

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 12th July, 2012

38. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Islamabad Model School for Girls, I-9/4, Islamabad was upgraded from Primary to Middle level three years ago;*
- (b) if so, the sanctioned strength of teachers in the said school before and after up-gradation; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the strength of teachers has not been increased so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which it will be increased?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) F.G. Junior Model School, 1-9/4, Islamabad renamed as Islamabad Model School for Girls (I-VIII), 1-9/4, Islamabad was up-graded on 12-05-2010.

(b) Sanctioned strength of Teaching Staff in the said school before and after the up-gradation is same as no post has been added after up-gradation. The detail of sanctioned posts is as under:—

H/M (B-18)	SST (B-17)	TGT (B-16)	EST (B-14)	PTI (B-16)	English Teacher (B-16)	Total
01	01	16	07	01	05	31

(c) Yes, it is a fact that the strength of teachers has not been increased because the existing sanctioned posts are justified according to the student teacher ratio as prescribed in the prevailing Education Policy except the deficiency of 03 teachers, accordingly adjusted by deputing 03 teachers on temporary duty as a stop gap arrangement. The case for creation of 955 posts for teaching staff has been initiated which is under process. The strength of the teachers in the said institution will be increased as per requirement soon after creation of the posts.

39. ___ ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmad Bilour:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government is facing fiscal deficit, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to reduce / control that deficit?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) In the budget 2011-12 deficit target was fixed at 4% of GDP but due to excess expenditure on account of excess rains, law and order situation, higher funding to energy sector, less non-tax receipts, the revised target of fiscal deficit is projected at 5.5% of GDP which excludes debt consolidation of Rs.391 billion i.e. 1.9% of GDP.

- (b) The government has adopted a multi pronged approach including:
 - (a) Austerity measures and strict expenditure controls.
 - (b) Enhanced Revenue collection i.e. an increase of about 24%.
 - (c) Efficient and targetted subsidies.

The Federal Government's deficit for the year ending 2011-12 is projected at 5.5%. The main reasons for this fiscal deficit are high subsidies to the electricity and other sectors and the transition to the new national finance award whereby the share of the Provinces has been enhanced.

40. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has noticed decline in the GDP growth rate, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve it?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The year wise growth rates during the last five years are given below:

Year	GDP Growth
2007-08	3.7
2008-09	1.7
2009-10	3.8
2010-11	3.0
2011-12	3.7*

*Provisional

The present government took the charge during second half of financial year 2007-08 when the GDP growth was 3.7 percent. The global financial crises escalated in 2008-09 which affected the growth rate. Since 2009-10, growth in GDP is almost steady but faced various national and international challenges including, sharp increase in international commodities and oil prices, domestic law and order situation, natural disasters, acute shortage of energy and Euro Zone financial crises, etc.

(b) Following steps are being taken to accelerate the GDP growth rate:—

- A growth target of 4.3 percent has been set by the government for the next fiscal year based on the better performance of Agriculture, Industrial and services sectors witnessed during 2011-12.
- To mobilize domestic resources, tax Administration and policy reforms have been undertaken.
- Promoting exports by product diversification and regional/border trade.
- Incentivizing home remittances.
- Rationalizing subsidy regime to reduce pressure on the budget.
- Public Sector restructuring.
- Power sector reforms to resolve the energy crises.

41. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashha:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development, be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that there is discrimination in payment of orderly / allowance admissible to the officers in BPS 21 who have retired in or before 2006 and those who retired after 2006, if so, its reasons; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to remove the said discrimination with regards to the payment of orderly allowance to the retired officers in BS-21, if not, its reasons?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) No.

(b) No. there is no discrimination with regards to the payment of orderly allowance to the entitled Officers. The said allowance / special additional pension have been allowed equal to admissible pre-retirement orderly allowance *vide* Finance Division O.M No.F.1(2)Reg-6/91 dated 29-09- 1991(Annex-I).

42. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 9.05 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of government quarters in Sector G-6/4 and Sector G-6/3, Islamabad, on which more than one hundred thousands rupees have been spent on repairing / maintenance during the last five years indicating also the details of work carried out and the amount spent in each case; and*

(b) *the number of quarters in those sectors for which requests for maintenance / repairing are lying pending with CDA and the time by which required work will be carried out?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The list of Government Quarter in Sector G-6/3 & G-6/4 on which more than one hundred thousands rupees have been spent on Electrical work during the last five years is at **Annex-“A”**.

The list of houses in Sector G-6/3 and G-6/4, Islamabad, on which more than one hundred thousands rupees have been spent on repairing/maintenance (Civil Work) during, the last five years, is at **Annex-“B”**.

(b) There are 46 pending. requests of the allottees of the Government houses in different Sectors. regarding rewiring/maintenance for which estimate has been processed for approval/allocation of funds.

However. the Repair/Maintenance will be carried out in the next financial year 2012-2013 on availability of funds.

43. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmad Bilour:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for growth in economy and social sectors?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: Economic growth was at the lowest ebb and fiscal and current account deficits & inflation were high when the Government took over. Priority of the Government was to stabilize the economy and pave the way to growth. After experience of low growth around 3% and high inflation in recent years, on account of energy shortages, floods and security reasons, turnaround of the economy is visible where growth has surged to 3.7% and inflation declined to 11% in 2011-12. To accelerate the growth, 5 to 6% in medium and 7 to 8% in long term, the Framework of Economic Growth was formulated, approved by the NEC in 2011 and now is under implementation. The following steps are undertaken to accelerate growth.

- Ensure energy, water and internal security.
- Rationalize tariff and promote regional trade.
- Improve connectivity and ICT
- Better manage cities through inclusive zoning and Urban Challenge Fund
- Build capacity of public institutions
- Reform PSEs (Pak. Steel, Railways, PIA, GENCOs, DISCOs)
- Implement growth strategy through result based management approach.

The growth strategy also lays emphasis on social development that spurs and sustains growth through provision of quality education, health and skill development and Youth Development Fund for employability. BISP is a flagship program of social protection, where 3.5 million poor received needed relief.

44. ___***Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the appointments made in the Customs Departments since January, 2011, were in accordance with the quota prescribed for each area; and*
- (b) *the number of persons appointed in Customs Department / Offices in Balochistan during the said period with province-wise break-up?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) One hundred and six (106) appointments (BS-1 to 15) were made in the Customs Department of FBR since January, 2011. The recruitment was made on Regional/Provincial quota basis as per following break-up:—

- (i) Fifty-two (52) officials (BS-1 to 5) were recruited in Model Customs Collectorate, Quetta on the basis of domicile of Balochistan province under Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package (**Annex-I**).
- (ii) Sixteen (16) Sepoys (BS-5) have been appointed on regular basis in Model - Customs Collectorate, Peshawar in January, 2011 on Provincial/Regional quota basis (**Annex-II**).
- (iii) Thirty-eight (38) officials (BS-1 to 15) have been appointed in the Customs Department on two years contract basis in terms of the Prime Minister's Assistance Package for the children of Government Servants who die during the service since January, 2011. It is also pertinent to mention that there is no allocation of provincial quota against such contractual appointments (**Annex-III**).
- (iv) All the appointments of Officers BPS-17 Pakistan Customs Service are made through FPSC executing CSS examination and in accordance with quota prescribed for Government Service.

(b) Model Customs Collectorate, Quetta recruited 52 officials in the following categories in March, 2012 under Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package:

S. #	Name of Post	BS	Number of candidates appointed
1	Sepoy	5	40
2	Motor Boat Driver	5	01
3	Dispatch Rider	5	01
4	Mechanic	5	01
5	Lady Searcher	3/4	02
6	Daftri	3	01
7	Mali	2	02
8	Sweeper	2	04
Total			52

All the persons appointed against the above positions have the domicile of the province of Balochistan. District of domicile of each of the employee is indicated against each name as shown at **Annex-I**.

(i) Only four officers have been allocated to Pakistan Customs Service by the FPSC as per prescribed quota since January 2011 in which no officer belongs to Balochistan.

45. ___ ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Co-ordination be pleased to state the number, make, model and price of the vehicles purchased for EPI / vertical programmes like Maralaria, HIV Aids, TB etc. since January 2011 and the names of officers presently using those vehicles?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: No vehicles have been purchased by the Vertical Programmes i.e. EPI, Malaria, HIV AIDS and TB etc. since January, 2011.

46. ___ ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in Zarai Taraqiati Bank during the last two years with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the names of the said persons who were appointed on deputation basis; and*
- (c) *the names of the persons promoted in that bank during the said period?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Ahaikh: (a) 315 persons were appointed during last two years in the Bank. The province wise breakup is given below:—

Sr. No.	Name of Province	Number of employees
1.	Punjab	229
2.	Federal Capital	6
3.	Sindh	55
4.	Khayber Pakhtunkhawa	17
5.	Balochistan	5
6.	Azad Jammu Kashmir	3
Total		315

(b) Rao Manzar Hayat, a grade 20 Officer of Secretariat Group.

(c) 322 persons were promoted during the said period. List as annexed.

47. ___ ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Co-ordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the functions of Pakistan Sports Board;*
- (b) whether Board is responsible to monitor the affairs of Pakistan Olympic Association and Provincial Olympic Associations;*
- (c) the mechanism adopted for checking / monitoring the utilization of grants being provided to the said Associations; and*
- (d) the names of Provincial Olympic Associations the accounts of which have been checked recently?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Main functions of PSB are:—

- i. to implement and monitor sports policy in conformity with national objectives and to recommend measures for designing and development of sports policy.
- ii. to approve, amend and repeal constitution of all National Sports Federations and Associations.
- iii. to affiliate, assist and guide the National Games and Sports Organizations in executing their programmes of sports activities;
- iv. to encourage training and coaching of sportsmen at all levels for National teams;
- v. to receive any money or financial grants-in-aid from the Federal Government, the provincial governments, local bodies and any statutory or non-statutory corporations or bodies;
- vi. to collect, accept or otherwise receive from any person, body, association or organization, any subscription, donation, assistance or help either in money, land or by transfer in favour of the Board;
- vii. to encourage, promote and undertake all such measures as would assist in the development of sports in Pakistan;
- viii. to give grants-in-aid and subsidies from time to time to the National Games and Sports Organizations affiliated to the Board and deserving sportsmen;
- ix. to sponsor and provide administrative and financial support for exchange of sports teams, coaches, organizers and delegations with various countries at international level;

- x. to approve awards and scholarships in the field of sports;
- xi. to maintain liaison with international agencies and organizations for sports promotion in Pakistan; and
- xii. to make rules and regulations to carry out its objectives.

(b) Pakistan Olympic Association and Provincial Olympic Associations are registered under Societies Act and perform their functions, duties and obligations in accordance with their constitution to be framed in consonance with the principles of the IOC charter.

PSB in pursuance of Rule 4(xii) provides biannual grant to POA for holding National Games on all Pakistan basis. The Board also, as provided in Rule 4(xvi) extends administrative and financial support to POA for participation in the games organized by international Olympic Committee (IOC), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), South Asia Olympic Council (SAOC), Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) and multi sports competitions. The Board, only monitors the activities of POA to the extent given above. However, the Board does not monitor the day to day affairs of the POA.

As regards the Provincial Olympic Associations, these bodies fall within the purview of the respective Provincial Governments.

(c) As indicated above (b), PSB provides funds to Pakistan Olympic Association for holding of National Games biannually and for Pakistan's participation in international games recognized by IOC, OCA, SAOC, CGF and other multi sports competitions. For biannual grant, POA provides audited statement of accounts after completion of such games. As regards provision of funds for international participation, POA transmits funds to the respective Organizing Committee. Chef-De-Mission and Treasurer, deputed with the contingents, incur expenditure and submit utilization report to PSB on completion of these events. Besides, the mechanism to check/monitor the utilization of grants, have been provided for in clause 9 (explanation) of Ordinance XXIII of 2001, Auditor General (Function, Power and terms and condition of the service) whereby the grants over and above five (5) million are subject to Federal Audit.

(d) Since the Provincial Olympic Associations are the subject of respective Provinces, therefore the checking of their accounts falls under the domain of respective Provincial Government.

48. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** _____ (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in F.B.R. and its sub-ordinate departments during the last three years

indicating also the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: FBR initiated disciplinary proceedings in 305 cases against the officers and staff of FBR and its field formations on charges of corruption, misappropriation and fraud during the last three years namely i.e. 2009, 2010 and 2011, the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them is at Annex "A".

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

49. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of parliamentarians, Defence officers, judges, journalists and government officers with designation who have been allotted residential plots in Islamabad during the period of incumbent government indicating also the location and price of plot in each case; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for allotment of the said plots?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house as soon as received.

50. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 16:15 (p.m.))

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Ministries/Divisions, Corporations, Attached Departments and Subordinate Offices which stood abolished due to devolution of their subjects to the Provinces;*
- (b) the number of persons who were working in these Ministries/Divisions, Corporations, Attached Departments and Subordinate Offices at the time of devolution;*
- (c) the number of these persons who were retained by the Federal Government and those transferred to the provinces; and*
- (d) the number of the said employees absorbed in other Ministries/Divisions and those who are on the surplus pool?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:

(a)	(i) Ministries/Divisions.	17
	(ii) Departments/ Other Offices	05
(b)	(i) Ministries/Divisions	3294
	(ii) Attached Departments/Other Offices	585

(c) All the employees of these Institutions have been retained by the Federal Government.

(d) None of the employees of the devolved Ministries/Divisions has been absorbed in other Ministries/Divisions rather they have been placed on deputation under Section 10 of the civil Servants Act, 1973. No employee has been placed in the surplus pool.

51. ___ ***Mr. Shahi Syed :** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names/title and location of development projects launched or completed by the Federal Government in Karachi during the last ten years indicating also the amount spent on each project;*
- (b) *the criteria adopted for selection of site for these projects; and*
- (c) *whether audit of amount spent on the said projects has been conducted, if so, the details of lapses pointed out therein?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) the year-wise details of projects launched or completed during last ten years are placed at Annex-I.

(b) the selection of site for development projects is primarily the responsibility of the sponsoring agencies. However to authenticate / confirm the suitability of the site, Planning Commission on its part scrutinizes / clears the projects based on in-house departmental feasibility / technical feasibility (for Mega projects).

(c) the audit of the project is a standing procedure of the Auditor General of Pakistan and all development projects are audited according to this criteria.

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

52. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the inflation rate in the country during the financial years 2009-10 and 2010-11; and*
- (b) *the causes which lead increase in inflation and steps taken by the Government to control it?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The inflation rate during 2009-10 and 2010-11- is as follows.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inflation rate</u>
2009-10	10.1
2010-11	13.7

(b) The increase in commodity and fuel prices and supply disruption due to floods of 2010-11 led to increase in inflation. However, the inflation has been contained to 10.8 percent during July-April 2011-12 due to the following measures.

- (i) The government has focused on prudent expenditure management.
- (ii) The SBP under their Monetary Policy control inflation through policy rate.
- (iii) The government is keeping a close watch on the movement of the prices of essential items through regular ECC meetings and suggests necessary steps for maintaining price stability through improved supply chain.
- (iv) The Cabinet also reviews inflationary trend and prices of essential commodities in its meeting on regular basis.
- (v) National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) also monitor the prices of essential commodities in consultation with Provincial Governments and concerned Federal Ministries/ Divisions and Organization.

53. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure laid down for awarding licenses to mobile companies;*
- (b) *the names of mobile companies to which licenses were issued by PTA during the last eight years;*
- (c) *the authority which gave approval of the licenses and the authority which is competent to give approval in each case;*
- (d) *the terms and conditions under which the said licenses were issued;*

(e) *the details of violations of the terms and conditions committed by those companies and the action taken thereon; and*

(f) *the details of cases, if any, pending in courts against the said companies?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) PTA issues licenses on receipt of policy directives from Government of Pakistan (MoIT), as per Pakistan Telecom(Re-organization) Act 1996 clause (8) (2) (***Annex-I***).

(b) In the light of Govt Policy issued in 2004 by MoIT, 2 x companies were awarded Cellular Mobile Telephony Licenses in the past 08 years after completing transparent bidding process.

I. M/s Telenor Pakistan

II. M/s Warid Telecom

(c) In addition to Para (a), PTA has the Authority under the Telecom Act clause 5 read with Clause 20 to issue and grant Licenses.

(d) The Licenses were issued on open and transparent manner through auction for 15 years. All such information was made available in the Information memorandum (IM) for potential investors/bidders.

(e) In 2011 and 2012, the Authority on violation/contravention of license terms and conditions with regard to Qos, non-provision of tools and non-compliance of Authority directions has issued show cause notice under section 23 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 to the following companies:—

(i) **Warid**

(a) Qos issues on 11-11-2011; and

(b) Non-provision measuring tool on - 12-12-2011

(iii) **Telenor**

(a) Qos issues on 11-11-2011; and

(b) Non-provision measuring tool on 12-12-2011

(c) Restoration of service Charges (6.5%) on 18-4-2012

(i) **Telenor**

(a) Being aggrieved by SCN with regard to Qos has filed writ petition 104/2012 which was dismissed in limine as a result thereof and in ICA 21/2012 has been filed by the licensee wherein the court has directed PTA not to take any coercive action against the licensee.

- (b) Telenor being aggrieved by direction of the Authority dated 22-11-2011 with regard to charges of operator assistance services has filed writ petition 1202/2012 in Islamabad High Court (the 'IHC'). Next date is awaited.

(ii) **Warid**

- (a) Being aggrieved by letters dated 9-4-2012 and 6-7-2010 with regard to prize/inami schemes offered by CMO(s) to discontinue filed writ petition No 1152/2012 in IHC. The court vide order dated 25-4-12 has suspended the affect of the impugned letter. The matter is to be fixed by the court after two weeks *i.e* 9-5-12.
- (b) The licensee being aggrieved by the decision dated 22-11-2011 regarding application of charges on operator assistance services filed WP. No. 1207/2012 in. IHC and the matter is fixed for hearing on 28-5-2012.

54. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designation of CDA officers and officials who have their own houses in Islamabad but residing in Government accommodation; and*
- (b) *the names and designation of officers and officials who were allotted plots in Islamabad during their deputation in CDA during the last five years?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house as soon as received.

55. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the doctors who applied for house job in PIMS and Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad, during 2012 indicating also the names of institutions from where they graduated and marks obtained in each case;*
- (b) *the names of the said applicants who were selected and awarded stipend; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for selection of the said applicants?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The names and place of domicile of the doctors who applied for House Job in PIMS and FGSH, Islamabad along with the names of institutions from where they are graduated and marks obtained in each case during the year 2012 is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) A list of House job doctors who were selected and awarded stipend in PIMS and FGSH during the year 2012 is at **Annex-B**.

(c) Proper criteria is adopted for the selection of house officers in PIMS and FGSH. When a house job position becomes vacant, the same is advertised in newspapers. In case of PIMS, a written test is conducted and thereafter interviews are held through a selection committee comprising of senior doctors of various departments. Based on merit, a list is generated and accordingly the house job is given. In case of FGSH walking interviews are held by the committee comprising of concerned Head of the Departments.

All house jobs are given on merit and there is no prescribed rule/policy regarding regional/provincial quota for induction of doctors for house job.

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

56. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, educational qualification and place of domicile of the persons appointed in Establishment Division on deputation basis during the last 10 years with year-wise and province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the names of the persons subsequently absorbed on permanent basis indicating also their grade and designation in their parent department and that given on or after absorption?*

Minister Incharge of Establishment Division: (a) The details of 343 officers appointed as Section Officer in Office Management Group(OMG) on deputation is at **Annex-A**. Year-wise / Province-wise break-up is at **Annex-B**.

(b) The details of officers absorbed as Section Officer in Office Management Group(OMG) on permanent basis against 10% seats reserved for the purpose, is at **Annex-C**.

Collection of details in respect of other cadres/groups/Departments is in progress and will be submitted as soon as the same is completed.

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

57. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has approved a new wedlock policy for the Federal Government employees, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it will be implemented?

Minister Incharge of Establishment Division: No new wedlock policy has been approved by the Prime Minister. However, in order to facilitate extension of period of deputation of persons, posted under the existing wedlock policy, beyond a period of five years, the Prime Minister has approved amendment in rule 20-A of the Civil Servants(Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 under which posting under wedlock policy has been exempted from the said rule (Annex). Before the amendment rule 20-A restricted the maximum period of deputation upto five years of all categories of employees including those posted under wedlock policy.

58. ***Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the names, designation and names of departments of the government employees whose cases for pension / commutation are pending with AGPR since October, 2011 indicating also the reasons for not finalizing the case so far and the time by which the same will be finalized in each case?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The names, designation and names of departments of the government employees, whose cases for pension / commutation are pending with AGPR since October, 2011 are mentioned in the list attached.

Detail of cases received from October, 2011 to May 2012 is as under:

Cases approved and issued	850
Cases rejected/ returned	571
Cases in process (List annexed)	58
Total	1479

Reasons for not finalizing:

The 58 cases in process are not yet finalized due to non-receipt of documents from National Bank, concerned Ministry/ Division and for collection of Service Statements and LPCs.

Time in finalization:

The pending cases would be finalized as and when the deficiencies are fulfilled and documents are received from concerned quarters.

59. ***Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of officers who applied for withdrawal of their GP Fund after retirement during the month of April, 2012; and*
- (b) *the names of the said officers who have not been made the payment of GP Fund so far indicating also the reasons for not making payment and the time by which the same will be made in each case?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) the names of officers who applied for GP Fund after retirement during month of April 2012 are mentioned in Annex-I. This details are as undar:

Cases approved	120
Cases returned	36
Cases in process (open)	24
Total	180

- (b) (i) the names of said officers who have not been made the payments of GP Fund so far are also mentioned in **Annex-I**.
- (ii) Returned/ Rejected cases are those which have been returned to the department concerned to fulfill the necessary requirements and will be finalized as and when received back.

60. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 22-05-2012 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Co-ordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of officials sent abroad by Pakistan Olympic Association in connection with international games and related meetings during the last ten years; and*
- (b) *the names of the said officials who belong to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The following is the detail of officials, sent abroad by Pakistan Olympics Association in connection with international games and related meetings during the last ten years:—

S #	Year	Number of officials visits
1.	2002	12
2.	2003	2
3.	2004	6
4.	2005	10
5.	2006	21
6.	2007	5
7.	2008	13
8.	2009	6
9.	2010	33
10	2011	6

(b) Mr. Waqar Maroof and Syed Aqil Shah from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had participated in International event during year 2005 and 2008 respectively.

61. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 22-05-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of mega projects of infrastructure development funded by the Federal Government during the last four years indicating also the present status of each project, with province-wise break-up?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The year-wise detail of mega projects of infrastructure development (each costing Rs. 5 billion and above) funded under Federal PSDP during the last four years (2008-12) alongwith status is attached.

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

62. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and portfolio of Cabinet Members including their spouses holding dual nationality indicating also the names of countries the nationality of which they hold?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: As per information available with Cabinet Division, none of the Cabinet Members has dual nationality. However, spouses of the following Federal Ministers have dual or foreign nationality:—

- i. Wife of Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Defence.(dual nationality)

- ii. Wife of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development, Economic Affairs and Statistics.(foreign nationality)
 - iii. Husband of Ms. Farzana Raja, Minister for Benazir Income Support Programme. (dual nationality)
63. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development 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?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The requisite information in respect of Finance Division (Main), Finance Division (Military), Central Directorate of National Savings, Pakistan Mint, Statistics Division (Main), Federal Bureau of Statistics, Agriculture Censes Organization is “Nil”. The required information in respect of rest of the Division, Attached Departments etc. of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Planning & Development is as under:—

Auditor General of Pakistan.

The following Pakistan Audit and Account Service officers have declared that they themselves hold dual nationality:—

64. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 24-05-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 108 replied on 26th January, 2012 and state:

- (a) *the present status of the cases of regularization of services of remaining 181 junior lady teachers working on daily wages basis in the institutions under administrative control of Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad and the time by which those cases will be finalized,. and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some junior lady teachers whose services have been regularized have not been allowed to join their duties so far, if so, its reasons and steps taken to allow them to join the duties?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The services of 50 out of 181 Junior Lady Teachers working on daily wages in Islamabad Model Colleges who have completed 03

consecutive tenures of 89 days upto 31-12-2011 have been regularized. Accordingly, the case for creation of posts for remaining daily wages teachers has been processed with Finance Division in order to regularize their services.

(b) It is not a fact. All the Junior Lady Teachers whose services have been regularized are allowed to join their duties.

65. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 25-05-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Directorate of Education regularized the services of Contractual English Teachers working on fixed pay in Federal Government Schools, w.e.f 1st July 2008, as TU.G.T. in BPS 14 in pursuance of Establishment Division's Notification No. 10/30/2008-R-II, dated 29-08-2008;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the AGPR has raised objection against regularization of services of the said teachers due to which their pay has not been fixed so far; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to remove the said objection?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The Federal of Education has regularized the services of Contractual English Teachers on fixed pay in Federal Government Schools w.e.f 1st July, 2008 as TUGT (BPS-14) in pursuance of Establishment Division's Notificaion No.10/30/2008-R-II, dated 29-08-2008.

(b) It is a fact that the AGPR has objected the regularization of services of English Teachers narrating, "the English Teachers who were appointed on contract basis on fixed pay at the rate of Rs.10,000/- P.M. are not covered under Establishment Division OM dated 29-08-2008" (Annex-A). Accordingly FDE has been required to seek the approval of Establishment Division for regularization of service of English Teachers.

(c) The case to remove the objection of the AGPR is under process with Establishment and Finance Division.

66. ___ ***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:** (Notice received on 04-06-2012 at 16:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that approval of revised PC-I of the project of " 12 Minister Apartment" has been delayed, if so, the reasons thereof?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: The project was initiated with approval of Prime Minister of Pakistan. The original PC-I of the project costing Rs. 173.105 million was submitted to the Planning Commission, which was approved by the CDWP in its meeting

held on 23-09-2006 at a rationalized cost of Rs. 164.511 million with completion date of 10-01-2010. Later on, sponsors submitted a revised PC-I at an increased cost of Rs 258.415 million, thus showing total increase of Rs. 94 million i.e. 57.2% over & above the approved cost. In this regard, sponsors reported an expenditure of Rs. 164.506 million and mature liability of Rs. 20 million.

The subject project was discussed in the PSDP Mid-Year Review Meeting held on 03-02-2012 and following decision was taken:

“Since, on the request of Ministry of Housing & Works the entire allocation was released during F.Y 2010-11, to clear the mature liabilities as the project was almost complete, therefore, the revision of PC-I is unjustified. Present revised PC-I may be returned to sponsors with the direction to complete the project in stipulated time & cost. Besides, a separate PC-I be submitted to Planning Commission for additional works, if any.”

In view of above, the revised PC-I was returned to the sponsors vide Planning & Development Division’s Office Memorandum No.6(431)PIA-II/PC/2011 dated 16th February, 2012; hence there is no delay for processing of revised PC-I on account of Planning & Development Division.

67. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 04-06-2012 at 16:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether the annual increment granted to Government / Civil servants is linked with their performance?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: Annual increment granted to Government/ Civil Servants is not linked with their performance. It is part of Basic Pay Scales, which becomes due on 1st December every year, after rendering service atleast for a period of six months.

68. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja :** (Notice received on 07-06-2012 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of members and advisors / consultants working in the Planning Commission?

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: Details are at **Annexure-I.**

69. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 07-06-2012 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts (regular and contract) in the Planning Commission with grade-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the number of persons working in the Commission with province-wise and grade-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that number of persons working in the Commission hailing from Sindh Province is below the prescribed quota, if so, the steps taken to make up for?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) Total sanctioned posts 777 [Out of 777 posts, two Naib Qasid / Farash are working on contract. Members of Policy Planning Board are working on contract basis]. Details are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Total working strength is = 646. Details are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) 74 posts reserved for Sindh quota [36 for Sindh (U) and 38 for Sindh (R)] are vacant which would be filled-in-after lifting of ban on fresh recruitment imposed by the Government/ Ministry of Finance. Requisitions for the posts which are under purview of Federal Public Service Commission are under process. Provincial / Regional Quota is always observed strictly.

70. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the tax to GDP ratio during the last four fiscal years; and*
- (b) *the target of tax collection estimated and the tax collected directly and indirectly, separately, after making all refunds / adjustments during each of the said years?*

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh: (a) The tax to GDP ratio during last four years is given in the following Table:—

Years	Tax-GDP Ratio (%)
2007-08	9.8
2008-09	9.1
2009-10	9.0
2010-11	8.6

Target and Net Tax Collection

Rs. Billion		
Target	Collection	Total

Years	Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes	Direct Taxes	Indirect Taxes	Target	Collection
2007-08	387.8	619.7	387.9	620.2	1007.5	1008.1
2008-09	461.0	718.0	443.5	717.6	1179.0	1161.1
2009-10	540.4	839.6	526.0	801.4	1380.0	1327.4
2010-11	626.9	960.8	602.4	955.6	1587.7	1558.0

71. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-06-2012 at 10:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to introduce a uniform policy of time scale promotion for all the Government employees, if so, its details?

Minister Incharge of Establishment Division: No, the Government is not considering any proposal for introduction of a uniform policy of time scale promotion for all the Government employees.

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th July, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.