

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 24th April, 2009

45. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 30-01-2009 at 13:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) the function of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal;*
- (b) the number of organizations being run by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in the country; and*
- (c) the expenditures incurred by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the last ten years with head-wise break up?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) In order to reduce poverty and empower the rural and urban poor in Pakistan, the government established Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) as the lead institution of the country, under the umbrella of M/o Social Welfare and Special Education, in 1992. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, being a social welfare organization has initiated following effective programmes to break the vicious circle of poverty:

- (i) INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (IFA)
 - The poor, widow, destitute women, orphans and disabled persons are supported through medical treatment, education stipend, rehabilitation and General assistance.
 - Assistance for medical treatment is provided through government hospitals upto Rs.300,000/-
 - Deserving and brilliant students are paid education stipends in accordance with prescribed fee of government institutions maximum upto Rs.60,000/-.
 - Assistance maximum upto Rs.40,000/- is provided to make the poor persons self reliant.
 - Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal assists the poor to meet any emergent need as an economic shock therapy upto Rs.30,000/-
 - The poor disabled persons who need wheel chair, tricycle, movable beds, crutches, artificial limbs or hearing aid are provided these items as per the need for physical rehabilitation with maximum cost upto Rs.30,000/-

(ii) NATIONAL CENTRES FOR REHABILITATION OF CHILD LABOUR AND ORPHANS (NCsRCL)

- NCsRCL have been established countrywide where the children between the age of 5-14 years are weaned away from hazardous labour and enrolled in the centres.
- They are provided free education, clothing, footwear, books and stationery.
- Primary level syllabus was taught in 4 years through informal education. Summer vacations and local holidays were not observed. Now the policy has been revised by introducing the normal primary education system
- Participation of the community was ensured through a School Management Committee.
- So far, 151 centres have been established all over the country.

(iii) VOCATIONAL DASTKARI SCHOOLS (VDS)

- The schools are providing free training to widows, orphans and poor girls in different skills like cutting, drafting, tailoring, hand embroidery, machine embroidery, hand knitting, computer, fabric painting, block printing, glass work and zari work etc.
- Number of students is sixty for one session of six months duration.
- Operation of the schools is on double shift basis.
- Raw material is provided free of cost.
- Involvement of local community, NGOs/CBOs, philanthropists and social workers is ensured.
- So far, 141 centres have been established all over the country.

(iv) INSTITUTIONAL REHABILITATION (NGOs).

NGOs engaged in welfare projects are provided financial assistance through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in following three categories:

I. Institutional Support for the poor

- Sharing of capital cost by PBM at a ratio of 50% in rural/urban areas.
- Financing of rural based projects upto Rs.0.2 million without NGO's contribution.

II. Free eye care for cataract operation

Technical committee assists PBM in selecting suitable NGOs. Actual expenses of treatment are reimbursed on quarterly/annual basis.

III. Innovative pilot rehabilitative project

- PBM-NGO's partnership for 3-5 years.
- Sharing of capital cost by PBM and by NGO.
- Coverage approximately 700,000 beneficiaries in all categories.

(v) JINNAH BURN AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY CENTRE, LAHORE.

PBM has signed as tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 21-05-2004 with Government of Punjab and Jinnah Hospital, Lahore for setting up of a state-of-the-art, single purpose burn unit in the premises of Jinnah Hospital, Lahore. PBM will bear the cost upto Rs. 500 million out of which 150 million has been released. The required land would be provided by Government of Punjab in the premises of Jinnah Hospital Lahore. It will be a 60-65 bedded state-of-the-art model burn and reconstructive surgery center with facility of aerial evacuation.

(vi) CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CSP)

- Child Support Programme is an add-on programme of Food Support Programme.
- The programme has been launched in 5 districts (*i.e.* one district from each province and one from Northern Areas) from Financial Year 2006-07.
- Upon successful evaluation, the programme will be scaled-up country wide in a phased manner.
- Households registered under Food Support Programme having children between 5-12 years are eligible for the programme.
- Each beneficiary family is entitled to receive Rs.200/- per month for one child and Rs.350/- if they have two or more children of school going age and/or going to school.
- Children have to attend at least 80% of classes.
- A very refined Management Information System (MIS) has been developed for successful implementation and monitoring of the programme.

(b) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal is not running any organization in the country.

(c) The expenditures incurred by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the last ten years is Rs. 20.084 billion. Head-wise break-up is attached at Annex-"A".

46. *Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro: (Notice received on 30-01-2009 at 13:05 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of social organizations to which financial assistance is being provided by the Ministry indicating also the purposes for which that assistance is being granted; and*

(b) *the names and addresses of social organizations to which financial assistance was granted during the last ten years indicating also the details of such assistance provided in each case?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) There are 1963 social organizations to which financial assistance is being provided by the Ministry and its allied organizations. Their details are as under:—

S. No.	Name of Organization	Nos.
1.	Main Ministry	02
2.	Directorate General of Special Education	45
3.	Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal	473
4.	Trust for Voluntary Organization	1093
5.	National Council of Social Welfare	350
Total :		1963

The purposes for which financial assistance is being granted to NGOs are as under:—

- (i) To contribute to the progressive elimination of child labour in domestic services of the country.
- (ii) To progressively ensure mainstreaming of the target children in the formal education system and alternative non-exploitative livelihoods.
- (iii) Provision of monthly stipend to the targeted children/ families.
- (iv) Provision of recreational facilities to the target children.
- (v) To facilitate poor students of the Special Education Centres for continuation of their studies.
- (vi) Strengthening NGOs in their rehabilitation programmes.
- (vii) For institutional support to persons with health, special education, disabilities, orphans, destitute, elderly and juveniles, eye cataract surgeries and kidney dialysis.
- (viii) For up-gradation in various fields such as health, education, vocational training, skill development, I.T., water supply and sanitation.

(b) The names and addresses of social organizations to which financial assistance was provided by the Ministry and its allied organizations during the last ten years are as under:—

1. Main Ministry Annex-I.

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| 2. | Directorate General of Special Education. | Annex-II |
| 3. | Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal. | Annex-III |
| 4. | National Council of Social Welfare. | Annex-IV |
| 5. | Trust for Voluntary Organization. | Annex-V |

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

47. ***Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 30-01-2009 at 13:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of steps taken by the government for the improvement of environment and tree plantation in South Waziristan;*
- (b) *the details of steps taken by the government for environmental improvement in FATA; and*
- (c) *the details of proposed projects for environmental improvement in those areas?*

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) As reported by the Conservator of Forests (FATA), the tree cover is being increased in FATA by raising plantations on denuded waste-lands in South Waziristan Agency. So far plantations have been raised over an area of 30716 acres in the Agency. During the year 2008-09 additional area of 1700 acres has been planted in the Agency.

- (b) Following steps have been taken for the improvement of Environment in FATA.
- ✱ Strengthening of Forestry Sector at Agency and FRs level by provision of Divisional Forest Officer (BS-18), Sub-Divisional Forest Officer (BS-17) and Range Forest Officer (BS-16) at Agency level for ensuring scientific management of forest.
 - ✱ Up-scaling the Forestry activities by raising of block plantations on denuded wasteland. So far 2, 77,390 acres of block plantations have been raised in FATA.
 - ✱ Capacity building of local tribesmen in raising forest nurseries, plantations, sericulture, apiculture and other Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) including medicinal plants and Fisheries so as to provide alternate sources of livelihood to them.
 - ✱ Awareness raising in participatory natural resource management.
 - ✱ Provision of job opportunities in forest nurseries, plantations, sericulture, apiculture and fisheries so that their direct dependence on existing forests could be minimized/reduced

(c) Following projects have been proposed for inclusion in PSPD 2009-10 in addition to FATA ADP.

S. No.	Name of Project	Cost (Rs. in million)	Period	Activities
1.	Development of Forestry resources for Carbon Sequestration in FATA.	1445.875	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursery 42 acres ● Plantation 34600 acres ● Solar Energy 200 Unit ● Hydel Power 50 Unit ● Wind mills 200 unit
2.	Establishment of Woodlots and fruit Orchards on Terraces in FATA & their Management.	450.000	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursery 22 acres ● Plantation 20000 acres ● Orchards 4800 acres ● Soil Conservation 2470 acres
3.	Plantation of Improved Olive Plants, Conversion of Wild Olive trees into Oil Bearing Varieties and Post Management	400.00	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Olive Nursery 10 acres ● Conversion of Wild Olive 1.5 million Plants ● Olive orchards 3200 acres
4.	Hill Land Forestry in FATA	581.260	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursery 27 acres ● Plantation 25200 acres

48. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 31-01-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount paid to the contractors collecting toll tax at various toll plazas on motorways and national Highways in the county during the last two years?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: An amount of Rs 3116 million was paid to toll operation & management, contractors during the last two years.

49. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 31-01-2009 at 09..07 a.m)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state the names of organizations/ institutions to which funds have been provided by H.E. C. during the last ten years indicating also the details of amount of funds provided in each case?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: An amount of Rs. 95011.211 million has been provided to different Universities, Degree Awarding Institutes, Study Centres and Centres for Excellence by Higher Education Commission (HEC) and erstwhile University Grants Commission (UGC) during the last 10 years as per following details:

	Rs. in million		
	Recurring	Development	Total
UGC	7851.415	1169.486	9020.901

(1998-2002)			
HEC (2002-2008)	46523.117	39467.193	85990.31
Total	54374.532	40636.679	95011.211

Names of institutes and details of funding (year-wise) to these institutes are at Annex-I.

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

51. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 31-01-2009 at 11:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seminars/workshops/symposiums arranged by the Ministry on environmental pollution during the last three years; and

(b) the details of recommendations made therein and the implementation made so far?

Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi: (a) The following seminars/workshops/symposiums were organized by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency on environmental pollution during the last three years.

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
1.	World Water Day.
2.	World Forest Day.
3.	Corporate Summit on Climate Change - LEAD.
4.	Training Workshop on Emergency Preparedness & Response for Water and Sanitation.
5.	World Wetland Fiesta - 2009.
6.	GEF National Dialogue.

7. CDM Capacity Building Project Launching Ceremony.
8. Regional Conference on Climate Change.
9. Solarization of Outdoor Lighting System of ENERCON Building.
10. Seminar on Vehicular Emission Control and Sustainable Transport.
11. Seminar 25/75 Industrial Environment Improvement Plan.
12. Seminar on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) Application & Implication.
13. Training for Heads of Institutional Biosafety Committees.
14. Development of National Biosafety Roadmap in Pakistan.
15. Seminar on "Say No to Plastic Bags".
16. An Introductory Seminar on Self Monitoring and Reporting Program (SMART).
17. World Habitat Day.
18. Seminar on Pakistan Green Seal Programme.
19. National Sustainable Development Strategy.

(b) The details of recommendations and implementation of above mentioned seminars/workshops/symposiums are at **Annex-I**.

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

52. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 02-02-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of agreements signed by the Government of Pakistan for export of manpower during the last two years indicating also the names of countries with which those agreements have been signed; and*
- (b) the number of persons sent / to be sent for employment abroad under the said agreements?*

Syed Khurshheed Ahmed Shah: (a) No agreement was signed with any country during the last two years for export of manpower from Pakistan. However, in continuation of existing agreement, an Additional Protocol has been signed with the Government of Qatar on 4-5-2008 and the MOU with Government of South Korea was extended for further two years on 26-6-2008.

(b) These MOUs are signed as agreement only for export of manpower from Pakistan and no specific number of persons are mentioned in the Agreements/MOUs.

However, under the umbrella of these agreements, as per figures provided by Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment, 16029 number of Pakistani workers proceeded abroad during 2007-2008 as follows:—

Manpower proceeded to Qatar	=	15177
Manpower proceeded to Korea	=	852
Total	=	16029

53. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 02-02-2009 at 15:55 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names of the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and all the High Courts including Islamabad High Court indicating also the dates of their retirement; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to raise the age of retirement of the Honourable judges of the superior courts?*

Minister for Law and Justice: (a) The names of the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and all the High Courts indicating their date of retirement is Annexed.

(b) Presently, no proposal to raise the age of retirement of the hon'ble Judges of the Superior Courts is under consideration by the Government.

54. ***Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad:** (Notice received on 03-02-2009 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to refer to the question No.108 replied on 30-01-2009 and state the details of the proposed project to be started for disabled children in Mohmand Agency?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: A National Programme on Special Education is under consideration at Directorate General of Special Education to establish more Special Education Centres including Mohmand Agency subject to the approval by appropriate forum and budget allocation for implementation. The proposal has been forwarded to the Planning Commission.

55. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-02-2009 at 08:45a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the amount allocated for construction / repair of motorways and national highways in the country in the budget 2007-08; indicating also the names and locations of the said motorways and national highways?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: An amount of Rs.41,493.54 Million was allocated during the Financial Year 2007-08 for construction and repair of Motorways and National Highways under the control of Ministry of Communications/NHA. The break-up is given as under:—

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Rs in Million</i>
Construction	33,080.00
Maintenance	8,413.54
Total:-	<u>41,493.54</u>

The nams/locations of these Motorways & Highways are attached as annex-A & B respectively.

56. ***Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad:** (Notice received on 04-02-2009 at 13:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade F.G. Girls Model School No.4, G-7/2, Islamabad to Higher Secondary level, if so, when?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to up-grade F.G Girls Model School No.4 G-7/2, Islamabad to Higher Secondary level.

57. ***Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad:** (Notice received on 04-02-2009 at 13:40 p.m.)

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

- the number of ex-cadre posts in the Ministry and its attached departments;*
- the names, designation, BPS, length of service in the present scales and place of domicile of the persons working against the said posts;*
- whether it is fact that there is no promotion channel for the incumbents of the said posts; and*
- whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to evolve a promotion channel for the said persons, if so, its details?*

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: (a) There are 1278 ex-cadre posts in Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education and its attached department as per detailed below:—

S. No.	Name of Department	Sanctioned Posts	In Position
1.	Main Ministry	134	120
2.	Directorate General of Special Education	1,134	691
Total:		1,268	811

61. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-02-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of cases of murder, decoities and kidnapping disposed of by the four High Courts of the country during the last five years indicating also the number of cases in which the culprits were convicted; and*

(b) *the number of such cases pending in those courts?*

Minister for Law and Justice: According to the information received from Peshawar High Court the required data of cases is as under:—

Category of Cases	Pending	Institution	Disposed of	Balance
Death Appeals	41	213	193	61
Life Imprisonment	335	965	840	460
Criminal Appeal Short Sentence	14	739	714	39
Criminal Appeal (ATC)	0	136	86	50

Information from Lahore High Court, High Court of Sindh and High Court of Balochistan is awaited.

62. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-02-2009 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the time by which shipping will be started at Gawadar port?

Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri: Regular shipping at Gwadar Port has already commenced *w.e.f.* 22nd December, 2008.

63. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-02-2009 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of Motorway Police personnel working in Balochistan; and*

(b) *the names and place of domicile of the said personnel working at Gwadar?*

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: (a) 183 uni-formed and 74 non-uniformed employees are working in National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) Balochistan [**Annex-I & II**].

(b) 118 uni-formed and 19 non-uniformed personnels are working at Gwadar and their places of posting are **Annexed-III & IV**.

64. ***Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 31-03-2009 at 310309)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names of judges in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and all the High Courts in the country in order of their seniority indicating also the dates of their appointment to the respective court and dates of retirement according to the following break-up:—

(i) *the restored judges as on 16th March, 2009;*

(ii) *the Judges who were reinstated and took oath;*

(iii) *the Judges who took oath under the PCO of 3rd November, 2007; and*

(iv) *the Judges who took oath after the restoration of the Constitution on 15th December, 2007?*

Minister for Law and Justice: (i) The following deposed Judges of the Superior Courts have restored on 16th March. 2009 :—

65. ***Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 10-04-2009 at 11:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the present status of the dual carriage way from Hassanabdal to Mansehra?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: National Highway Authority (NHA) has planned construction of Hassanabdal - Mansehra 4-lane Expressway (E-35) on a new alignment through Asian Development Bank's financial assistance (loan). Alignment of Expressway (E-35) has been finalized and PC-1 of the project is being prepared.

ISLAMABAD :
The 23rd April, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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10. **Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-02-2009 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and location of national highways and motorways constructed or repaired during the last ten years indicating also the amount spent and name of contractor in each case; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that cost of some of the said projects was revised and increased, if so, the amount increased in each case?*

Reply not received.

11. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 10-04-2009 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of projects and schemes launched for welfare of Workers from Workers Welfare Fund during the last ten years;*
- (b) *the number of beneficiaries of each of those projects/schemes; and*
- (c) *the steps proposed to be taken for effective use of WWF?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) and (b) The names of projects and schemes launched for welfare of workers from Workers Welfare Fund and number of beneficiaries of those projects/ schemes during the last ten years is Annexed at 'A'.

(c) The Governing Body of WWF has proposed following steps for effective use of WWF :

- Construction of Integrated Housing Schemes within 10 KM radius of Industrial establishments with following facilities:—
 - * Housing units
 - * Hospitals
 - * Intermediate colleges
- Construction of Burn & Trauma Centres & Paramedic & Nursing Schools.
- Up-gradation of 35 Secondary Schools to Intermediate level.

- Increase in rate of Marriage Grant from Rs.50,000 to Rs.70,000.

12. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 10-04-2009 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of contribution to workers welfare board during the last 10 years with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the details of amount transferred to that board during that period with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the details of amount spent by that board during the said period with year-wise break up?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a, b and c) The details of contribution made, amount transferred to and amount spent by the Workers Welfare Fund during the last 10 years with year-wise break-up are enclosed at Annex-A.

ISLAMABAD :
The 23rd April, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.