

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 28th September, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTION

*[Question No.71 was originally set down for answering on
5th August, 2010 (63rd Session) but was deferred]*

71. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 18-06-2010 at 16:50 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names, educational qualification, experience and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry on re-employment and contract basis during the last five years indicating also the reasons of such appointments, in each case; and*

(b) *whether the said posts were advertised in the press?*

Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan: (a) The names, educational qualification, experience and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry on re-employment and contract basis during the last five years is at Annex-I.

(b) The posts in MP Scale were created in 2006. The same were advertised and appointments were made after completing codal formalities. However, appointments of Sr. Joint Secretaries were made from retired District and Sessions Judge from various High Courts with the approval of Prime Minister without advertising the posts in the press. The details have been shown against each at Annex-I.

101. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-08-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of official telephones installed in the offices and residences of the officers of the Ministry of Environment, its attached departments and subordinate offices; and*

(b) *the amount of bills paid alongwith entitlement in respect of the said telephones since July 2008 with telephone-wise break up?*

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: (a) The total number of Official telephones installed in the offices and residences of Officers of the Ministry of Environment and its attached departments are as under:—

Main Ministry

Number of officials telephones installed: 121

Attached Departments

National Energy Conservation Center (ENERCON) Number of officials telephones installed: 16

Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA)

Number of officials telephones installed: 26

Zoological Survey Department (ZSD)

Number of officials telephones installed: 03

Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI)

Number of officials telephones installed: 35

Quaid-e-Azam Management Mazar Board (QMMB)

Number of officials telephones installed: 06

Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants Limited (PEPAC)

Number of officials telephones installed: 06

National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW)

Number of officials telephones installed: 04

(b) the detail of amount of bills alongwith entitlement are as under:—

Main Ministry	(Annex-I)
National Energy Conservation Center (ENERCON)	(Annex-II)
Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA)	(Annex-III)
Zoological Survey Department (ZSD)	(Annex-IV)
Pakistan Forest Institute (PFI)	(Annex-V)
Quaid-e-Azam Management Mazar Board (QMMB)	(Annex-VI)
Pakistan Environmental Planning & Architectural Consultants	

Limited (PEPAC)

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National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW)

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

102. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of saplings planted by the Ministry of Environment and its attached departments in the country during the last two years;*
- (b) the number of the said saplings which have grown; and*
- (c) the amount spent on these plantations with year-wise break-up?*

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: (a) The functions of Ministry of Environment include national level planning and Inter-Provincial/Inter-Ministerial coordination on tree planting activities. Provincial Forest Departments and other organizations under take tree planting in Spring and Monsoon seasons in accordance with the national tree planting plan prepared by Ministry of Environment for each seasonal campaign. Ministry of Environment and its attached departments are not directly involved in mass tree planting activities. The progress of sapling planted during the last two years is tabulated as under:

103. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 10-08-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost for CRBC Crossing-Sara-e-Gambila N-55(70.271 km); and*
- (b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009- 10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) Rs. 1800 million.

(b) Against Rs. 500 million allocated in PSDP 2009-10, Rs. 441.083 million were utilized in that fiscal year. Overall, an amount of Rs. 1782 million has been spent, so far.

104. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 10-08-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost for Hassanabdal-Abbottabad-Mansehra Expressway (97 km); and*
- (b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) NHA has planned construction of Expressway (E-35) in 2 x Packages through Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s financial assistance :—

I. Hasanabdal -Havelian (59 km).

PC-I has been prepared at a cost of Rs. 2361 billion.

II. Havelian-Mansehra (50.6 km).

Alignment is yet to be firmed-up because of issues East of Abbottabad for bypassing the city. For seeking approval of the project, PC-I is being prepared on original alignment approved behind Military Academy Tentative cost is Rs. 26 billion.

Total project cost is estimated as Rs. 49.61 billion. Consolidated PC-I is also under preparation.

(b) Amount allocated for land acquisition and resettlement in PSDP 2009-10 was Rs. 500 million. However, Rs. 700 million were actually released to the Provincial Board of Revenue for land acquisition/resettlement in Phase-I.

105. ***Col, (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-08-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch an insurance scheme for the protection of Wildlife in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to launch an insurance scheme for the protection of wildlife in the country.

106. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-08-2010 at 08:57 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken so far by the incumbent Minister for Environment indicating also the names of countries visited, purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: The detail of foreign visits undertaken by incumbent Federal Minister for Environment, names of countries visited, purpose of visit and amount spent in each case are as under:—

107. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 12-08-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that the centralized system of admission to various classes in Islamabad Model Colleges has been abolished and the Principals of those colleges have been authorized to grant admission in their respective colleges, if so, its reasons;*

(b) *the number of complaints recently received about violation of merit in admission in the said colleges under new system, if so, the action taken thereon; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore the centralized system of admissions in those colleges, if so, when?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) Yes, the Admission in Islamabad Model Colleges from classes/onwards are granted on merit according to the approved admission policy (copy attached).

(b) No complaint has been received from any quarter about the violation of merit in admission.

(c) No.

108. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2010 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the estimated cost for Lakpass Tunnel; and*

(b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) The estimated cost for Lakpass Tunnel is Rs. 679 million.

(b) Against Rs. 26.270 million allocated in PSDP 2009-10, Rs. 0.209 million were utilized for this BOT Project.

109. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 17-08-2010 at 12:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Library Professionals (Librarian, Asstt. Librarian, Sub-Librarian, Library Asstt.) have been given the status of teaching staff according to the Education policy 2009; If so its details?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: National Education Policy 2009 contains a policy action to explore the option of librarians working in education institutions to be declared as library teachers and library lecturers.

After approval of the National Education Policy by the Cabinet in Sep 2009, Department of Libraries Islamabad and provincial /area education department were to prepare detailed proposals /working paper on the issue. However, the Department of Libraries (at federal level) has been advised to prepare detailed working paper on the subject for sharing it with the provincial /area education departments and other stakeholders.

It may be mentioned that the new scheme of studies does not include library science as one of the elective subject under humanities group at secondary level (grades IX-X). However, the subject of library science is included as elective subject at higher secondary level (grades XI-XII).

110. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 18-08-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state the funds allocated to the Women Development Division during the financial years 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the details of its utilization?

Minister for Women Development: FY 2008-09:

Ministry of Women Development was allocated an amount of Rs.113 million for its 20 development projects out of which Rs.105.539 million were utilized. Details at annex-A.

FY 2009-10:

Ministry of Women Development was allocated Rs.200 million for its 31 development projects, out of which Rs.143.280 million were utilized. Details at annex-B.

111. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-08-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the criteria prescribed by the Higher Education Commission for the grant of scholarships to the students of the Federal Government Universities and other deserving students?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: Higher Education Commission is executing a number of scholarship projects both at home at abroad on merit basis, there are no specific scholarship programs for students of federal Government Universities; however they are eligible to apply against the HEC scholarships if they mean the eligibility criteria.

The schemes are open for all streams of education and for all citizens of the country; who meet the minimum eligibility criteria. The award of scholarship is made through a transparent competitive process. HEC scholarship projects with its terms and conditions of award are approved at the competent forum *i.e.* CDWP/ECNEC. The conditions of the eligibility criteria and selection are in line with the Government committed policy of merit and transparency.

All the schemes are regularly advertised in national and regional dailies. The information is also uploaded on the HEC website: www.hec.gov.pk. The minimum eligibility criteria for different schemes is as under:—

- a. No third division/D grade or less than 50 % marks at any stage.
- b. Not more than two second division in entire academic carrier.
- c. GRE type test at 50% at the minimum.
- d. Open merit competition.
- e. In case of foreign scholarships the final selection of the eligible applicants is made by an interview panel comprising representatives of counterpart agencies *i.e.* SFERE France, DAAD Germany, Nuffic Netherlands and OEAD Austria.

The scholarship awards under different schemes and their administration is looked after by National Scholarship Management Committee (NSMC) approved by the ECNEC which has

representatives from different Federal Government bodies and ministries and the four provincial governments. The final award of scholarships is approved by NSMC.

Besides providing the merit scholarships, HEC is also providing need based local scholarship at Undergraduate & Postgraduate level with identified Universities. The aim of the Needs Based Merit Scholarship Programs is to facilitate the students who despite securing admission in the top public private institutions/universities are unable to continue their studies because of financial constraints. The main criteria are neediness for these programs as the students has already secured admission successfully and he/she is on merit.

The material for supplementaries is available at Annex-A.

Annex-A

PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a. Advertisement in all national dailies & HEC web site
- b. Local GRE Type Test, outsourced to a Testing agency
- c. Merit List of Eligible Candidates.
- d. Panel Interview By HEC-Partner Foreign Agency panel of professors.
- e. Approval of Award of Scholarships by National Scholarship Management Committee.
- f. Provisional Award of Scholarships.
- g. Placement / Admission of HEC Scholars.
- h. Language Training (optional).
- i. Final Award of Scholarships.
- j. Visa Processing, Travel Arrangements.
- k. Initial Disbursement of Scholarship Funds.
- I. Progress Monitoring and Subsequent Release of Funds.
- m. Absorptions of Successful Scholars (Strategies, Programs etc).

The Composition of National Scholarship management Committee and Standard Operation Procedure of Indigenous and Overseas scholarship programs are available at Annex-B.

Annex-B

COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The composition of National Scholarship Management Committee is as under:—

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| 1. | The Executive Director HEC | <i>Chairman</i> |
| 2. | Representative of P&D Division Chief (S&T Section). | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | Representative of MoST (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary). | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | Representative of MoE (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary). | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Representative of PAEC (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary). | <i>Member</i> |
| 7. | Four eminent academicians, one from each Province, nominated by the Provincial Government. | <i>Member</i> |
| 8. | Two eminent industrialists nominated by HEC | <i>Member</i> |
| 9. | Advisor (HRD) HEC | <i>Member</i> |
| 10. | Project Director HEC | <i>Secretary</i> |
112. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-08-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons appointed on regular, temporary and daily wages basis in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last two years with grade-wise and province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether provincial and regional quota was observed in those appointments; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) During the last two years 456 person were appointed in the Ministry of Communications and its attached department as particularize below:—

Ministry (Main) (detail as per Annex-I)	31
National Highway & Motorway Police (detail as per Annex-II)	425

(b) Yes, The appointment were made as per prescribed quotas.

113. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state.

- (a) *the categories of employees treated as vocational staff in the Educational Institutions under the Ministry including OPF Colleges/Schools in the Islamabad Capital Territory; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that this policy decision has not been followed in respect of Lab-Assistants / Lab-Attendants if so, its reasons?*

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) There is no such category of employees treated as vocational staff, in all Educational Institutions, under OPF, including OPF Colleges/Schools in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(b) Not Applicable.

114. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state.

- (a) *the qualifications, experience and length of service prescribed for the post of Director General Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar;*
- (b) *the qualifications, experience and length of service of the incumbent Director-General Pakistan Forest Institute; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the appointment of the present Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute is not in accordance with the existing recruitment rules prescribed for the said post, if so, the authority that approved his appointment?*

Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi: (a) The requisite information is as under:—

2nd Class Master's Degree or equivalent qualification in Forestry with 17 years teaching and research experience in the field of Forestry.

(b) Master Degree in 14 subjects including one in Forestry with experience in the field of teaching, forest management and as DMG officer on various positions including AC, ADC, Political Agent and Joint Secretary. His total length of service in 33 years (1977-2010).

(c) The officer has been posted against the post of DG (PFI) by Establishment Division under section 10 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973.

115. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the budget allocated to the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special. Education during the financial years 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the details of its utilization?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki:

(Rs. in Million)

2008-2009

	Budget 2008-2009	Utilization 30-06-2009	Excess/ Saving
TOTAL	7585.388	2175.851	(-) 5409.537

2009-2010

	Budget 2009-2010	Utilization 30-06-2010	Excess/ Saving
TOTAL	4114.854	4139.257	(+) 24.403

116. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-08-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of toll plazas on National Highways and Motorways in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for awarding contracts of those toll plazas?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) **Toll Plazas** A total of 89 toll plazas are currently established on NHA network. Breakup is given below and details are **Annexed:**

Annex	Total
A National Highways	59
B Motorways	30
Total	89

(b) **National Highways** Operation and Management (O&M) contracts for Toll Plazas are awarded through open completion in the line with the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Rules, 2004. Criterion for manual and electronically operated toll plazas is as follows:—

(i) **Manual.** Maximum guaranteed revenue per month.

(ii) **ETTM*** Minimum service charges *i.e.* percentage of total revenue collected, as reported by the system.

*Electronic Toll and Traffic Management.

Motorways. All toll plazas are equipped with close loop electronic toll collection system. On opening of Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2), the responsibility for O&M including toll collection was entrusted to Frontier Works Organization (FWO). Extended contract with FWO is valid till Dec. 31, 2010. Meanwhile, procurement of fresh contract for toll O&M of Motorways based on highest guaranteed revenue offer with minimum service charges is in process.

117. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 23-08-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons appointed on regular, contract and daily wages basis in the National Highways Authority during the last two years with province-wise break-up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): Total 823 persons were appointed by NHA in various categories during Jan 1, 2008 to Sep 7, 2010. Break-up is given below and category/province-wise break-up is at Annex-A:—

Province	regular	Contract	Temporary	Daily Wages	Total
Punjab	10	161	19	209	399
Sindh	4	47	1	167	159
KP	3	43	9	147	202
Balochistan	1	11	—	24	36
AJK	—	5	—	6	11
FATA/GB	—	14	1	1	16
Total	18	281	30	494	823

Scale-wise detail is as under:—

	Scale	Total
1.	BS-20	2
2.	BS-19	19
3.	BS-18	27
4.	BS-17	77
5.	BS-3 to 16	412
6.	BS-1&2	286
	Total:	823

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- A1. Contract employees appointed against PC-I posts.
- A2. Temporary employees appointed on Trauma Centres.
- A3. Daily wages employees.

118. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 24-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: Details of foreign visits of the Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis are as under:—

19. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 24-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the persons holding the portfolio of Minister for Human Rights since 2008 indicating also the names of countries visited, duration and purpose of each visit?

Minister for Human Rights: (i) Mr. Ansar Burney, visited Saudi Arabia from 12th to 16th February 2008 to discuss the following issues of national importance with the Pakistani Ambassador at Riyadh and other authorities in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia:—

- (a) Missing persons.
- (b) Welfare of Overseas Pakistanis
- (c) Anti-Human Trafficking.

(2) Sitting Minister incharge was on a private visit to Europe where he attended the 12th Session of UN Human Rights Council at Geneva from 15th to 16th September 2009.

120. ***Molana Muhammad Khan Sherani:** (Notice received on 24-08-2010 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure adopted for equivalence of degrees, diploma and Asnad of Dini Madaris; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for verification of Asnad of the Parliamentarians issued by various Dini Madaris?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) The procedure adopted for equivalence of degrees, diploma is as at **Annex-I.**

(b) The Deni Asnad of the Parliamentarians received from the Election Commission of Pakistan have been forwarded along with Sanad Supplement Information Form to the concerned

Wafaq/Tanzeem/Individual Madrassah notified by the Election Commission of Pakistan dated 25/07/2002 (**Annex-II**) for verification. Sanad Supplement Information Form is at **Annex-III**.

Annex-I

PROCEDURE FOR EQUIVALENCE OF DEGREES/DIPLOMAS

1. The applicant applies for equivalence on prescribed application available at HEC website and office. .
2. All the original documents (Matric/O Level to Final Degree) are needed to be presented for getting endorsement “seen original and verified” from HEC Head Office or HEC Regional Centres at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta.
3. Copies of degrees/diplomas/certificates held from Local/Foreign Universities and Deni Madaras along with previous qualification must be attached with the application form.
4. Following procedure is adopted for recognition of qualification obtained from Local, Foreign universities/institutes and Deni Madaris:

a. **For Local Qualification:**

Equivalence is granted to Degrees/Diplomas awarded by the chartered universities/Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIS) of Pakistan is as per decisions taken by the Equivalence Committee of the Commission.

b. **For Foreign Qualification:**

As per decision taken in the 17th Meeting of Equivalence Committee of the Commission held on 20-03-1986, the Degree/Diplomas/Certificates awarded by the accredited University may be treated in general as equivalent to corresponding degrees/diplomas/certificates from Pakistan. The status of the Foreign Chartered/Accredited Universities/DAIS is checked from different International Directories. In case, university/institution is not enlisted amongst the list of chartered universities/institutions of any country, the office consult concerned Embassies/High Commissions in Pakistan. The Office also gets assistance from official websites as well as from concerned National Bodies to determine the status of university/institution and its offshore campuses.

c. **For Deni Qualification:**

As per decision of the Equivalence Committee of erstwhile UGC, only final sanad “Shahadatul Almiya Fil Uloomal Arabia wal Islamia” awarded from recognized Wafaq, Tanzeem, Rabit-ul-Madaris and five individual Madaris is recognized by the Higher Education Commission as equivalent to M.A Arabic/Islamic Studies for the purpose of teaching Arabic and Islamic Studies in Colleges and Universities and for pursuing higher studies.

For employment in fields other than teaching, however, such Sanad holders would be required to qualify in two additional elective subjects other than Arabic and Islamic Studies at the B.A level from a University. Further, they would also have to qualify in the compulsory subjects of Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies at the B.A level.

5. There is no general rule for granting equivalence. Equivalence is granted on individual merit.

122. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 26-08-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) A total number of (592) persons have been appointed in this Ministry including its attached departments since February, 2000, as per following details:

(b) All the appointments were made in a transparent manner as per government instructions, after advertisement of the vacancies in the National Press and with the recommendation of Departmental Selection Committees (DSCs) constituted under the respective rules.

(c) Yes. The recruitment policy in vogue as regard regional/provincial quota was strictly observed in the above recruitments.

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

123. ***Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 26-08-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Education, its attached departments and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*

(c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) Information is being collected from the quarters concerned and reply will be placed before the House on next Rota Day.

124. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 27-08-2010 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether any action has been taken against the persons/institutions involved in issuance of fake degrees in the country, if so, its details?

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions do not issue fake degrees. However, if an employee of a HEI is found/involved in issuance of fake degree, he/she is dealt with under the E&D Rules of the respective Institution. Our experience has indicated that the people involved in this business are normally out-siders. The degrees are printed in the local market and sold through Agents. Action against people involved in the fake degree racket is to be taken by the law enforcing agencies.

125. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 31-08-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Labour and Manpower, its attached departments, corporations, and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*

(c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The requisite information at annex-A.

(b) As above.

(c) As above.

126. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 07-09-2010 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Local Government and Rural Development be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and commission surfaced in the funds provided to the Parliamentarians for development schemes during the last three years and the action taken thereon; and*

- (b) *the details of the development schemes recommended by the parliamentarians during the said period the work of which was found substandard indicating also the names of the contractors and executing agencies concerned and the action taken against them?*

Minister for Local Government and Rural Development: (a) No case of corruption, misappropriation and commission has been received in this Ministry during the last three years.

(b) No schemes for the said period where substandard work was found, have been reported to this Ministry.

127. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of scholars sent abroad to USA, UK and Europe under the MS leading to Ph.D Overseas Scholarship Scheme of the Higher Education Commission (Phase I & II) indicating also geographical breakdown of the scholars;*
- (b) *the names of the said scholars in each category who failed to comply with their contractual obligations signed with the HEC indicating also the nature of penal action taken / initiated against each of them; and*
- (c) *whether there are any cases in which no penalty has been imposed or the penalty has been waived off if so, the reasons thereof in each case?*

Sardar Aseff Ahmed Ali: (a) A total of 1644 scholars were sent to USA, UK and Europe under the MS leading to PhD Overseas Scholarship Scheme of the Higher Education Commission (Phase I & II). The geographical breakdown of these scholars is at **Annex-A**.

(b) The cases of the scholars who failed to comply with their contractual obligations signed with HEC are being dealt in the light of decisions made by the National Scholarship Management Committee (NSMC), which is constituted by the ECNEC and approved in the PC-I of the said project. The names of the scholars in each category who failed to comply with their contractual obligations signed with the HEC indicating the action taken against each of them are at **Annex-B**.

(c) There are 08 such cases in which no penalty was imposed. The detail of these cases alongwith reasons for not imposing any penalty are at **Annex-C**.

ISLAMABAD:
The 27th September, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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7. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and fields of operation/activities of the NGOs registered with the Ministry of Women Development with province-wise break up;*
- (b) *whether any mechanism has been devised to monitor the activities of those NGOs;*
- (c) *whether the said NGOs are allowed to receive financial aid/assistance from foreign countries directly or through the Government; and*
- (d) *whether those NGOs are required to submit their annual audited accounts to the Government?*

Minister for Women Development: (a) Ministry of Women Development do not register any NGO.

- (b) N.A.
- (c) N.A.
- (d) N.A.

8. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and fields of operation/activities of the NGOs registered with the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education with province-wise break up;*
- (b) *whether any mechanism has been devised to monitor the activities of those NGOs;*
- (c) *whether the said NGOs are allowed to receive financial aid/assistance from foreign countries directly or through the Government; and*
- (d) *whether those NGOs are required to submit their annual audited accounts to the Government?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) The Ministry is the registration authority under Charitable Endowments Act, 1890. Name and fields of operation/activities of the Foundations/Trusts registered under the said law alongwith province-wise bread-up is at Annex-I.

(b) The Ministry is represented on BoD/BoG of those organizations registered by the Ministry. This helps monitor the activities of such agencies in the broader context as major policy and financial decisions are taken at BoD/BoG level.

(c) There is no bar on receiving the financial aid/assistance for carrying out the purposes of their establishment.

(d) Yes, they are required to submit their annual audited accounts are placed before BoD/BoG which are scrutinized by them. The BoD/BoG also includes a representative of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education.

9. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees in the country out of the current fiscal budget of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education and its percentage of the total budget of the Ministry;*
- (b) *the amount received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose;*
- (c) *the schemes /projects launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry for the said purpose indicating also the amount allocated for each scheme/project; and*
- (d) *the details of the advertisements issued by the Ministry to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country indicating also the amount spent on each advertisement?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) No specific amount has been allocated for this purpose. However, financial assistance in the shape of kind is being provided out of the regular budget allocated to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal for the Financial Year 2010-2011.

(b) Specific amount for flood affectees has neither been received from the Govt. nor from the National and International sources. PBM collected almost Rupees 20 million from the general public by establishing donation collection camps and distributed the same among flood affectees.

(c) No Specific project has been launched/proposed to be launched for the said purpose. However, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is providing vital help to the flood affectees through following activities:—

- (i) PBM is distributing ration bages comprising of floor, rice, sugar, cooking oil, dall channa, tea and dry milk among the flood affectees through Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan (USCP) under the supervision of Parliamentarians, Senators and other reputable public representatives. Upto date supply order has been issued to USCP for about 250,000 rations bags costing Rs. 500(m) approximately out of which about 200,000 ration bags have been distributed among flood affectees through out Pakistan uptil now.

- (ii) 50,000 feed packs comprising of dry milk-Nido, dry milk-Lactogen-I feeder and one piece of detol soap costing Rs. 21.5 million have been distributed for small children of flood affected areas.
- (iii) 10,000 Aftaar packets comprising of 2 juice pkts, 2 milk pkts, Cake, Apple, Dates and Bananas costing Rs. 1 million have been distributed among flood affectees.
- (iv) 20,000 special relief packets comprising of sugar, tea, dates, lifeboy soap, washing soap, olper milk, rusk costing Rs. 8 million have been distributed among flood affectees of Sindh.

(d) A toll free Number 0800-13523 has been installed in PBM Head office where calls are being received for 24 hours for the facilitation of Flood affectees as well as of the donors.

10. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees in the country out of the current fiscal budget of the Ministry of Communications and its percentage of the total budget of the Ministry;*
- (b) *the amount received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose;*
- (c) *the schemes/projects launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry for the said purpose indicating also the amount allocated for each scheme/project; and*
- (d) *the details of the advertisements issued by the Ministry to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country indicating also the amount spent on each advertisement?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) One day salary of officers of Ministry of Communications has been deducted at source from their pay for the month of August, 2010 under P.M. Flood Relief Fund 2010.

(b) N.A.

(c) N.A.

(d) N.A.

11. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees in the country out of the current fiscal budget of the Ministry of Education and its percentage of the total budget of the Ministry;*

- (b) *the amount received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose;*
- (c) *the schemes/projects launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry for the said purpose indicating also the amount allocated for each scheme / project; and*
- (d) *the details of the advertisements issued by the Ministry to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country indicating also the amount spent on each advertisement?*

Sardar Asiff Ahmad Ali: (a) No budget has been allocated for relief and rehabilitation of food affectees out of the current Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) of the Ministry of Education being project based budgetary allocation.

(b) No such amount has been received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose.

(c) No such project has either been launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry of Education.

ISLAMABAD :
The 27th September, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.