

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 20th December, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 59 to 68 & 16 to 24 and Question Nos. 5, 13, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 15, 80, 81, 90, 36, 47, 48, 49, 51 and 53 were originally set down for answering on 9th and 17th December, 2011 respectively but were deferred)

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

Serving Officers

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

Retired Officers

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

(b) Three Officers namely;

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

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

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

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

88. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-11-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kuwait affectees compensated so far;*
- (b) the amount paid to the said affectees; and*
- (c) the number of cases of compensation submitted by Kuwait affectees lying pending at present with OPF and the time by which those cases will be finalized?*

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: (a) 44,637.

(b) US\$ 324.87 million.

(c) 03 cases of Kuwait affectees are pending with High Court and Supreme Court of Pakistan which will be processed on receipt of Judgments of the Courts.

89. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-11-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the names, designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the country the nationality of which they hold?

Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar: None of the officers in BS-17 and above of main Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis or their spouses holds dual nationality. However, Mr. Muhammad Yar Bhutto, Executive Director (Finance), working in the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation holds dual nationality of Pakistan and United States of America.

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

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

- (a) the procedure laid down for election of Members of Senate from FATA before, during 2003 and subsequent elections; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the said procedure was changed in / after 2002, if so, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 19th December, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.