.77	285.9
Agriculture	47.423	28.77	10.24	0.78	87.213
Total	230.33	115.92	31.814	11.74	439.8

^{*}Question No. 52 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 25/11/2020 at 12:35 PM) QID: 37628

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of revived Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) route line as on 20th November 2020; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to extend the KCR route line, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati: (a) The Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) track has since been rehabilitated/revived from Karachi City to Orangi Stations (14 Kms out of 30 Kms of KCR loop section).

(b) The Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) route will be the same as existed before its closure. However, the passenger train service has been extended up to Marshalling Yard Pipri on Main Line.

*Question No. 53 **Senator Seemee Ezdi:** (Notice Received on 26/11/2020 at 12:00 PM) QID: 37639

Will the Minister Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Capital Development Authority is over staffed against its sanctioned posts at present, if so, the details indicating the department / wings wise number of existing employees in the said entity alongwith sanctioned strengthen of posts in each wing / department?

Sheikh Rashid Ahmed: No, The Capital Development Authority is not over staffed. The sanctioned and working strength of employees of the Authority is enclosed at **Annexure-"A"** for perusal.

Annex-"A"

SANCTIONED / WORKING STERNGTH OF CDA/MCI

Sr.No	Basic Pay Scale Sanctioned Posts		Inposition	Vacant
1 .	17 & above	1012	659	353
2 ·	01 to 16	18416	12680	5736
	TOTAL	19428	13339	6089

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For Thursday, the 4th February, 2021

Question No. 6 Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo: (Notice Received on 3/11/2020 at 2:05 PM) QID: 37589

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) details of applications received by the Government for repair and maintenance work in D and E type Government owned accommodations in sectors F-6/1 and G-6/2 Islamabad from January 2017 till date indicating also the names of applicants, designations, departments and nature of maintenance/repair work; and
- (b) steps taken by the Government for undertaking repair and maintenance work in the said government owned accommodations?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD, the 3rd February, 2021 MOHAMMAD QASIM SAMAD KHAN, Secretary.