

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 1st February, 2012

@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.

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

<u>Project/Section</u>	<u>Km</u>	<u>Rs in M</u>	<u>Progress</u>
a. Kumharanwala (Jinnah) Chowk - Bahawalpur Chowk/Upgradation	8	914	98%

{Thin is Narional Highway, N-5}

Deposit Works

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

@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

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- (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?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications: (a) The requisite information in respect of Ministry of Information Technology (Main), its attached department, subordinate offices and corporation may please be seen at Annex-A.

(b) Ministry of Information Technology, its attached department, subordinate offices and corporation . follows the instruction issued by Federal Government from time to time and economy measure taken by the Government has also been followed. Moreover, Ministry (Main), its attached department, subordinate and corporation has not been taken any extra grant in these Financial Years.

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@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?

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications: No. officer of NTC visited abroad on Govt./NTC expenses during last four years.

@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?

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications: Ministry of Information Technology and its attached departments follow the instructions issued by Federal Government from time to time regarding observance of prescribed quota of provinces including Sindh (Rural). Details of sanctioned strength of Ministry of I.T and Pakistan Computer Bureau are annexed at Annex A and B respectively.

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137. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the income and expenditure of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation during the last five years with head-wise and year-wise break-up?

Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri: The income and expenditure of PNSC during the last five years with head-wise and year wise break up is as under:—

Rs in Million

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
REVENUE					
Operating Revenue	9,089.124	10,753.528	11,474.349	7,889.942	9,293.169
Other Operating Revenues	943.526	814.973	825.417	888.895	485.938
Total	10,032.650	11,568.501	12,299.766	8,778.837	9,779.107
EXPENSES					
Fleet Expenses	6,495.702	7,277.061	8,411.781	6,431.835	7,303.240
Administrative & General Expenses	468.030	445.027	519.807	623.353	631.646
Other Operating Expenses	143.509	184.265	319.113	253.206	179.346
Finance Costs	77.353	174.987	54.154	20.912	264.435
Taxation	511.183	1,038.281	682.069	481.707	393.168
	7,329.306	8,378.667		Total	7,184.594
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138. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Postal Services, 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?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) Post Office is an attached department under the Ministry of Postal Services and it has a vast network of Post Offices throughout the country. There is no subordinate department or corporation under the Ministry. 142 cases of misappropriation and fraud involving loss of Rs. 410,914,611/- have occurred during the last three years out of which a sum of Rs. 72,275,183/- was recovered from the involved officials. Efforts are underway for recovery of remaining loss from them departmentally as well as through FIA/NAB. Detail of cases and position of action taken against the responsible officials is annexed *vide* Annex-A. Disciplinary action against all the accused/delinquents has been initiated. Charge Sheets/ Order of Enquiries under E & D Rules, 1973 stand issued.

(b) The names and designation of involved officials and the action taken against them is also included in Annex-A.

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

139. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 16-01-2012 at 16:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control traffic accidents on national highways?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: In order to bring traffic discipline and put a check on accidents, it is essential to change mindset of road users. In this regard National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) is striving hard and has made Road Safety education campaigns as a primary objective of its overall enforcement strategy. The measures adopted have shown results. With the continuation of Road Safety drives and production of sensible/disciplined drivers, the overall road safety situation on highways and motorway would improve manifold. The accident comparison, as given below, reflects that the measures being taken are paying off:

Year	Accidents	Casualties		
		Deaths	Injuries	Total

2009	686	526	1645	2171
2010	564	423	1363	1786
2011	460	407	1291	1698

ISLAMABAD :
The 31st January, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.