

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 24th January, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question - Nos 59 to 68. : Set down for answering on 1st November, 2011.
- (ii) Question Nos.16 to 24. : Set down for answering on 9th December, 2011.
- (in) Question Nos.86, 87 and 90. : Set down for answering on 20th December, 2011.

59. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names of contractors whose payment bills are pending with NHA indicating also its reasons and the work completed by them in each case?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: An amount of Rs 8,074 million was payable to different contractors of NHA as on May 31, 2011. Names of contractors and relevant details are at **Annex-A**.

The 50% cut on PSDP allocation by GoP in Financial Year 2010-11 caused acute shortage of funds and accumulation of claims of different contractors on various ongoing projects.

Detail of work completed *i.e.* progress of each ongoing development project in question is at **Annex-B**.

60. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of roads in Balochistan on which the Motorways Police personnel have been deputed; and*

(b) *the number of employees of the Motorways Police working in District Gwadar, Balochistan?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Presently National Highways 86 Motorway Police (NH & MP) officers are deployed on portions of N-25 (RCD Highway) and N-10 (Coastal Highway).

(b) Following uniformed & uniformed staff of (NH & MP) is posted in district Gwadar Balochistan.

Uniformed	47 [Annex-I]
Non-Uniformed	14 [Annex-II]

61. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps taken to improve the standard of construction of Motorways and Highways in the country; and*

(b) *the amount incurred to improve the standard of Motorways and Highways in the country during the fiscal year 2010-2011?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Roads constructed by NHA are based on international standard “American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials (ASHTO) and comparable to any world class roads. Motorways like M-1, M-2 & M-3 are good examples in this regard.

NHA has introduced many new technologies that cater both conventional/non-conventional raw materials for maintenance and construction of roads for the first time in Pakistan on national highways and motorways:—

1. Hot & Cold Recycling of Asphalt Concrete Pavements.
2. Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB).
3. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB).
4. Stone Mastic Asphalt Technology (SMA).
5. Cellulose Fibre Technology by Forta F1 Fibres.
6. Rigid Pavement Technology.
7. Composite Pavement Technology.
8. Geo-grid Reinforcement of Pavements.

Rubberized tar and recycled plastic waste has not yet been employed by NHA on its projects.

Incorporating a new technology or non-conventional raw materials for road construction needs careful evaluation of various parameters such as performance and costs. Therefore, NHA is employing various new technologies through test sections for monitoring and evaluation.

(b) During FY 2010-11 an amount of Rs 19.75 billion was approved for carrying out routine maintenance works and completing ongoing / committed rehabilitation and periodic maintenance works, etc.

62. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that illegal bus stops have been established by the transporters on GT road from Sohan Bus Terminal to Katchery, Chowk, Rawalpindi in particular opposite Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, if so, the time by which the same will be removed; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to use the old Octroi Post No. 18 building for National Highway Police as camp office to check illegal parking / bus stops in the said area, if so, when?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) No illegal bus stop has been established by transporters between Sohan Bus Terminal & Katchery Chowk (N-5). Only one legal bus stop has been provided by NHA in front of the Fauji Foundation Hospital, Defence Chowk, Rawalpindi.

Illegal parking by transport vehicles opposite Al-Shifa Eye Hospital has been blocked by NHA's field staff erecting barriers under overhead bridge on the southbound carriageway although the issue of illegal parking is required to be attended by the City Traffic Police, Rawalpindi.

(b) The said location (Octroi Post 18) is being used by Punjab Police and not by National Highway & Motorway Police (NHMP). No proposal for using the said location by NHMP has yet been received.

63. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that development work like construction / repairing of roads in a city is in the jurisdiction of the local government or the concerned provincial government;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that National Highway Authority is carrying out various works in Multan city, if so, the authority under which those works are being carried out; and*
- (c) *the details of works recently carried out and being carried out in that city by the National Highways Authority?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, development work like construction/ repair of road in a city is the responsibility of concerned local, district or provincial government.

(b) Yes, NHA is carrying out various works in Multan City under the Prime Minister's Directives as deposit works.

(c) NHA has undertaken 4 projects in Multan City:—

<i>Project/Section</i>	<i>Km</i>	<i>Rs in M</i>	<i>Progress</i>
a. Kumharanwala (Jinnah) Chowk - Bahawalpur Chowk/Upgradation {Thin is National Highway, N-5)	8	914	98%

Deposit Works

b. Inner Ring Road Multan	—	4011	82%
c. Nag Shah Chowk Flyover	—	603	35%
d. Bosan, Road	8	991	4%

64. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for the repair and construction of Highways and Motorways in the country during the fiscal year 2010-11 with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the amount spent out of the same in Sindh province?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Construction. NHA was allocated Rs. 37,418 million (LC component) & Rs. 7,218 million (FC component) in PSDP 2010-11. Province-wise allocation was as given below :—

Province	LC*	FC**	Total
1. Punjab	18,646.684	3,395.327	22,042.011
2. Sindh	6,378.521	905.420	7,283.941
3. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,966.077	181.084	2,147.161
4. Balochistan	9,717.443	1,913.728	11,631.171
5. Gilgit-Baltistan	7,09.643	823109	15,32752
Total	37,418.368	7,218.668	44,637.036

*Local Currency

**Foreign Currency

Due to 50% cut on overall PSDP, LC allocation was reduced to Rs 18,500 million.

Repair.—An amount of Rs 19.759 billion allocated in FY 2010-11. Province-wise status :—

Province	Allocation
1. Punjab	788.80
2. Sindh	320.49
3. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	250.72
4. Balochistan	398.72
5. Gilgit-Baltistan	242.16
Motorways	219.87
7. Sub total -1 (1 to 6)	2220.76
8. Allocation for emergency /flood works	5686.81
9. Sub total-2 (7 + 8)	7907.57
10. Clearance of pending maintenance payments (pervious years)	11851.43
Total (9 + 10)	19759.00

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(b) Amount spent during FY 2010-11 in Sindh:—

Construction. Rs 7,089.578 million

Repair. Rs 1,086 million

65. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that installation of traffic sign boards on National Highways in the country is the responsibility of National Highways Authority (NHA):*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no such sign boards have been installed at the G.T road, opposite Al- Shrla Trust Eye Hospital, Jhelum Road, Rawalpindi, ifso, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that due to non installation of these signboards at the said place unauthorized parking / bus stop and food stalls at old Octroi Post No. 18 have been established which hinders the normal traffic flow on the road, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to install proper traffic sign boards and remove those encroachments?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, installation of traffic signboards on national highways is the responsibility of NHA to regularize smooth and safe flow of traffic.

(b) Necessary traffic signboards (no parking boards) have been installed on GT Road opposite Al-Shifa Truat Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi

(c) The said. location (Octroi Post 18) falls in the limits of Chaklala Cantonment Board so they are responsible to remove food stalls and other encroachments. NHA has already constructed Bus Stop in front of Fuji Foundation Hospital for proper, parking of public transport. Moreover, the Chief Traffic Officer, Rawalpindi was requested to stop unauthorized /illegal parking in front of Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital, Rawalpindi. NHA has also served notices on illegal encroachers to remove their encroachments under Section-12 of NHA Act, 1991.

66. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 07-10-2011 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister far Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work on lowari tunnel has been halted, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that original estimated cost and date of completion of the project as approved in PC-I has been revised, if so, the revised cost and date of completion of the project; and*
- (c) *the amount released for the project during the current financial year and details of its utilization?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The work on Lowari Tunnel is halted and Contract between NHA and Contractor is stand Terminated *w.e.f.* 3 June, 2011, because the contractor issued a notice due to non payment of their dues, However, the notice was challenged by NHA “The Engineer” has declared both the notices as in fractious.

Contractor further issued the notice for Arbitration to NHA. He has proposed an amicable settlement, whose proceedings are in progress.

(b) Estimated Cost for the Project has been revised to Rs.18.132 Billion With expected time of completion of 4 years Revised PC-I has been approved by ECNEC in its meeting held on 11th November, 2011.

(c) Rs.145.3 Million has been released, so far. in current financial year. Utilization of release is as under:

- Contractor Rs. 84.15 Million
- Consultant. Rs. 25 Million

67. *Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen: (Notice received on 08-10-2011 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names, BPS, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the Directors, Project Directors and General Managers working in National Highways Authority indicating also the date of their posting against the said posts?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Total 187 officers are presently are working as Directors, Project Directors & GMs in NHA on regular/ contract strength. Province-wise break-up is given below:—

<u>Province</u>	<u>Officers</u>
Punjab	76
Sindh(R)	39
Sindh(U)	16
KP	34
Balochistan	13
FATA/GB	9
Total	187

List containing relevant details is at **Annex-A**.

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

68. *Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen: (Notice received on 10-10-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for appointment of Chairman and Members, National Highways Authority (NHA); and*

(b) *the names, educational qualifications, experience, BPS, place of domicile and length of service of the incumbent Chairman and Members, NHA?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) No educational qualifications and experience are prescribed for appointment of Chairman NHA. Instructions regarding appointment of the Chairman are contained in Section-9 (Chairman, his duties, functions & powers), Chapter-II (Establishment & Management of the Authority) of NHA Act. 1991 (amended 2001). which state that the National Highway Council (NHC) shall appoint the Chairman who shall be Chief Executive of the Authority.

There are three types of Members in NHA viz Engineering, Finance and Admin. There are no prescribed rules including educational qualifications for appointment against these positions.

The President NHC is the appointing authority for BS-20 & above according to Rule-6 of NHA Employees Service Rules-1995. Following system is followed:—

- (1) *Members (Engr.)* are normally appointed from amongst the senior most GMs of the Civil Engg Cadre based on seniority, performance, efficiency & output and suitability.
- (2) *Member (Finance)* has been traditionally appointed by the GoP from the Civil Service Occupational Groups managed by the Establishment Division. However, there are no laid down restrictions on filling-up this post through promotion of eligible officers of NHA Accounts Cadre.
- (3) *Member (Admin)*. This post was created only in 2009 and has been held by three DMG officers since then. However, there are no laid down restrictions on filling-up this post through promotion of eligible officers of NHA Non Tech Cadre.

(b) Syed Muhammad Ali Gardezi, belonging to Punjab, is the current Chairman NHA. He is a seasoned BS-21 DMG officer having held numerous positions of high & versatile responsibility in his career of around 3 decades in Punjab, Sindh & Balochistan (**Annex-A**).

Requisite information concerning Members NHA is at. **Annex-B**.

16. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in National Highway and Motorway Police during the last three years with province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: During last three years following appointments have been carried out in National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP):

Uniformed	539 [Annex-I]
Non-Uniformed	202 [Annex-II]
Total	741

17. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 24 replied on 28th August, 2008 and state:

- (a) *the findings of inquiry report conducted into the collapse of Shershah bridge, Karachi;*
- (b) *the names of persons held responsible for the said collapse and the action taken against them;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that some of the employees of the National Highway Authority who were found responsible for the said mishap are still working in that authority, if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) *the name of the authority which approved the design and granted funds for that project?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Relevant extracts from the findings of the Inquiry Team, appointed by the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission are at **Annex-A**.

(b) Requisite names are also given in **Annex-A**. No action was recommended against them in the Inquiry Report. However, disciplinary proceedings against the officers of NHA, i.e. (i) Mr. Altaf Chaudhry, then Chairman (ii) Raja Nowshwerwan Sultan Member (Planning) and (iii) Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Barakazai, then Project Director, allegedly held responsible in the report have been initiated. Besides, they are also facing criminal proceedings in the court of an Additional Session Judge at Karachi.

(c) Three officers named in the findings of the Inquiry Team are still employed in NHA.

(d) The design of the bridge was out sourced to M/S ECIL (Engineer Consultant International Limited). NHA provided funds for the project through PSDP.

18. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount released by the Ministry of Finance for NHA projects during the last financial year with province-wise and project-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the amount to be released for completion of each of the said projects?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA was allocated Rs 36,418 million (local currency component) in PSDP 2010-11. Due to 50% cut on overall PSDP, the allocation was reduced to Rs 18,500 million. To-date, Rs 17,362 million have been released by Ministry of Finance.

Funds to NHA are released as single line budget and not province or project-wise. Nevertheless, province-wise details of the projects is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Total amount required to complete ongoing projects is Rs 371 billion. As funds are not released on time, projects suffer from time & cost overrun. Details are at **Annex-B**.

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19. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received On 28-09-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of projects of the National Highways Authority included in PSDP 2011-12 with province-wise break up indicating also the amount allocated for each project; and*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for inclusion of a project in PSDP?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Province-wise allocation for NHA projects included in PSDP 2011-12 in given below:—

<i>Province</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Total</i>
Punjab	11,067	1,179	2,245
Sindh	7,250	3,020	0,270
KPK	6,307	330	6,637
Balochistan	8,092	695	8,787
Gilgit-Balatistan	815	1,145	1,960
Total	33,531	6,369	39,900

(b) Project-wise allocation for PSDP 2011-12 issued by Planning & Commission is at **Annex-A**.

(c) Project were included in PSDP as per the policy laid down by the Planning Commission is at **Annex-B**.

20. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the original estimated cost of Northern Bypass, Peshawar, and its revised cost, if any;*
- (b) *the date on which work on section-1 of the bypass was started and its expected date of completion;*
- (c) *the percentage of work completed on that section so far; and*
- (d) *the amount paid to the contractor so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Original estimated cost of Northern Bypass, Peshawar is Rs 9002.75 million. Project is to be implemented in 3 x packages. Presently, work on only Pack-I has commenced. Contract cost of this package is Rs 1962.258 million and revised expected cost including additional works (4 x underpasses & 1 x via duct) is Rs 2219.498 million (*i.e.* 13.12% increase).

(b) Work commenced on Feb 10, 2011 and, as per revised work schedule, is expected to be completed by Jul 30, 2012.

(c) --- 24% ---

(d) An amount of Rs 515.205 million has been paid to the contractor so far.

21. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 07-10-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designations of officers of the National Highway Authority involved in the case of collapse of Sher Shah Bridge, Karachi; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the said officers have been posted against other important positions, if so, the reasons for making their posting before finalization of that case and the rules under which the same has been done?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Following serving/retired NHA officers were associated in the construction of Shersah Bridge Karachi Northern Bypass:-

Serving Officers

1. Raja Nowsherwan, Ex-Member (Planning)
2. Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Barakzai, Ex-Project Director

Retired Officers

1. Mr. Altaf Ahmad Ch. Ex –Chairman NHA
2. Maj Gen (Retd) Farrukh Javed, Ex –Chairman NHA
3. Col (Retd) Tehsin ul Haq, Ex- GM (Construction)

(b) Three Officers namely;

- (1) Mr. Altaf Ahmad Ch. Ex –Chairman NHA
- (2) Maj Gen (Retd) Farrukh Javed, Ex –Chairman NHA
- (3) Col (Retd) Tehsin ul Haq, Ex- GM (Construction) stand retired.

Enquiry proceedings against M/S Raja Nowsherwan, Ex-Member (Planning) and Muhammad Yousaf Barakzai, Ex-Project Director are underway. The officers have been made OSD *vide* this Ministry's letter No. 12(10)/98-Roads and NHA's Office Order No. Inq/Admn(C)/961/11/3289 dated 8th December, 2011 [**copy enclosed**].

22. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a)

Organization/Department	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
Ministry of Communications	44,859,568 (Annex-A)	37,946,809 (Annex-A)	45,807,289 (Annex-A)
National Transport Research Centre	19,540,340	20,873,515	25,019,659

	(Annex-B)	(Annex-B)	(Annex-B)
National Highways & Motorway Police	2,062,118,808	2,315,155,945	2,710,343,797
	(Annex-C)	(Annex-C)	(Annex-C)
Construction Technology Training Institute	33,795,018	38,287,997	50,000,000
	(Annex-D)	(Annex-D)	(Annex-D)
National Highways Authority	25,547,000	24,347,000	33,666,000
	(Annex-E)	(Annex-E)	(Annex-E)

(b) Expenditure is being reduced in the light of the Austerity Measures issued by the Government from time to time.

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23. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*

(b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) detail of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud detected during the last three years is attached as per following;

- (i) NH&MP Annex-A
- (ii) NHA Annex-B

(b) As above.

24. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to widen and upgrade the Karakoram highway, if so, its details?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Yes, NHA has planned widening/up-gradation of Karakoram Highway (N-35) in sections:—

Section	Km	Plan	Implementation
a. Hasanabdal - Mansehra	110	Expressway on new alignment	2012-15
b. Mansehra -Thakot	93	Upgraded/widened	2007-11
c. Thakot-Sazin.	161	Improvement/widening	2012-16

d.	Shatial - Thor Nullah Bypass	35	Reconstruction	2011-13
e.	Sazin-Raikot	120	Realignment to cater for Bahasha Dimmer Dam reservoir	2012-16
f.	Raikot-Khumjerab	334	Improvement/widening	2008-13
g.	Attaabad Lake	25	Realignment	2011-13

86. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 08:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the percentage of construction work completed so far on Hoshab to Panjgor-Nag-Basima Road of the NHA; and*
- (b) *the amount released so far to the contractor of the said road and the time by which the construction of the road will be completed?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Up-gradation, widening & construction of Surab - Basima -Nag - Panjgur - Hoshab (N-85) has been undertaken in four sections at a cost of Rs 17.455 billion. Progress is as follows :—

<i>Section</i>	<i>km</i>	<i>Progress</i>
Surab - Basima	91	10%
Basima- Nag	95	14%
Nag- Panjgur	130	31%
Panjgur-Hoshab	138	16%

(b) An amount of Rs 3.666 billion has so far been released to FWO. Project is likely to be completed by Jun-2014 subject to provision of required funds.

Note.—Work currently suspended on non-payment of dues.

87. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Karakoram highway has been damaged due to Attabad lake, if so, the extent of that damage; and*
- (b) *the time by which the damaged portion of the highway will be repaired / reconstructed?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) A massive landslide occurred on Karakoram Highway (KKH) across Hunza near Attaabad on Jan 4, 2010. The debris 86 huge boulders blocked River Hunza in a length of around 500 m. The blockage has created a lake, submerging 24 km length of KKH.

(b) The contract for lowering the water level of the lake by 30m has been awarded to FWO by P & D Division. If this mission is achieved, around 7 km road length will be retrieved. FWO has so far managed lowering the lake level by 4m and has indicated that the task is likely to take next 2 to 3 low flow seasons (winters).

Meanwhile, NHA signed a contract with M/s China Road & Bridge Corporation on Dec-2010 for realignment of KKH. It is based on 85% funding in foreign currency from Chinese side & 15% in local currency by GoP. Application for loan is under process with EAD. Work will be completed in 2 years after commencement subject to availability /release of funds.

90. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 01-12-2011 at 15:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure laid down for election of Members of Senate from FATA before, during 2003 and subsequent elections; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said procedure was changed in / after 2002, if so, its reasons?*

Mr. Moula Bukhsh Chandio: (a) According to Senate (Election) Rules, 1975 as applicable to FATA, following procedure is laid down for election of Members of Senate from FATA:—

Voting Procedure.—(1) A voter on receipt of the ballot paper shall forthwith—

- (a) Proceed to the voting booth;
- (b) Record his vote in accordance with rule 33 C;
- (c) Fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote; and
- (d) Insert the ballot paper into the ballot box.

(2) No voter shall be allowed to enter into the voting booth when another voter is inside it.

(3) A voter shall vote without undue delay and shall leave the polling station immediately after he has inserted his ballot paper into the ballot box.

- (b) No change in the said procedure has been made since 1975.

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-12-2011 at 17:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Reply not received.

75. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-12-2011 at 17:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Postal Services, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) The detail of expenditure of Pakistan Post Office Department an attached department of Ministry of Postal Services during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise breakup is enclosed as **Annex-A.**

(b) The detail of steps taken/being taken by the department to reduce the said expenditure is enclosed as **Annex-B.**

76. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Human Rights, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year wise break- up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Mr. Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar: (a) Year wise details of Non-Development expenditures during last three (3) years in respect of Ministry of Human Rights and its attached/subordinate offices is as follows:—

Financial years-wise/details head wise break up is at Annexure I,II,III,IV and V.

2. The public Sector Development Programms (PSDP) of Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR) did not exist prior to 30th June, 2011.

(b) Average 53% budget/expenditure relates to salaries of employees and 47% pertains to other than salary expenses. The Ministry is always allocated budget less than actual requirements. Some of the important needs for operational efficiency remain unmet. Hence there is no question of reducing the said expenditure. However, Ministry has not purchased any vehicles during 2008-09 and 2010-11. Austerity measures were taken under various heads of accounts to reduce the expenditure. An amount of Rs. 1.815 million was saved in compliance of austerity measures.

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

77. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the highways in the country on which the Motorways police personnel have been posted at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to post Motorway police personnel on the remaining highways, if so, the names of such Highways?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Presently the National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) personnel have been posted at the following motorways and highways in the country:

- M-1 (Islamabad-Peshawar)
- M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore)

- M-3 (Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad)
- N-5 (Peshawar-Karachi)
- N-10 (Coastal Highway)
- Lyari Expressway
- N-25 (RCD Highway)
- N-75 (Islamabad- Murree)

(b) NH&MP personnel shall be posted on all federalized roads in phased manner and subject to sanction of resources by the Government.

Immediate enforcement plans are to depute the NH & MP personnel on N-35 (Hassanabdal-Mansehra Dual Carriageway) is under submission to the Government for sanction of manpower and other resources.

78. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of mercy cases referred to the President of Pakistan since 2008; and*
- (b) *the names of prisoners / individuals who were given relief by the President indicating also the nature of crime / sentence and relief given in each case?*

Mr. Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar:

(a) **Sindh Province:—**

The (14) numbers of mercy cases of condemned prisoners submitted to the Honourable President of Pakistan since 2008.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:—

The (26) number of mercy cases referred to the President of Pakistan since 2008.

Punjab Province:—

The (406) numbers of mercy cases referred to the President of Pakistan since 2008.

Balochistan Province:—

The (09) number of mercy cases referred to the President of Pakistan since 2008.

(b) **Sindh Province:—**

The Honourable President of Pakistan has stayed execution of condemned prisoner Jalil son of Abdullah Morejo convicted in case U/S.302 PPC by learned ADJ Naushahroferoze since 20-03-2008.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:—

Nil

Punjab Province:—

The Honourable President of Pakistan has given relief to release Mr. Kashmir Singh s/o Sansar Singh convicted in under 3 read with section 9 of the Official secrets Act 1923 *vide* President Secretariat reference No.3-135-77 P.S.-T-N-S dated 1-3-2008. He was released from Central Jail, Lahore

Balochistan Province:—

Nil

79. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of launch of the project for Technical Assistance to Access Justice Programme;*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the project indicating also the foreign loans/ aid received for the same;*
- (c) *the development and non-development expenditures incurred on the project so far with year-wise break-up; and*
- (d) *the salient achievements of the project?*

Mr. Moula Bukhsh Chandio: (a) On 31st August, 2002 the Project for Technical Assistance to AJP, after getting approval of the competent forum of ECNEC was launched.

(b) The Cost of the Technical Assistance to AJP was US \$ 20 million.

(c) US\$ 4.430 million was utilized in local currency as per the year wise break up given below:—

(Rs. In Million)

Financial Year	Expenditure
2003-04	Rs. 9.539
2004-05	Rs. 4.662
2005-06	Rs. 27.987
2006-07	Rs. 81.791
2007-08	Rs. 141.863
Total	Rs. 265.842
Eq. US \$ 4.430 million	

(d) The salient achievements of the TA Project are given below:

1. Engagement of Consultants / Professional Exports:
2. AJP related Training, Work Shops & Seminars were held.
3. Public Awareness Campaign was initiated.
4. IT equipment and materials (Law Books) were provided to justice Sector Institutions.
5. Steps taken for Judicial Performance, Public Safety & Prosecution .
6. Measures for Legal Empowerment & Education were taken.
7. Fiscal Reforms for justice sector were initiated.

80. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the names and designations of officers of NTCL who visited abroad on Government expenses during the last four years indicating also the purpose of visit and expenditure incurred in each case with head-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

81. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the number employees hailing from Sindh (Rural) in the Ministry and its attached departments is less than the prescribed quota, if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make up the said deficiency?

Reply not received.

82. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for protection of rights of children involved in child labour?

Mr. Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar: Prior to the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of child labour was dealt by the Ministry of Labour and Manpower, which has been devolved to the provinces. Provincial Governments are therefore now responsible to safeguard the rights of child labourers. According to the Rules of Business 1973, as amended in 2010, the task of keeping a watch on labour legislation from international perspective and coordination of labour legislation in Pakistan has been assigned to the Human Resource Development Division. However, the National Commission for Child Welfare and Development (NCCWD) has been placed with the Ministry of Human Rights so notified on December 2, 2011 (copy enclosed). This is an advisory body of the Government of Pakistan on matters concerning child rights. The Ministry is also a national focal point for international obligations regarding child rights, etc. This makes a national coordinator and monitor. Therefore, the Ministry has taken upon itself the responsibility of preparing the Child Protection Policy and moving the Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2011 to protect the children from abuse and exploitation including child labour which will shortly be submitted to the Cabinet.

A brief on the steps taken by the Government and stakeholders is at Annexe-A.

83. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the names, place of domicile and place of posting of community welfare attaches posted abroad during the last two years?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: Seven Community Welfare Attaches were posted in Pakistan Missions abroad during last two years as detailed below:—

S#	Station/ Place of Posting	Name	Province/ Domicile	Date of joining
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1.	Oslo	Mr. Muhammad Saleem	Punjab	15/01/2011
2.	Abu Dhabi	Mr. Ghulam Farooq Langove	Balochistan	18/01/2011
3.	Muscat	Mr. Shahid Javed	Punjab	20/01/2011
4.	Riyadh	Syed Hammad Abid	Punjab	26/01/2011
5.	Milan	Dr. Syed Muhammad Farooq	Sindh (U)	28/01/2011
6.	Seoul	Mr. Muhammad Humair Karim	Sindh (R)	04/01/2011
7.	Dubai	Dr. Riaz Hussain Laang	Punjab	10/02/2011

84. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the time by which the road from Kalat to Quetta and Chaman to Quetta will be completed?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: National Highway Authority (NHA) is widening, rehabilitating and improving Kalat - Quetta - Chaman Road (N-25) under Balochistan Road Development Sector Project through Asian Development Bank's loan. Project comprises 4 x packages:—

Package	Section	Km	Rs. (In Million)	Progress
ICB-I	Kalat-Khad Koocha	60	1319	Completed
ICB-II	Khad Koocha-Quetta	57	1436	50%
ICB-III	Quetta-Jungle Peer Alizai	60	1427	Completed
ICB-IV	Jungle Peer Alizai-Chaman	48	1461	50%

ICB: International Competitive Bidding

Packages No. ICB-I & III have been completed and defect liability period has also expired.

Work on ICB-II & IV is ongoing and expected to be completed by September 30, 2012 subject to smooth flow of funds.

ISLAMABAD :
The 23rd January, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.