

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 22nd August, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 21 and 23 originally set down for answering on 14th March, 2013 (91st Session) but were deferred)

21. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 08-02-2013 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.52, replied on 13th December, 2012 and state the steps taken by the Government for promoting diverse, affordable and nutritious food in the domestic market and start food relating social protection schemes in order to reduce food insecurity from the country?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: The steps taken by the Government for stable and affordable availability of food and food related social protection schemes in order to reduce food insecurity in the country are summarized as:

- i. Government is promoting Agriculture Research to enhance the productivity. Resultantly we are surplus in wheat, rice and sugar.
- ii. The Government has fixed attractive Support Price for wheat procurement to encourage the growers. The price fixed for wheat crop (2012-13) is Rs. 1200/ per 40 kg.
- iii. In early months of this year Government has allowed PASSCO to offload 1 million ton wheat in the domestic market at reduced rate of Rs. 1050 to Rs. 1100 per 40 kg. This initiative has increased wheat availability and enhanced access of insecure households to food.
- iv. The Government also provided 50.000 tons wheat to the World Food Programme (WFP) as a donation for distribution among the Internally Displaced. Persons (IDPs) in the country. Additionally, Government has also donated 75, 000 tons of wheat through WFP for distribution amongst the

IDP' s of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)/ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- v. Ministry of National Food Security and Research is working on a National Zero Hunger Programme based on the success story of Brazil and a proposal for setting up of a National Food Security Council.
 - vi. Ministry of National Food Security and Research is in the process of developing a “National Food and Nutritional Security Policy”. The policy will be finalized in consultation with Provincial Governments and other stake holders.
 - vii. Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) is providing cash support of Rs. 1000 to over 3.5 million food insecure households in the country.
23. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-02-2013 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the growing area and production of tea in the country and steps taken by the Government for enhancement of tea cultivation?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:

Growing Area and Production of Tea

Existing Tea Plantation and Cultivation

- | | Area(acres) | Nursery(acres) |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| • Tea Plantation at NTRI | 35.5 | 4.5 |

Tea cultivation areas at present are as under:—

	Area(acres)	Growers
– District Mansehra	11	08
– District Battagram	02	01
– District Swat	25	25
TOTAL:	38	34

- Year wise Production during last five years:

Year	TEA (KG)	
	Black	Green
2007	3002	1250
2008	8238	750
2009	10374	1975
2010	8885	1225
2011	13146	616
Total Tea Production 2002-12	90609	6036

Steps taken for Enhancement for Tea Cultivation

The adoptability trials and research part which include introduction/evaluation of the tea varieties, raising of tea plantation nurseries and development of production technologies have been completed successfully by PARC. However, promotional activities need to be under taken by the provinces. In this regard a project was initiated by the defunct MinFA with the cooperation of provinces and Government of AJ&K including the private sector. After the 18th Constitutional Amendment this project was closed and its execution was handed over to the provinces but since then no activities have been started by the provinces in this regard.

@18. ***Syeda Sugara Imam:** (Notice received on 26-06-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:

@Transferred from Industries and Production Division.

- (a) *the strategy of the Government regarding industrial waste management in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to ensure implementation of the said strategy?*

Reply not received.

23. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-04-2013 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the present status of construction of family suites in Parliament lodges; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the terms of contract with the construction company for the said project were changed by CDA Board in 2011, if so, the details of the present terms of that contract?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The overall physical progress of construction of family suites in Parliament Lodges is about 15%. The project comprises of 02 No. Residential Blocks comprising 104 suites for Parliamentarians, Services Block, Masjid Block and 5 No. Blocks each for 100 Servant Quarters. The progress on this project is delayed due to:

- (i) Non possession of 70% site area which was previously occupied by III brigade and was vacated and handed over on 28th September, 2012. Now the work is in process.
- (ii) Non possession of site for construction of 4 Nos. Servant Quarter blocks which have not been handed over by occupants (servants/ attendants/ security guards of Senators & Former MNAs) till to date. Efforts are underway to get the premises vacated from them, thereafter, the work will commence.

(b) Yes, on the request of Construction Company for payment of Mobilization Advance against an insurance guarantee instead of a bank guarantee, CDA Board in its 23rd Board meeting held on 31st October, 2011 (**Annex-A**) decided to refer the case to Planning Commission for clarification. In response, the Planning Commission informed that the adoption of Insurance Guarantee in the instant case is possible in the light of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) standard form of bidding documents (**Annex-B**).

24. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 23-04-2013 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts of teachers in Islamabad Model School for Boys Talhar, District Islamabad;*
- (b) *the number of the said posts lying vacant at present and the time by which those will be filled in; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that some of the teachers posted in the said school are working in other schools either on temporary basis or attachment basis, if so, its reasons?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:
(a) The total number of sanctioned posts of teachers in Islamabad Model School for Boys, Taihar is 32.

(b) At present 15 posts of teachers are lying vacant in Islamabad Model School for Boys, Talhar. The vacant posts will be filled after the recruitment of teachers which is already under process.

(c) 04 teachers posted in IMSB, Talhar are performing temporary duties in other institutions due to shortage of teachers in these schools.

25. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 24-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of night packages being offered by each mobile company in the country; and*
- (b) *whether approval of those packages was granted by PTA, if not, whether the companies are authorized to introduce such packages without approval of PTA?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Following night packages are being offered by the Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs).

Operator	Current Package
Mobilink	Ghup Shup Corner Mtalk (M SMS, M talk)
Warid	Anonymous Chat SMS Chatter Box Crazy Night Warid
Ufone	Ufone Dosti SMS Buddies SMS Night Package
Zong	Zong Chat Zone SMS Chat Buddy Zong Good Night Offer
Telenor	Late Night offer Chat Room

PTA vide its letter dated 14th November 2012 had directed all Cellular Mobile Telephony Operators (CMTOs) to immediately stop chat services and night packages. These instructions were issued as PTA had received various complaints from Standing

Committee of the Parliament, Senators, MNAs, MPAs, Human Right Cell of Hon'able Supreme Court of Pakistan and the consumers.

CMOs initially challenged the order of PTA and jointly submitted a writ petition in Islamabad High Court on 21st November, 2012 which was later on withdrawn by CMOs on 29th November, 2012 meaning thereby acceptance of PTA directive on the subject.

(b) The Government of Pakistan issued Mobile Cellular Policy in 2004. According to clause 5.9 of the said Policy, "retail price cap on mobile licensees, fixed from time to time, by PTA, will continue till such time the market, in view of PTA, becomes sufficiently competitive". In 2004, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority awarded two additional mobile licenses as there was no effective competition among the cellular mobile operators. Telenor and Warid Telecom commenced their services in 2005 and resultantly, the consumers were able to get mobile services at very competitive rates. As a result of effective competition among cellular mobile operators, PTA abolished retail price cap in 2005. This implies that all the cellular mobile operators can offer tariff packages keeping in view the needs of general public without approval from the Authority.

26. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-04-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state the steps taken by the National Disaster Management Authority for the rehabilitation of the torrential rain affected people in the country including the Gilgit Baltistan region during the year 2013?

Reply not received.

27. ***Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names, designation and date of posting of the persons working in CDA Inquiry Offices in sector F-6/1 and F-6/3, Islamabad; and*

(b) *the normal period/duration of posting of CDA employees on one place?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The list of employees of E&M enquiry offices F-6/1 and F-6/3 Islamabad is enclosed at **Annex "A"**.

The list of the employees of Maintenance Civil enquiry office F-6/1 and F-6/3 Islamabad is enclosed at **Annex- "B"**.

(b) Normal period/duration of posting of CDA employees on one place is three years, in terms of Regulation 5.01 (2) of CDA employees Service Regulation 1922 (Copy enclosed at **Annex- “C”**).

28. ***Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of Government residences in sector F-6/1 and F-6/3, Islamabad, the repair and maintenance of which were carried out during the year 2010, 2011 and 2012 indicating also the amount spent and the name of contractor in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The list of the repair and maintenance of E&M Works of Government residences in Sector F-6/1 and F-6/3 Islamabad is enclosed at **Annex-“A”**.

The requisite information of Civil Works done by Maintenance Directorate is placed at **Annex-“B”**.

29. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-04-2013 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) the present production of wheat, sugar and rice in the country;*
- (b) whether the present production of the said food items is insufficient to meet the domestic demand; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of the said food items during the years 2011 and 2012?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Present production of wheat (2012-13) is 24.3 million tons; sugar (2012-13) 4.8 million tons and rice (2012-13) production is 4.5 million tons.

(b) Present production of wheat, sugar and rice is sufficient to meet domestic demand..

(c) Government has taken the following steps during 2011-12 to increase production of wheat, sugarcane/sugar and rice:—

- (i) Federal Government increased wheat support price from Rs. 950 to Rs.1050 per 40 kg for wheat crop (2011-12) per 40 kg.
- (ii) Provincial Governments enhanced sugarcane indicative price for sugarcane crop as follow:

- o In 2010-11 for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Rs. 100 to Rs. 125 and Sindh from Rs. 102 to Rs. 127 per 40 kg.
 - o In 2011-12 for Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Rs. 125 to Rs. 150 and Sindh from Rs. 127 to Rs. 155 per 40 kg.
- (iii) Provincial Agriculture Departments disseminated information through farmers' contacts and electronic and print media for adoption of good agricultural production practices for productivity enhancement of these crops.
- (iv) The supply of agricultural inputs and agri credit was ensured to growers.
30. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 30-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of un-registered SIMS issued by each telecom operator; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent the same and action, if any, taken against the telecom operators?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) There is **no unregistered Subscriber identification Module (SIM)** as all the SIMs are registered on CNICs. However, SIMs which have either not been re-verified through NADRA or not registered against Computerized National Identity Cards (CNIC) of the legitimate (authorized) users, are being **regularized/re-verified by mobile operators through a well elaborated continuous process.**

(b) For registering SIMs against CNICs of the actual users, a project called "SIM Information System - 668" was launched in October 2009 wherein a customer can get count of each mobile company's SIMs registered against CNIC by sending his/her CNIC number to short code "668". In case of any data mismatch, the customer can remove extra SIMs against his/her CNIC by lodging a complaint to respective operator. SIMs removed in this fashion are regularized by contacting the actual user of SIMs by giving 15 days time otherwise these are blocked. Till date **three phases** of the said project have been completed during which **4.6 million** illegal/unverified SIMs were blocked.

Fourth phase of 668 is underway during which **5.9 million** illegal/unverified SIMs have been blocked so far. It is pertinent to mention here that it is an ongoing process and all pending illegal/ unverified SIMs would either be regularized or blocked.

Also, as directed by Ministry of Information Technology (MoIT) and in pursuance of decisions taken during meeting of the Prime Minister of Pakistan with Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs) on 29th November 2012, CMOs are required to deploy verification solution at all sale channels (Customer Services Centers, Franchisees & Retailers) either through biometrics (thumb impression) of the potential customers or any other verification mechanism. Deliberations are going on among MoIT, Ministry of Interior (MoI), NADRA and Pakistan telecommunication Authority (PTA) to finalize the modalities of the said verification solution. Once deployed, the system will help to eliminate chances of issuance of unverified SIMs.

As far as action against the mobile operators are concerned, Show Cause Notices were issued to **M/s Ufone, M/s CMPak, M/s Telenor & M/s Warid** in 2012 due to violations of PTA's SOPs on SIM sale and registration of same on verified antecedents. Moreover, **98 franchisees, 193 retailers and 291 illegal sellers have been penalized** so far for violating PTA's SOPs on SIM Sale.

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 03-05-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and other particulars of the persons who were conferred awards during the present regime indicating also the service for which award was conferred?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The names and other particulars of the persons to whom National Awards have been conferred during the present regime from 2009 to 2012 indicating the achievements/performance of each recipient are at Annex II. III & IV.

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

32. ***Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:** (Notice received on 07-05-2013 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of ongoing projects of roads and highways of CDA indicating also the date of starting, completion and present status and causes of delay in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: There are four significant projects in progress for roads and highways, as listed below:—

- (i) Development of roads in Sector I-11/1 & 2.
- (ii) Dualization of Service Road North Sector I-10 & 11.
- (iii) Addition of two rigid lanes on Kashmir highway from Peshawar More to Golra intersection.
- (iv) Construction of Margala Avenue from G.T Road to Sector D-12.

The details of projects indicating dates of start, expected completion, present status and causes of delay are Annexed.

33. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 22-05-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Government residences in Islamabad repair / maintenance of which was carried out during the last two years and the amount spent on the same;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that CDA approved a sum of Rs. 2,26,000/- for maintenance of House No. 26-E, (old No. 408-E), St. No. 72, sector G-6/4 Islamabad, on 02-01-2013 out of which a sum of Rs. 50,000/- was released by CDA Finance vide letter No. CDA/DGS-AO(B) MG/2012-13/158 dated 03-01-2013, but the work has not been started so far, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the time by which work of repairing of the said house will be carried out?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The detailed list of repair/maintenance work of E&M during last two years is attached at **Annex- "A"** and civil work at **Annex- "B"**.

(b) Yes, it is fact that an estimate of Rs.2,26,000/- for the repair/maintenance of house No. 26-E (New) 408-E (Old) was approved by the competent authority and funds amounting to Rs.50,000/- were allocated by DG (Services). Tender for the subject work has been called through press on 17-06-2013 and the work will be started after completion of codal formalities.

(c) After tendering process, work will be awarded to contractor.

34. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 22-05-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the name and parentage of students of Islamabad Model Colleges for Boys and Girls and F.G. Junior Model Schools (now Islamabad Model Schools) who were awarded scholarships in the centralized examination of class V during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, with school-wise break-up;*
- (b) the names of the said students who have been paid the amount of the scholarship; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that students of Islamabad Model Colleges have been paid the amount of scholarships while those of F.G. Junior Model Schools (now IMSs) have not been paid the amount, if so, the reasons for this disparity and the time by which the scholarship amount will be paid to them?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) The name and parentage of the students of Islamabad Model Colleges for Boys and Girls and F.G. Junior Model Schools (Now renamed as Islamabad Model Schools) who were awarded scholarships in the Centralized Annual Examination for Class-V during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 are placed at Annex-A & B, respectively.

(b) All the students of Islamabad Model Colleges for Boys and Girls have been paid full amount of the scholarship. Whereas the students of F.G Junior Model Schools (now renamed as Islamabad Model Schools) who have been awarded scholarships in the year 2010 have been paid the amount for first 09 months only w.e.f April to December 2010. Students of F.G Junior Model Schools awarded scholarships during 2011 and 2012 have not been paid. The detail is placed at Annex-A and B.

(c) The students of Islamabad Model Colleges have been paid the amount of scholarships while the students of F.G. Junior Model Schools (now renamed as Islamabad Model Schools) who have been awarded scholarship in the year 2010 have been paid the amount for first 09 months only i.e. April to December 2010. No student has been paid scholarship for year 2011 and 2012. Due to insufficient budget allocation for the students of F.G Junior Model Schools (now renamed as Islamabad Model Schools) the full amount of scholarship has not been paid so far. The case is under process and payment is being started to the students by 15-06-2013.

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

35. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 04-06-2013 at 15:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 72, replied on 14th March, 2013 and state:

- (a) the reasons for not making the services of the employees of National Tariff Commission (NTC) pensionable despite the fact that such provision exists in the service rules; and*
- (b) the present status of the case of granting gratuity to the employees of the Commission for the service period prior to 01-01-2008 and the time by which the same be finalized?*

Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry: (a) Initially under rule-27 of said rules, retirement benefits in the form of pension, gratuity and GP Fund were available to the employees. However in 1996, Federal government did not allow extension of this benefit to the employees due to following reasons:—

- (i) The matter was taken up with the Federal Government during 1996 for admissibility of pensioner benefits i.e. pension, gratuity and General Provident Fund for NTC employees. However, the Finance Division regretted the request during 2001 in the light of prevailing policy.
- (ii) Subsequently, NTC initiated amendment in Rule-27 of the aforesaid rules for extending retirement benefits of gratuity and CP fund for its employees. Only CP fund scheme was approved which is applicable w.e.f. 01-01-2008. The employees of NTC would be unable to receive any kind of benefit for their services rendered prior to 01-01-2008. The matter has been taken up with Finance Division to allow payment of gratuity to the employees for their service before 01-01-2008. The proposal is still under consideration in that Division.

(b) National Tariff Commission submitted a request to Ministry of Commerce vide NTC's U.O. No. 3(180)/2008-NTC(F&A), dated 01-11-2011 for grant of gratuity to its employees for the service period prior to 01-01-2008. The case was forwarded to Finance Division. At present, the request is under consideration in the Finance Division. The time by which the case will be finalized can only be indicated by the Finance Division.

36. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-06-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that development work in Sector G-13 has not been completed so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the said work will be completed, and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that street lights have not been installed in most of the area in the said sector, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be installed?*

Reply not received.

37. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-06-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the schedule of water supply to all the sectors in Islamabad; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the residents of sector G-13 are not being supplied water regularly or daily basis, if so, its reasons and the steps being taken by the Government to provide water to them on regular basis?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Attached at Annexure "A".

(b) Water is supplied to the residents of G-13 as per available sources (02 No. Tube Wells). The hot weather and rapid growth of population in the area has increased demand for water which is being met through water tankers.

38. ***Mr. Hilal Ur Rehman:** (Notice received on 21-06-2013 at 16:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that water supply pipelines laid on roofs of residential blocks in sector G-9/2, Islamabad, have got rusted and are unserviceable, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: The water supply lines were laid during construction of these blocks and are decades old. It is further stated that the condition of the water supply lines is very poor and needs repair/replacement. The replacement of water supply lines will be carried out as and when sufficient allocation of funds is made available.

39. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 25-06-2013 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the criteria laid down for appointments in the Federal Government Educational Institutions;*

(b) *the number of persons appointed against teaching and non-teaching posts in the said Institutions since 1st January, 2013, with District-wise break-up;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said criteria was not followed in those appointments and the appointments were made over and above the sanctioned strength, if so, its reasons;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the services of the persons who have been working on daily wages basis in the said institutions prior to the said appointments have not been regularized, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government in connection with the said violations and to regularize the services of the persons working on daily wages basis?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) While making appointments in the Federal Government Educational institutions, criteria of recruitment as per civil servants (Appointment, procedure and Transfer) Rules 1973 is observed. The appointments in BS-01 to BS-15 fall under the purview of Director General FDE. The posts in B-16 & above are referred to FPSC for requisitioning of services of suitable incumbents on merit/quota basis according to rules.

(b) A total number of 2312 persons have been regularized by the Cabinet Sub-Committee for regularization of daily wage / contract employees out of which 848 incumbents have been adjusted / appointed against the available posts. The remaining shall be adjusted on availability of vacancies. Whereas 69 sacked employees have been adjusted /given fresh appointments against available vacancies.

● Daily wage employees regularized by cabinet sub-committee	1842
● Contract employees regularized by cabinet sub-committee	401
● Reinstated sacked employees against available vacancies	69
Total	2312

(c) Although the prescribed recruitment method was not observed but all appointments were made according to the rules/procedure in the light of policy devised by cabinet sub-committee for regularization of daily wages and contract employees. The appointments were not made over and above the sanctioned strength.

(d) It is not fact as the daily wages and contract employees have been appointed /posted following their regularization by the cabinet sub-committee.

(e) The services of 848 teaching and non-teaching employees working on contract/daily wage who met the prescribed criteria as laid down by Cabinet Sub-Committee have been regularized and appointed against available vacancies. Whereas case for creation of posts for the remaining employees is under process. Hence no violation has been committed in this regard.

40. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 26-06-2013 at 09:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for food security in the country during the next five years?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: The steps taken/ proposed to be taken during next five years by the Government for ensuring food security are summarized as under:

Steps Taken:

- i. Research system in the country developed during 2011-12 and 2012-13, 57 crop varieties of wheat, barley, cotton, oilseeds, sugarcane and pulses, which were approved and released for production.
- ii. About 384 maize, 15 sorghum and 12 millet hybrids have been evaluated in National Uniform Yield Trials for their adaptability across various locations in the country.
- iii. Research programmes are being focused for various food crops to develop more nutritious varieties. National Wheat Research Programme is under way to improve zinc status in wheat varieties for better nutrition.
- iv. Ministry of National Food Security and Research in collaboration with World Food Program (WFP) is planning to start a Wheat Flour Fortification program in the country. The Provincial Governments and other stakeholders are being consulted to develop the program. The program will mainly improve iron and micronutrients supply to the deficient population.

The proposed steps for ensuring food security during next five years are summarized as under:—

Proposed Steps:

- (a) Ensuring adequate supply of food by achieving an average agricultural growth rate of at least 4 percent per annum.
- (b) Evolving an efficient and equitable system of food procurement, storage and distribution to ensure that food is available at affordable price.

- (c) Improving the access of poor households to food by adopting pro-poor approaches. Accordingly, Ministry of National Food Security and Research is developing a National Zero Hunger Programme.
- (d) Ministry of National Food Security and Research is developing a National Food and Nutritional Security Policy as well as an Agricultural Policy. These policies are being finalized in consultation with Provincial/Regional Governments and other stakeholders. This policy will be directed for creating enabling environment for small farmers for ensuring availability of agriculture inputs at rational prices to increase productivity and profitability.
- (e) Adoption of water harvesting, storage and its efficient use.
- (f) Production of hybrids and certified seeds as well as clean and true to type fruit and vegetable nurseries.

41. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-06-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of decisions taken by the Cabinet since the inception of new Government; and*
- (b) *the number of the said decisions implemented/complied with so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) A total number of 13 Cabinet decisions have so far been taken by the present Government.

(b) Out of 13 decisions, 10 have been implemented, while 03 Cabinet decisions are under process for implementation.

42. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 01-07-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a new Ministry of Energy?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: No.

43. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** Notice received on 09-07-2013 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount available in the Parents - Teachers Associations fund (PTA fund) in each Government School and College in Islamabad Capital Territory as on 30th June, 2013;*
- (b) *the details of amount spent out of the said fund in each school and college from 1st January, 2012 to 30th June, 2013; and*
- (c) *whether activities of the associations during the said period were monitored by the Federal Directorate of Education, if so, the deficiencies found in functioning of those associations and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) The amount available in the Parents Teachers Associations fund (PTA fund) in each Government School and College in Islamabad Capital Territory as on 30th June, 2013 is placed at Annex-A.

(b) The details of amount spent out of the said fund in each schools and college from 1st January, 2012 to 30th June, 2013 is placed at Annex-B.

(c) During the said period all PTAs are functioning properly as per procedures laid down in the constitution. FDE is fully aware of all activities performed by the concerned PTAs. Up to now no deficiency/ drawback has been reported to the FDE, Islamabad.

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

44. ***Mian Raza Rabbani:** (Notice received on 15-07-2013 at 00:00)

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

- (a) *the names and position/designation of the persons appointed in PIA since 5th June, 2013, indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *the names and position/designation of the PIA employees who have been promoted during the said period?*

Reply not received.

45. ***Mr. Hilal Ur Rehman:** (Notice received on 16-07-2013 at 10:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of girl students who appeared and those who passed the 9th class annual examination 2013 in Arts, Science and Computer Group from Islamabad Model College for Girls G-9/2 Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Principal of the College remains absent and the College is being run by the Vice Principal?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:

(a) The total number of 209 girls students appeared in Class-IX from Islamabad Model College for Girls G-9/2, Islamabad. Out of which 96 students passed in Class-IX Annual Examination 2013. The group wise breakup is as under:—

S#	Subject	Total No.	Appeared	Passed
i	Science	72	72	45
ii	Arts	89	88	16
iii	Computer Science	30	30	25
iv	Computer Arts	19	19	10
Total		210	209	96

(b) It is not a fact that the Principal of the college remains absent. As stop gap arrangement the Principal of the college is performing temporary duty at Islamabad Model Schools for Girls, Malpur. Whereas Mrs. Rizwana Tehseen, Vice Principal is officiating the college having rich experience of teaching and administration. Interviews are being held and a full time principal will be appointed by within a few days.

46. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-07-2013 at 11:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the acreage/measurement of land purchased by CDA in sectors D-13, D-14, D-15, D-16 (East of G.T. Road), E-13, E-14, E-15, (East of G.T. Road), F-13, F-14, F-15 (East of G.T. Road), G-12, G-15 (East of G.T. Road) H-13, H-14, and H-15 (East of G.T. Road), Islamabad indicating also year of purchase and acreage/measurement of land in possession of CDA at present out of the same in each case; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that CDA has not taken over possession of the said land so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be taken over?*

Reply not received.

47. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 22-07-2013 at 11:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that land mafia is purchasing land in sector, G-12, Islamabad, through non registered stamp papers and carrying out haphazard construction thereon without approval of the competent authority, if so, the action taken by CDA in this regard; and*
- (b) the time by which CDA will take possession of land in the said sector and develop it?*

Reply not received.

48. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 01-08-2013 at 14:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of families / women compensated under Benazir Income Support Programme during the last four years with year-wise breakup; and*
- (b) the amount spent under the said programme during the said period with year-wise breakup?*

Reply not received.

49. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 01-08-2013 at 14:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) the overall financial losses of PIA at present; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the overall performance and financial position of the said airline?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 21st August, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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2. **Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-07-2013 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names, designation and year of appointment of the persons working in CDA on permanent, deputation, contract and daily wages basis, separately?

Reply not received

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