

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 3rd May, 2012

16. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-03-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister, for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that extra ordinary delay is being caused in the issuance of new passports in the country, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether the Government is taking steps to over come the said problem?*

Mr. A. Rehman Malik: (a) There is no extra ordinary delay in issuance of passports. Due to Umrah season receipt of passport applications has increased and issuance of passports is delayed only for 2 to 3 days.

(b) The production facility remains operational on holidays and extra shifts are also arranged on daily basis to adhere to the prescribed delivery schedule of passports.

17. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 14-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that FWO has completed 70% work on Torkham-Jalalabad highway;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that due to non availability of funds the work on the project has been suspended since 2008; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the Government of Afghanistan is going to award un-finished work of the project to India, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) FWO has completed 70.27% work on Road Torkham-Jalalabad.

(b) The project is presently suspended due to non availability of funds since 31 August 2008. Approx Rs. 1168.99 Million are still outstanding against the work done.

(c) Concerned quarters (Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Economic Affairs Division/Planning Commission of Pakistan/Ministry of Communication) to be asked to provide more/relevant information in this case.

18. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 15-03-2012 at 09:25 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and its attached departments since 15th March, 2008, with grade-wise and province-wise breakup; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) The total number of persons appointed in the main Ministry its attached departments since 15th March, 2008, with grade-wise and province-wise break up are as under:—

19. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 15-03-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the balance sheet of Radio Pakistan far the last four fiscal years;*

(b) *whether audit of accounts of the said period has been conducted, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, reported in audit reports and action taken against persons responsible for the same;*

(c) *whether any study was conducted in recent past to identify the financially weak areas of the said department, if so, the details thereof; and*

(d) *the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the spending / expenditures of that department?*

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) Balance Sheet of Radio Pakistan for the last four fiscal years is at **Annexure-A**.

(b) Audit of the Accounts of PBC has been conducted by the office of Director Commercial Audit Wah Cantt and A Chartered Firm of Accountants upto 2010-11. The details of irregularities reported in the audit reports and action taken against persons responsible are at **Annexure-B**.

(c) No.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to rationalize the spending/expenditure of the Corporation are at **Annexure-C**.

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

20. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditures of Ministry of Railways, 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?*

Reply not received.

21. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-03-2012 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons appointed in the Airport Security Force (ASF) since March, 2008 with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) the procedure and criteria adopted for the said appointments?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Total Number of Persons Appointed in the Airport Security Force since March 2008 with province wise break-up are as under:—

(b) The procedure and criteria for appointment in various cadres are at Annex-A, B and C.

22. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-04-2012 at 09: 15 a.m.)

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

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

Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira: (a) & (b) The details of cases of corruption , and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporation during the last three years are as under:—

23. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-04-2012 at 15:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the revenue earned by PIA from Hajj flights during Hajj 2011;*
- (b) *the profit earned from Umrah flights during the holy month of Ramadan in the years 2010 and 2011; and*
- (c) *the number of flights of PIA to be operated during Hajj 2012?*

Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar: (a) PIAC have earned revenue, amounting to PKR 8.417 million from Hajj 2011 flights.

(b) PIAC have not earned any profit from Umrah flights, rather suffered loss during Ramadan 2010 & 2011 as follows:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Loss</u>
2010	119 million
2011	127 million

(c) PIA have applied for 310 slots for pre-Hajj operation and flights will be operated as per market demand during 2012.

24. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-04-2012 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments and

subordinate offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?

Reply not received.

25. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 11-04-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of PIA employees posted abroad during the last five years with province wise break up; and*
- (b) the total number of PIA employees presently posted abroad with province-wise break up?*

Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) 83 Employees of different departments of PIAC has been posted abroad during the last five years. Province wise break up is attached as **Annexure-‘A’**.

(b) 158 Employees of different departments of PIAC are presently posted abroad. Province wise break up is attached as **Annexure-‘B’**.

26. ***Mr. Farhatullah Babar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2012)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of appointment of Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances; and*
- (b) whether the Commission has prepared any report, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to publish the said report?*

Reply not received.

27. ***Mrs. Muddassir Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-04-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have extradition treaty, if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to do so, if so, when?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 2nd May, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.