

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 28th October, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 74, 78, 80, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 were originally set down for answering on 14th September, 2011 (73rd Session) but were deferred)

74. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 13-04-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the number of General Managers, Directors and Deputy Directors from each province working in PIA?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: There are a total of 13 Directors and 32 General Managers currently working in PIA, as per details at ‘**Annexure-A**’. It may be noted that no such position as ‘Deputy Director’ exists in PIA. Province-wise breakup of the Directors and General Managers in PIA is hereunder:—

DOMICILE	DIRECTORS	GENERAL MANAGERS
Sindh (U)	03	08
Sindh (R)	01	05
Punjab	07	14
Khyber	01	04
Pakhtunkhwa		
Balochistan	01	01
Total :	13*	32

*One Director *i.e* Director-PEC is on deputation with PIA from Pakistan Air Force (PAF).

78. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 15-04-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the space allotted by the Civil Aviation Authority for commercial purposes at Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad during the last three years indicating also the names of allottees in each case; and*
- (b) *whether tenders were called for the said allotments, if so, the names and dates of newspapers in which the same were got published?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a & b) Commercial Concessions allotted at BBIAP, Islamabad for the last three years:—

- (a) Names of allottees in each case; and
- (b) Tender called for said allotments and names of newspapers as per statement annexed.

80. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 16-04-2011 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to Senate Starred Question No.89 replied on 14th January, 2010 and state the results achieved from the measures taken/implemented for the improvement of financial health of PIA?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The following major steps have been taken to improve efficiency and reduce costs:—

- (i) Financial Cost/Exchange Loss Reduction.

The Government / Corporation is reviewing the fleet loans as well as working capital financing cost and wherever possible, the interest rate reduction is being planned. Recently, GOP issued rollovers and allowed PIAC to get fresh loans whenever needed. PIAC has proposed a Business Development Plan which has already been furnished to Finance Division for necessary action.

- (ii) Human Resource.

Large number of HR is also one of PIA's problems that needs right sizing.

The following HR rationalization plan will be employed with the aim of making every employee contribute to the growth of the company:—

- No reduction of manpower will take place in operational areas of pilots, aircraft engineers, technicians and specialized professionals.
- Reduction in non-operational areas will be done through normal attrition while outsourced positions over and above the HRB will either be adjusted against the approved HRB or eliminated.

- Stagnation due to similar type of duties will be done away with the introduction of job rotation policy.

(iii) Engineering MRO Project.

- PIA has a highly skilled Engineering human resource which is licensed and well trained.
- Per man-hour rates are competitive by industry standards.
- They have an added advantage of strategic location.

These ingredients can make PIA engineering a potential MRO outfit in this region. It has been planned that necessary investment in infrastructure/training and tooling is to be made towards the achievement of this target. This MRO, once established, will not only service the PIA fleet but also earn third party income for PIA. Similar initiative for Landing Gear has also been started.

(iv) Enterprise Resource Planning.

Enterprise Resource Planning is a tool used to integrate the data and processes of an organization into one single system using many components including hardware, software, a unified database, etc. an ERP system streamlines and integrates different functional areas within an organization to ensure proper communication, productivity and efficiency. PIA currently does not have such a system and preliminary work has been initiated to conduct a study and prepare a road map for implementation of an ERP.

The Board, as well as Management, stays committed, firmly, and steadily, to the path of recovery. They acknowledge full support of Government of Pakistan, employees, PIA valued customers, bankers and other stakeholders. They are confident that measures taken to contain the loss situation will bring about sustainable improvements in the near future.

The steps mentioned earlier to improve the financial health of PIA are of long term nature and impact of all the steps cannot be measured over a short period of time, like one year. Furthermore the turnaround strategy of the corporation is a two pronged strategy based on internal changes/initiatives and balance sheet restructuring which requires GOP support. The business plan is at present under active consideration of Ministry of Finance. However some of the impacts of their strategies are enumerated below:—

- (i) Fuel: During financial year 2010 PIA was able to save USD 2.45 million on account of effective hedging as allowed by the Board of Directors.
- (ii) Expensive Contracts: Global Distribution system (GDS) contract was reviewed and revised in which booking cost per segment was reduced. As a result total cost in financial year 2010 was under budget by 5.6%.
- (iii) Revenue Enhancement: During the financial year 2010 the Corporation achieved its highest ever revenue in excess of PKR 107.5 billion as compared to PKR 95.5 billion in the year 2009 despite the disruption in flights due to the volcanic eruption in Europe and strikes that took place in 2010.
- (iv) PIA also made Operational profit during the financial year 2010.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-07-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names, designation and place of present posting of the employees of PIA who are getting Rs. 5 lac or above as monthly salary including other allowances and fringe benefits admissible to each of them?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: The requisite information is attached as **‘Annex-A’**

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-07-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, 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. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Appropriation Accounts for financial year 2010-11 have not been finalized so far due to which detail of actual expenditure of the Ministry and its Attached Departments for financial year 2010-11 is not possible. Appropriation Accounts up to financial year 2009-10 have been finalized and printed by the Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue Islamabad. The Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly have already discussed Appropriation Accounts of this Ministry and its Attached Departments for financial year 2007-08 and 2008-09 and settled all the accounts

for the said period. Appropriation Accounts for financial year 2009-10 will be discussed by the PAC within the due course of time according to schedule of their meetings. Details of actual current expenditure of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and its Attach Departments for the last three years 2007-08,2008-09 and 2009-10 are placed at **Annex “A” “B” & “C”** respectively.

Details of Expenditure of Corporations and Autonomous bodies, *i.e.* **PTVC, PBC, APPC, PEMRA, PNCA, & Lok Virsa** controlled by this Ministry are placed at **Annex “D”, “E” “F” “G” “H” “I”** respectively.

(b) The Government has introduced certain austerity measures to control the expenditure namely:—

- (i) There is a ban on new recruitment.
- (ii) Ban has been imposed on purchase of physical assets including all types of vehicles.
- (iii) Expenditure on traveling allowances, stationery, entertainment, advertisements, repair & maintenance and utilities has been curtailed by 20% of budget estimates.
- (iv) Entitlement of periodical, magazines etc. of all officers has been withdrawn. Only one daily newspaper is allowed-to the entitled officers.
- (v) Officers are not allowed to use air-conditioners before 11:00 a.m. and below 26 degree.
- (vi) Principal Accounting Officers have been advised to ensure rationalization of utility bills.
- (vii) Both sides of papers should be used.
- (viii) Serving of official lunches/dinners has been restricted.
- (ix) Ministries are not authorized to re-appropriate funds from the above mentioned heads of expenditure.

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

3. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**(Notice received on 23-07-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of new Platoons of Frontier Constabulary established during the last two financial years; and*

(b) *the number of Platoons of Frontier Constabulary and Frontier Core at present indicating also the locations of their deployment?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Total number of new Platoons of Frontier Constabulary established during the last two Financial Years are **49**.

_____ (b) **Total Number of Platoons**

a. Frontier Constabulary	547
b. Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	708
c. Frontier Corps Balochistan	694

Locations of Platoons of Frontier Constabulary, Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Frontier Corps Balochistan are attached as **Annex 'A', 'B' & 'C'** respectively.

4. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names, designation and place of domicile of the retired persons appointed in Pakistan Railways during the last three years indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: During the last three years, 275 Retired persons in BS-01 to BS-16 were appointed in Pakistan Railways whose names alongwith place of domicile and basic scale of pay are shown in Annexure-A.

Similarly, thirteen (13) officers in BS-17 & above were appointed in Pakistan Railways during the last three years whose names alongwith place of domicile and basic scale of pay are shown in Annexure-B.

Services of Seven (07) re-employed retired officers have been terminated and notice of termination to four (04) re-employed retired officers has also been issued.

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5. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the present status of the Pakistan Railways Employees Co-Operative Housing Society;*

- (b) *the acreage of railway land leased out to the said Society;*
- (c) *the number of plots allotted to the members of the Society so far; and*
- (d) *the number and size of the plots proposed to be allotted to the officers of Pakistan Railways in the said society?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) There are eight Railway Housing Societies registered under Cooperative Societies Act 1925 and functioning under Cooperative Laws through elected Management Committees.

(b) Pakistan Railways leased out 1137 acres land to the said Housing Societies located at Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar and Quetta.

(c) The number of plots allotted to the members by each society is attached as **Annexure-A.**

(d) No plot is proposed to be allotted to any officer/official of Pakistan Railways in the aforesaid societies, because there is no land available with any society and there is ban on allotment of plots as well..

The scale-wise entitlement of Railway officers is as under:—

i. Officers in BS-17 &18	300 Sq. Yds.
ii. Officers in BS-19	400 Sq. Yds.
iii. Officers in BS-20 & above	500 Sq. Yds.

6. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

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

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: During Last three (03) years, the cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced only in the following departments of Ministry of Defence, Details are at Annex-A:—

S. No.	Name of Department	Total numbers of cases
i	Pakistan Armed Services Board.	01
ii	Military Lands and Cantonments Deptt	21
iii	Air Headquarters	12
iv	Pakistan Military Accounts Deptt	11
v	FGEI (C/G) Directorate	03
vi	Pakistan International Airlines Corporation	36
vii	General Headquarters	04
	Total:	88

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7. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that United Nations Organization have provided funds through its subsidiary organizations like UNDP and UNHCR etc. to compensate the areas affected due to hosting of Afghan Refugees in District Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhawa under the Refugees Affected Hosting Area (RAHA) Project, if so, its details;*
- (b) the criteria/procedure laid down to select the areas for inclusion in the said project;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some non-affected union councils like Sikandarpur and Dingi Tubewell etc. of that district have been included in the project whereas a number of affected union councils like Bakka have been ignored, if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to include all the affected union councils in the said project?*

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: (a) The Refugees Affected and Hosting Areas Project is led by the United Nations agencies including UNDP, UNHCR and supported by donor agencies.

Long stay of Afghan refugees has put substantial pressure on financial resources and infrastructure (Roads, Hospitals, School and Water resources/Sanitation). The objectives of the RAHA program is to address these issues and to promote social harmony between Afghan refugees and host communities. RAHA is a five year (2009-2013) UN Development program with anticipated budget of US\$ 140 million comprising

of two components Refugees Affected Areas(RAA) and Hosting Affected Areas (HAA). The component-wise allocation is as under:—

RAA US\$ 94 million
HAA US\$ 46 million

The proposed document was signed by the GOP (Economic Affairs Division, SAFRON) and UN participating agencies *i.e.* FAO,ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR,UNIFEM, WFP and WHO under One UN programme.

RAA is led by UNDP to be implemented by the Provincial Government. However, the HAA part is led by UNHCR to be implemented by line-departments in consultation with Afghan Refugees Organizations including Ministry of SAFRON.

(b) To identify the Affected and Hosting Areas two Needs Assessment studies were under taken. The first one was led by UNHCR to address the health, education and water and sanitation needs in Refugees Hosting Areas (HA). The second led by UNDP focused on natural resources, livelihood, physical infrastructure and institutional capacity needs in selected Refugees Affected Areas (RAA). These assessments identified the development oriented interventions that recognized and support the host community contribution to the stay of Afghans in Pakistan (Annex-I).

(c) It is clarified that the legal documents to identify the affected and host areas of Afghan refugees in Pakistan under RAHA development initiative (UN funded rehabilitation program) is the RAHA project document which is duly signed by 8 UN participating agencies and Govt. of Pakistan (Economic Affairs Division and SAFRON). As per said project document, the Union council Sikandarpur and Dingi are identified in the list of affected areas which is within the preview of UNDP to be implemented by the Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. However, the overall District Haripur is included in the host areas which *inter-alia* includes the all Union Councils of the said district including Bakka (Annex-I).

(d) District Haripur is included in the list of hosting areas under RAHA document. The process of development in the effected and hosting areas depends on the availability of funds by the donors and their priorities.

8. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state..

(a) the procedure laid down for leasing out Railway's land in the country; and

- (b) *the details of Railway's land leased out during the last three years indicating also the particulars of lessee and the acreage of land leased out in each case?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) All the Railway lands were leased out through open public auction/sealed bidding after proper advertisement in newspapers.

(b) the details of Railway land leased out during the last three years for different purposes indicating the particulars of lessee and acreage of land leased out in each case (Division-wise) is enclosed as Annexure-A.

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9. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that carriers for luggage have not been provided in public transport (wagon, mini bus, taxi etc.) plying in Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to direct the public transporters to install carriers on their vehicles?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) It is a fact that luggage carriers are not being used by Public Transport (wagon, mini bus, taxi etc.) plying in Islamabad. Secretary, Islamabad Transport Authority has also not asked the transporters to use carriers because public transport illegally use the facility by allowing the passengers / students to use carriers for journey causing great loss to the life / safety of general public.

(b) The position has been explained at (a) above. However, there is no proposal to this effect, under consideration of the District Administration.

10. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan.** (Notice received on 28-07-2011 at 15:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state.

- (a) *the criteria laid down for promotion of the Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for appointment of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA;*

(c) *the number of Deputy Chief Engineers appointed in PIA during the last three years with province-wise break up; and*

(d) *the number of vacant posts of Aircraft Engineers and Deputy Chief Engineers in PIA with quota wise break up?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Criteria laid down for the promotion of the Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA is attached as **Annexure-‘A’**. However, Technical qualification has been redefined to ensure promotion of suitable candidates for smooth operations in Engineering areas in October 2010.

(b) As the posts of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer are promotional posts, therefore, no criteria has been laid down for external appointment of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA.

(c) No appointment/promotion of Deputy Chief Engineers has been made by PIAC during the last three years *i.e* 01-5-2008 to 01-5-2011.

(d) Information regarding vacant posts of Aircraft Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA is as under. However, being promotional posts no quota is observed in this respect:—

Title	No. of approved posts	Existing	Vacancies
Aircraft Engineer (PG-VI, VII & VIII)	727	697	30
Deputy Chief Engineer (PG-IX)	70	52	18

11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that operation of certain PIA flights has been discontinued, if so, its reasons; and*

(b) *the extent of loss suffered due to discontinuation of the said flights?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) The following flights have been discontinued:—

LAHORE-GLASGOW-LAHORE: Glasgow operation was initiated in January 2009 to meet the demand of Pakistani community living in Glasgow and adjacent areas. The flights started incurring huge losses which eventually resulted in suspension of PIA operation to Glasgow.

KARACHI-LONDON-KARACHI: Fourth and fifth frequency on Karachi-London-Karachi route were added in May 2010 and January, 2011 respectively to recapture the London Market. However, due to limited demand the extra capacity could not maintain the required seat factor to make the operation viable.

(b) With the subject suspension of Glasgow flights and decrease of London flights frequency, losses were minimized. The accumulated losses of two flights each to Glasgow and London were:—

— Glasgow : PKR 274,243,000 (Jan 2009 to Jan 2011)

— London: PKR 91,196,000 (4th Flight started in May 2010 and 5th flight on said station. in January, 2011).

12. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 30-07-2011 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed or promoted as Deputy Chief Engineer in PIA during 2003 with province-wise break-up; and*

(b) *whether provincial quota was observed in those appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The requisite information is attached herewith as **Annexure-‘A’**.

(b) In PIAC, no direct induction is carried-out at the level of Deputy Chief Engineering; rather, PIA employees are escalated/promoted to this level. It is worth noting that provincial/regional quotas are observed only for inductions in the Corporation service and for promotions (career progress) these quotas are not a part of the eligibility criteria/vacancies.

13. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 30-07-2011 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names, designations, BPS, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed in PIA on contract and regular basis during the last three years?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: PIAC made a total number of 2171 appointments on regular and contract basis during the years 2008 to July 2011, *i.e* 1854 regular and 317 on contract basis. The details of appointees are at **Annexure- 'A'**.

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

14. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 30-07-2011 at 12.25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to promote Aircraft Engineers to the post of Deputy Chief Engineer in pursuance of a decision of the Sindh High Court, if so, its details; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that educational qualification prescribed for the post of Deputy Chief Engineer is graduate engineering from any recognized university while the PIA has announced qualification of matriculation for that post, if so, the reasons for this disparity?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) PIAC Management conducted meeting of the Promotion Board of Aircraft Engineers for Promotion as Deputy Chief Engineers on 2nd 3rd & 4th of August, 2011 in the light of the High Court's decision in C.P.No.D-948 of 2009, which is reproduced as under:—

“The impugned Internal Recruitment Notice having no sanction is struck down. Any appointment or vacancies that need to be filled in are to be filled in strictly in accordance with the PIA Aircraft Engineers Services Rules 2001 and in accordance with the criteria mentioned in Chapter-VI of the Rules.”

It is however, pointed out that Aircraft Engineers Services Rules, 2001 have been amended subsequent to execution of working Agreement with SEAP (Society of Aircraft Engineers Pakistan) for the period 2009-2011 *vide* Admin Order No.40/2011, dated 01-10-2010 (copy attached as **Annexure-A**).

(b) Pakistan International Airlines is a corporation constituted under PIAC Act-1956. It is a government owned entity and governed by its Board of Directors. As per laid down Rules/Regulations of the corporation, PIA does not fill the post of Deputy Chief Engineer directly. It is filled through promotion as mentioned in part 'a' of the question. In fact, as per working agreement of PIA management with Society of Aircraft Engineers Pakistan (SAEP), PIA does not make direct appointment from out side PIA for the post of Deputy Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer and Director (Engineer). PIAC inducts Aircraft Technicians in PG-III or IV for which F.S.C or Diploma in Aircraft Engineer is required and Trainee Engineer in PG-V for which B.E Degree is pre-requisite. These two posts are the carrier posts which leads to the posts of Deputy Chief Engineer and onwards. For

promotion purpose alongwith minimum technical qualification, license to repair/maintain/handle various aircraft equipment and approval of competent forum like CAA is also a pre-requisite.

15. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-08-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons appointed / promoted in PIA in violation of rules during the tenure of last M.D., PIA; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the appointment of incumbent General Manager, Cargo in PIA?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) There was a total of twelve (12) individuals from Pay Group-II to Pay Group-X who were inducted in PIAC during the tenure of former Managing Director, PIAC (Mr.M.Aijaz Haroon) by dispensing the requirement of advertisement, qualification, height and upper age relaxation in violation of the Govt. rules in vogue. However, these appointments were authenticated by the PIAC Board. The list of above said individuals is at **Annexure-‘A’**.

(b) In order to overcome the scarcity of dynamic professional in PIA’s courier division (Speed Ex) and to convert it from cost center to profit center, Mr.Sohail Yaqoob was appointed permanently by PIAC as General Manager, Speed Ex, effective 10-11-2009 after approval of the PIA Board of Directors in its 322nd meeting held on 29-10-2009, by dispensation of the requirement of advertisement in the national press and relaxation of upper age limit (40 years) for induction.

16. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-08-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officers working in PIA with province wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of officers promoted in PIA during the last four years with province-wise break up?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The requisite details regarding number of officers working in PIA with province-wise breakup is attached as **Annexure ‘A’**.

(b) The requisite details regarding number of officers promoted in PIA during the last four years with province-wise breakup is attached as **Annexure ‘B’**.

17. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 09-08-2011 at 09:11 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Narcotics Control since January, 2010 with province wise break up?

Haji Khuda Bux Rajar: List of persons appointed in the Ministry since January, 2010 with Province wise break up is attached at (**Annex-A**).

18. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a programme namely “Rahat Fateh Ali Khan Show” was recorded on 16th April, 2011 in Taus Restaurant, Beharia Town, Rawalpindi, by using PTV instruments and manpower like Vans, camera and other material etc., if so, the name of producer of the said programme;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the tickets for that show / programme were sold at the rate of Rs.15000 per ticket, if so, the amount collected from the sale of tickets and that provided to PTV; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said programme is now being purchased by PTV inspite of the fact that all the sources of PTV were used for recording of the programme, if so, its reasons?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a,b&c) Mr. Rahat Fateh Ali Khan has become an Icon of music industry and every TV channel is always willing to get him and show his performance on its screen.

Regarding “Rahat Fateh Ali Khan Show”, it is to mention here if that the organizers of the show made contact to PTV before recording the show and it was agreed and an MOU was signed between the parties according to which “PTV will provide only technical facilities for the recording and other matter like venue charges, payment to all the artistes, their food arrangement including Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, who is an expensive talent, lighting and other expenses would be borne by the organizers”. It was also agreed that the second party will provide the show in edited form which will be televised on PTV. It was also agreed that a joint marketing will be launched for the show and the generated income will be divided on fifty-fifty revenue sharing basis, just for the first time telecast.

It is also important to mention that the top artistes like Rahat Fateh Ali Khan are only available for certain dates which are pre-booked with the producers and sponsors.

Rahat Fateh Ali Khan is one of the leading singers of Pakistan and has great attraction for the market.

As per agreement, PTV has one year rights of the show and for other any future telecast no payment is to be made by PTV to the second party.

19. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of TV programmes submitted for approval by various stations of PTV to PTV Headquarters during the years 2010 and 2011;*
- (b) the number of the said programmes approved/not approved by the headquarters; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of the said programmes were cancelled after approval, if so, the details of such programmes and reasons for cancellation in each case?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) Total 191 Ideas for programmes were submitted by various TV centers for approval to PTV Headquarters during 2010 & 2011.

(b) A total number of 106 ideas for programmes were approved whereas 85 not approved.

(c) Detail of programmes cancelled with reasons is attached at **Annexure- "A"**

20. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 12-08-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of programmes purchased by PTV from private organizations / persons during the last two years indicating also the names of such persons / owners of those organizations and amount paid by PTV in each case; and*
- (b) the reasons for not producing those programmes by PTV itself?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) The requisite Information is enclosed at **Annexure- "B"**.

(b) PTV produces plays for children, music and religious programmes through its own six centers Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Islamabad and Multan.

The centers also produce regional languages drama, music stage shows and programmes for children.

Moreover, PTV has also expanded its network and started new channels with twenty-four hours transmission by using all the technical facilities and manpower.

Private productions are also included to fill the gap in PTV production and demand.

The private sector is producing some good plays. PTV purchases these dramas for its transmission to compete with private channels so that better lot does not go to its competitors. PTV telecast these dramas *viz-a-viz* PTV's own production.

21. ***Ms. Sabina Rauf:** (Notice received on 18-08-2011 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether the Government is contemplating to acquire land to settle the families residing alongside the old/proposed tracks of Karachi circular railway, if so, its present status?

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: ●The President of Pakistan on 20-4-2009 while consenting to the execution of Revival of Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) Project with International help also directed that a Resettlement Action Plan should be prepared immediately for the Project Affected Persons (PAPs). Moreover, it is a mandatory requirement of the Donor Agency JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).

● In compliance to above, Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) Study for Project Affected Persons of KCR Project has been completed and approved by the Donor Agency JICA on July 27, 2011.

● The Land at Jumma Goth adjacent to Shah Latif Township measuring 357.50 Acres owned by Pakistan Railways has been earmarked for the Resettlement of Project Affectees.

44. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-09-2011 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of officers working in FIA in the country with station wise break up; and*
- (b) the number of vacant posts in FIA with province-wise break-up?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) 198 officers are working in FIA in the country. Station-wise break up is at Annex-I.

(b) 784 posts are vacant in FIA, Province-wise break up is at Annex-II.

45. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 20-09-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, place of domicile and name of organizations of the journalists killed or injured during the last 8 years;*
- (b) *the names of police stations wherein the FIRs of those incidents have been registered indicating also the name of courts and present status of each case; and*
- (c) *the details of those journalists who received life threats during the said period?*

Reply not received.

46. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-09-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to arrange coverage of PTV programmes in Turbat, Gawadar and Panjgur?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: The Rebroadcast Stations(RBSs) Turbat, Gwadar & Pangjoor are already functioning and PTV programmes being telecast through these RBSs/Boosters. The population coverage of the said Boosters is as under:—

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. RBS-Turbat | 0.1458 million |
| 2. RBS-Gwadar | 0.0418 Million |
| 3. RBS-Pangjoor | 0.2517 Million |

47. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of cases of corruption disposed of by FIA during the last three years with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the amount recovered in those cases with province-wise break up?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Name of Province/FIA Zone

	Cases of corruption disposed off during the last three years
FIA Islamabad	31
FIA Punjab Lahore	341
FIA Sindh Karachi	61
FIA KPK Peshawar	49
FIA Balochistan, Quetta	08

(b) Name of Province/FIA Zone

	Total amount recovered-(Rupees in million)
FIA Islamabad	Nil
FIA Punjab Lahore	Rs.2042.7 million
FIA Sindh Karachi	Rs.0.382 million
FIA KPK Peshawar	Rs.13.73 million
FIA Balochistan, Quetta	Rs.4.01 million

48. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of property of Auqaf Department in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the income received from the said properties during the last year and its utilization with month wise and head-wise break up?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) Following is the detail of property of Auqaf Department, ICT;

- (i) Two shops situated in the basement of Masjid Al-Shohada, Aabpara, Islamabad.
- (ii). 28 Kanals and 01 Marla land gifted to Takia Barri Shah Latif by Khan Zaman and Fazal Jan of Koral with the condition that the benefits / income if any of the said land will be received by the Matwali.

(b) A sum of Rs. 205,671/- has been received as income during the last year 2010. The said amount has not been utilized by the Auqaf Directorate, ICT and was deposited in the government treasury under Account No.C-03805.

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

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of cultural troops, field wise, sent abroad during the last three years indicating also the names of countries to which the same were sent and the amount spent and objectives achieved in each case?

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA)

A total of 18 cultural troupes/delegations visited abroad during the last three years. Details of troupes/delegations indicating field, names of countries to which the same were sent, the amount spent and objectives achieved, is given at **Annexure-I**.

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Under Cultural Exchange Program between Pakistan and China, a cultural troupe comprising 22 folk artists/performers from all provinces participated in 2nd Changdu Intangible Cultural Heritage festival held from 1st to 7th June 2009 in which sixteen countries participated.

Performance of Pakistani artists/performers was highly appreciated by public/Chinese Government.

An expenditure of Rs. 2801649/-was made on this festival.

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

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names of departments / institutions which have outstanding amounts against PIA indicating also the amount outstanding in each case and the time by which it will be paid?

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: Details of amounts payable by PIA to Government Departments/Institutions as on 19th August, 2011 are as given below:—

Department/Institution	Amount Outstanding	Reason
Civil Aviation Authority pertains to current CAA in installments.	PKR 3.955 billion	The major portion of the liability represents old outstanding and pertains to year 2009 and 2010. One fourth of total liability year. A sizeable portion of current portion will be paid in near future. However, old outstanding amount will be paid to
Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSO)	PKR 1.703 billion	The amount payable to PSO is a normal trade payable which Will be cleared in the normal course of business. The amount payable has increased due to recent increase in the oil prices.

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

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the increase made by PIA in its fares for Pakistan-Saudi Arabia sector since July, 2010; and*

(b) *the amount received by PIA due to that increase?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The increase / decrease made by PIA in its Economy class fares for Pakistan-Saudi Arabia sector since July 2010 is shown in the table placed below for Karachi market as well as North (*i.e.* fare applicable for all points in Pakistan except Karachi market):—

PIAC

Economy Class Fare (Y) Karachi-Jeddah				VARIANCE		
YR 2009/2010	PKR	YR 2010/2011	PKR	AMOUNT	(%)	
1-Jul-09	53000	1-Jul-10	52000	-1000	-2%	22-Sep-09
	37210	22-Sep-10	45045	7840	17%	
1-Jan-10	34460	1-Jan-11	45050	10590	24%	
1-Apr-10	45000	1-Apr-11	54000	9000	17%	
1-Jun-10	47000	1-Jun-11	56000	9000	16%	
1-Jul-10	52000	1-Jul-11	57500	5500	10%	
3-Sep-10	45050	3-Sep-11	54000	8950	17%	
11-Oct-10	107000	11-Oct-11	113500	6500	6%	
12-Nov-10	45050	12-Nov-11	54000	8950	17%	

(b) The month-wise amount received during the period from July, 2010 to June, 2011 (excluding Hajj revenue) is as under:—

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
July, 2010	967,078,382
August, 2010	1,587,889,642
September, 2010	140,206,349
October, 2010	828,107,672
November, 2010	207,481,435
December, 2010	112,536,197
January, 2011	235,036,840
February, 2011	481,206,643

March, 2011	2,011,970,503
April, 2011	1,607,104,906
May, 2011	1,077,456,910
June, 2011	1,586,142,522

52. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 12:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of target killing incidents reported / registered so far in Balochistan indicating also the details about the victims; and*

(b) *the details of target killers arrested so far in Balochistan?*

Reply not received.

53. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to improve the prevailing Law and Order situation in the country?

Reply not received.

54. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 14:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States & Frontier Regions be pleased to state the amount paid as compensation for civilian casualties and damages to their properties during the military operation in Mohmand Agency so far?

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: An amount of Rs.155.900 million has so far been paid to the affected persons on account of casualties.

No compensation has been paid on account of damaged properties.

55. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 14:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of damages caused to Government buildings in Mohmand Agency by the militants during the last three years; and*

(b) *whether any amount has been allocated in the current budget for the repair /reconstruction of the said buildings, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Engr. Shaukat Ullah: (a) During the last three years 312 number of Government buildings have been damaged in Mohmand Agency by the militants. Detail of sector-wise damages to Government property in Mohmand Agency is as under:—

S.No	Sector	No. of Buildings Damaged
1.	Housing	34
2.	Livestock and Dairy Dev.	20
3.	PHE (DWSS)	9
4.	Education Institution	155
5.	Female Hostel	79
6.	Health Sector	15
	Total:	312

The Tehsil-wise breakup may be pursued at Annex-B

(b) No funds on account of repair/reconstruction of damaged Government property/building have been allocated under Agency Programmes in the ADP-2011-12. A new scheme in each sector on account of "Improvement, Rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing facilities" has been included under all FATA Programme in the ADP 2011-12. Details of the said scheme are being finalized.

56. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 07-10-2011 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of foreigners arrested on Pak-Afghanistan Boarder in FATA since 2010 with country wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of the said foreigners who have been released?*

Reply not received.

57. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**(Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 14:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons killed in train accidents since January 2008;*
- (b) *whether any compensation has been given to the bereaved families, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of railways passengers?*

Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) Number of *bonafide* passengers killed since January-2008 are as under:—

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>KILLED</u>
2008	4
2009	15
2010	—
2011 up to April	—
Total:	19

(b) An amount of Rs. 14700000/- was paid as compensation to the victims of deceased since January, 2008 till date.

(c) Steps taken by the Pakistan Railways to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future:—

- Training and refresher courses are conducted regularly at the Pakistan Railway Academy, Walton. Special attention is being given to the training of the field staff especially the locomotive crew Guard. Station Master etc
- Special campaigns for public awareness regarding safety and security have been lunched.
- Regular inspections in accordance with prescribed standards and quota are conducted by the officers and officials of Pakistan Railways to maintain safety standards. The process is being constantly monitored at appropriate levels.
- Special instructions are issued regularly for guidance of the staff.
- Inquiries into accident are held, responsibility is fixed and remedial measures on the basis of their findings are taken.
- Metal detectors have been provided to Railway police and Civil Defence staff for checking of sabotage activities.
- All the train staff including escorting police officials have been directed to remain highly alert at stations and in the trains.
- Special security / Surveillance of important station / installations is being carried out by the Railway Police and strict security measures have been introduced to counter subversive activities.
- Extensive day and night patrolling of track by motor trolleys and push trolleys is being carried out under scheduled programme.

- Protection of bridges by engaging Civil Police and deputing Railway employees / patrollers is also being carried out at key points.

ISLAMABAD :
The 27th October, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

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