

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 16th April, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

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| (i) | Question No. 72 | : | Originally set down for answering on 17th December, 2013 (99th Session) |
| (ii) | Questions Nos. 17 and 33
February, 2014 (101st Session) | : | Originally set down for answering on 6th February, 2014 (101st Session) |
| (iii) | Questions Nos. 32, 33 and 34 | : | Originally set down for answering on 27th February, 2014 (102nd Session) |

72. (Def.) ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (received on 18-11-2013 at 12:20 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) has recently approved seven projects in the energy, water resources, manpower, higher education, technology and social welfare sectors, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the criteria / procedure adopted for the selection and approval of the said projects?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal: (a) The CDWP in its meeting held on 28th October, 2013 has approved five (05) projects and recommended two (02) projects for approval to ECNEC due to higher cost falling in the jurisprudence of the ECNEC. One project was approved in principle subject to cost rationalization by a Committee. Concepts of two (02) projects were also cleared for arranging assistance from the donors. Details are **Annexed**.

(b) CDWP has been empowered to approve development projects costing upto Rs. 1000.00 million. The project costing above this limit is recommended by the CDWP for approval of the ECNEC.

Projects are presented by the relevant Ministry alongwith detail of objectives, justification, breakup of costs, cost benefit analysis where feasible, funding sources, etc. These

are then scrutinized by the relevant Technical Sections of Planning Commission / Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform before the same are presented to the CDWP for approval.

17. (Def.) ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 22-11-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state that whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to privatize some Public Sector Enterprises, if so, its details?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Yes, the Government has decided to privatise 32 Public Sector Enterprises on priority basis. The Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCoP) on 3rd October, 2013 directed the Privatisation Commission to initiate the privatisation activities of 32 identified entities in a phased manner. Accordingly, the Board of the Commission in its meetings of 8-9 January and 20 February, 2014, approved to initiate the privatisation process of the following SOEs:—

33. (Def.) ***Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 02:05 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, place of domicile, expertise /field of experience of the present Members of Privatization Commission indicating also the names and addresses of their business; and*
- (b) whether any of the said member individually or being member of a consortium has / had participated in bidding process / applied for privatization of any unit in the past, if so, their names?*

Reply not received.

32. (Def.) ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 16-12-2013 at 07:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of essential items prices of which have been reduced and those of which remained unchanged in recent past indicating also the prices of those items; and*
- (b) the comparison of the said prices with the prices of those items during the same period of last year?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) In March 2014 , the name of essential items whose prices have been reduced over previous month were onion from Rs.34 to Rs.33/Kg (-2%), rice irri-6 from Rs.54.4/Kg to Rs.54.3/Kg (-0.2%), mash pulse from Rs.138 to Rs.134/Kg (-0.4%), gram pulse from Rs.76.9 to Rs.76.6/kg (-0.4%), petrol from Rs.114 to Rs. 112/litre (-2.2) .

The prices of items which remained unchanged were vegetable ghee Rs.514/2.5 kg tin, milk powder Rs 325 Chappal Spng.(Bata) Rs.179/ pair, Sandal Ladies (Bata) Rs.499/ pair, Elec. Charges Rs.2.0 (1-100 unit), Gas Charges Rs.124 (Mmbtu), Kerosene Rs.126/Ltr, Diesel Rs.118/Ltr, Telephone Local Call 4.0 each, Bath Soap (Lifebuoy) Rs.36.0/ cake.

(b) A comparative trend of said prices of essential items in March 2014 over corresponding month of last year shows that prices of potatoes increased from Rs 21/kg to 43/kg (108%), chicken from Rs.130 to Rs.166/ kg (27%), mutton from Rs.521/kg to Rs.528/kg (9%), Masoor Pulse from Rs.100/kg to Rs.128/kg(28%), Moong Pulse Rs. 114/kg to Rs.147/kg (28%), Wheat Rs. 535/10kg to Rs.404/10kg (21%), Lawn Rs.169 to Rs.199/ Mtr (17%), Sandal Gents (Bata) Rs.599 to Rs.699/ Pair (17%), Wheat Flour Rs.366/10kg to Rs.436/10kg (19%), Bath Soap Rs.32 to Rs.36/ cake (13%), Petrol Rs.104 to Rs.112/Ltr (7%), Rice Basmati Broken increased from Rs.71 to Rs.74/Kg (5%), Kerosene Rs.119 to Rs.127/Ltr (7%), Gur 72 to Rs.78/ Kg (8%), Diesel Rs.110 to Rs.118/Ltr (7%), Cooking Oil from Rs.528 to Rs.540/2.5 Kg (tin) (2%), While prices of Electric Charges, LPG Sandal Ladies Bata chapel sponge, sandal ladies remained unchanged and prices of Gram Pulse decrease from Rs.96 to Rs.77/Kg (-20%), Tomatoes Rs.56 to Rs.53/Kg (-5%), Onion Rs. 44 to Rs.33/kg (-25%), tea from 125 to 147/200gm(-6).

33. (Def.) ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 16-12-2013 at 07:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount/value of T-bills auctioned by the Government since 1st November, 2013?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The total amount/value of T. Bills auctioned since November, 2013 till 8th January, 2014 is Rs.1607 billion. Amount of Rs.1424 billion was used to pay previous borrowing of the Banks. Therefore, a net amount of Rs.183 billion has been used for budgetary support by the Government over this period.

34. (Def.) ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 17-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to stabilize the exchange rate of Pakistani rupee against foreign currencies?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: To address the difficult situation of depreciation of PKR the following steps are proposed to be taken by the Government:

- Government is making effort to realize official inflows from different sources including CSF, 3G license fee receipts of euro bonds and inflows from multilateral and bilateral institutions as planned in the budget.

- Government has also chalked out a reform agenda to address underlying structural weaknesses as decided in the economic reform program under the IMF Extended Fund Facility (EFF).
- Tight monetary policy stance by State Bank of Pakistan is expected to keep a check on the domestic aggregate demand and external current account deficit.

The cumulative effect of these policy efforts is going to be a gradual build up in the foreign exchange reserves of the country that will ensure the stability of foreign exchange reserves and the foreign exchange market.

24. ***Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:40 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of terms and conditions agreed with IMF recently?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: On Sep. 4, 2013 the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved financing arrangements under Extended Fund Facility (EFF) for SDR 4.393 billion (\$ 6.64 billion). The terms and condition of the arrangement are given below:—

- Interest rate 2-3% per-annum.
- Commitment fee 15-30 basis points.
- Repayment period 4.5 – 10 years equal in semiannual installments.
- Service Charges 50 basis point (on each amount drawn)

25. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 04:50 pm)

Will the Minister for Planning and Development be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.27 replied on 27th February, 2014 and state:

- the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the foreign funded programmes / projects in the country are proposed by the Government instead of foreign donors,*
- the percentage / amount of capital cost of a foreign funded project which is usually spent on hiring of foreign / private sector consultants / technical experts for the project; and*
- whether the Government has completed PC-4 and PC-5 of the foreign funded projects completed during the last ten years, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

26. ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 04:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount of domestic debt raised by the incumbent Government so far through State Bank of Pakistan and Commercial Banks with Bank-wise break-up?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Amount of domestic debt raised from State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and Commercial Banks from June, 2013 to February, 2014 is as under:

(Rs. in billion)

Name of Institution	Amount Raised (Net)
State Bank of Pakistan	312.0
Commercial Banks	429.9
Total:	741.9

SBP has informed that Bank-wise (Commercial Banks) break-up is not available due to large volume of secondary market transactions. Besides, Bank-wise holdings of government securities vary on day to day basis.

27. ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 04:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the present GDP to debt ratio after the new borrowings by the incumbent Government?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The present debt to GDOP ratio stands at 59.1 percent.

28. ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 04:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the value of foreign debt after devaluation of Pakistan Rupee from Rs.98 to 108.65 against the US dollar?

Reply not received.

29. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the period after which population census is required to be carried out under the Constitution / Law; and*
- (b) *the year during which the last population census was carried out and the time by which next census will be carried out in the country?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Traditionally census is a decennial activity all over the world. There is no binding on Government to conduct census after every ten years. The census is conducted under the legal cover of General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011, Section (31), which says that the Federal Government may, from time to time, by notification in the official Gazette, declare that a census of population and housing conditions of Pakistan shall be taken by the Bureau during such period as may be specified therein. There is no mention of conduct of census after 10 years in the constitution.

(b) The last census was held in 1998. The summary for holding next Population and Housing Census in the country is under consideration in the Council of Common Interests (CCI) for decision, with the proposal to conduct census in September/October, 2014 or March, 2015.

30. ***Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:10 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether the Federal Government has issued any directions to the Provincial Governments for controlling price hike in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Federal Government has not issued any direction to the Provincial Governments for controlling the price hike. However, National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) monitors prices of essential commodities and urge Provincial Governments and concerned Federal Ministries/ Divisions and Organization to control prices. The operational work to control price hike is being done at the provincial level through price control committees at district level.

31. *** Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, parentage, designation, educational qualification and place of domicile of the officers / officials in BPS 1 to 21 working in Pakistan Customs with province-wise break-up?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The details of BS-1 to 21 officers/ officials of
P a k i s t a n C u s t o m s S e r v i c e /

Department is enclosed at Annex - I. Their Province-wise break-up is given below:—

Province/Region	No. of Employees
Punjab (including ICT)	3601
Sindh (R)	618
Sindh (U)	1475
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1321

Province/Region	No. of Employees
Balochistan	674
FATA/FANA	155
AJK	106
Others.	32

Total:	7982
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(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

32. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the project for Establishment of Spinning CFC at Islampur, Swat was approved and launched;*
- (b) the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) the percentage of work completed on that project so far and the time by which the remaining work will be completed?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) The project Establishment of Spinning CFC at Islampur, Swat was initiated in close coordination with *Weaver's Association Islampur, Swat* to give technological support and add value to the product of the cluster *i.e* woolen yarn.

- (i) The project was approved on November 25, 2009. In the initial three fiscal years of the project *i.e.* 2009-10, 2010-11& 2011-12 no funds were allocated by Ministry of Planning Development & Reforms for the project.
- (ii) In the FY 2012-13, Rs. 6.70 million were released in two tranches to the project. With that amount land along with other project's procurements were made and necessary staff was hired for proper implementation of the project.

(b) During the current FY 2013-14, funds allocation for the project is Rs. 8.00 million, in which Rs. 5.600 million has been released so far.

(c) Overall physical progress is 25.07 % so far Most of the work including civil work will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year and the procurement of machinery is subjected to approval of revised PC-1.

33. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which project for Establishment of CFC for Silk Cluster, Swat was approved and launched;*
- (b) *the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) *the percentage of work completed on that project so far and the time by which the remaining work will be completed?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) The project Establishment of CFC for Silk Cluster, Swat was initiated in close coordination with Silk Cluster Association Swat to give technological support and add value to the product of the cluster *i.e* silk fabrics.

- (i) The project was approved on November 25, 2009. In the initial two fiscal years of the project *i.e.* 2009-10 & 2010-11 no funds were allocated by Ministry of Planning Development & Reforms for the project.
- (ii) In the FY 2011-12 Rs, 5,00 million were released in three tranches to the project. With that amount land was procured for the project and necessary staff was hired for proper implementation of the project. Whereas in FY 2012-13 funds allocation was not made to the project by Ministry of Planning Development & Reforms.

(b) During the current FY 2013-14, funds allocation for the project is Rs. 20.00 million, out of which Rs. 14.00 million has been released so far. With this amount, the project necessary procurements have been done and the main activities of civil work and machinery procurement have been initiated. Award of contract for civil work to the most responsive bidder is in process.

(c) Overall physical progress is 16.51% so far, beside financial problems as indicated above most of the work will be completed by the end of the current fiscal year. The project will be fully operational in the coming fiscal year (2014 – 15).

34. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

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

- (a) *the date on which Capacity Building of Teachers Training Institutions and Training of Elementary Schools Teachers in Khyber Pakhtunkhawa was approved and launched;*
- (b) *the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) *the number of teachers who have been provided training under that project so far indicating also the name of institute where the training was provided?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal: (a) ● Date of approval from ECNEC: 23.08.2006.

- Actual date of commencement/ launching: 01.12.2006.
- (b) ● Amount allocated for current fiscal year (2013-14): Rs.103.279 million;
 - Amount released: Nil
 - The project's period of implementation ended on 30.06.2013. The project's time has been further extended upto 30-06-2015.
 - Revised PC-I received on 13-03-2014 which is under process of approval. Releases will be made after approval of Revised PC-I from the competent forum.
- (c) 120,995 teachers have been trained. Detail is at **Annexure-A**.

35. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 01:15 pm)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the share of manufacturing sector in the GDP of the country during the last five fiscal years with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *whether it is fact that the share of that sector in the GDP has decreased in comparison with other Asian countries where the same has increased during the said period;*
- (c) *whether any study has been conducted to identify the weaknesses of the said sector during that period, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen manufacturing sector in the country on the analogy of other neighbouring countries?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) The share of manufacturing sector in the GDP of the country during the last five years with year-wise break-up is as under:—

%age share

FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
13.8	13.6	13.4	13.2	13.2

Source: Economic Survey 2012-13

The share of manufacturing in the GDP, in respect of some neighbouring Asian Countries, has been given below:

	%age share				
Country	Year 2009	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013
India	15	15	15	14	14
China	33	32	32	32	32
Bangladesh	18	18	18	18	18

<http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NV.IND.MANF.ZS>

The share of manufacturing in GDP in China and Bangladesh has remained constant, while in India & Pakistan there has been a slight decrease.

(c) No specific study in manufacturing sector has been carried out in recent past. However, weakness of the manufacturing sector during the last five years may be attributed to domestic constraints and global economic situation, which may *inter-alia* include factors like heavy flood during last four years, alarming law and order situation and terrorist incidents, acute power shortage and load shedding, increased number of organized crimes, target killings, kidnapping for ransom especially in Karachi and global recession.

(d) The Government is working on the following areas in order to promote manufacturing sector:—

- Combating the on-going energy crisis through allocating more resources for energy supply.
- Imparting expertise through volunteer experts from abroad.
- Redressal of technical problems of the industry through Industrial Research Program (IRP) being run with the collaboration of local engineering Universities, researchers, etc.
- Tariff rationalization to reduce the cost of doing business and to bring in new technology for product diversification and enhancing efficiency in the industrial sector.

- Special incentives to promote local manufacturing through establishment of Special Economic Zones.
- Integrating the local manufacturing sector with the international players to become part of global supply chain.

36. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- the details of devaluation of Pakistani rupee against US dollar from 16th March, 2008 to 31st May, 2013 indicating also the reasons thereof,*
- the increase in the volume of Pakistan's foreign and domestic loans, in billions, on account of the said devaluation of Pakistani rupee; and*
- whether it is a fact that after 1st July, 2013, in view of the appreciation of Pakistani rupee against the US dollars, the volume of Pakistan's foreign and domestic loans has decreased, if so, its details?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The Pak rupee has depreciated by 36.2% against US dollar from 16th March, 2008 to 31st May, 2013. The depreciation of Pak rupee against US dollar has primarily been determined by reflection of weak overall balance of payment position and worsening of sentiments of the market. The stressed external position was mainly on account of weak capital and financial inflows that were insufficient to finance even low external current account deficit. This along with, large debt repayments predominantly those related to repayments of Stand-by Arrangement loan of IMF was resulting into a drain in the foreign exchange reserves and has further fueled the negative sentiments reflecting on depreciation of the exchange rate. This situation also led to breed some speculative tendencies putting further pressure on the value of Rupee.

(b) Volume of Pakistan's foreign debt including IMF has increased by PKR 1715.63 billion.

Increase in value of public and publicly guaranteed debt (billion PKR)	1561.3
Increase in value of IMF Debt (billion PKR)	154.33
Total increase in billion PKR	1715.63

(c) Yes, after 1st July 2013, the value of foreign debt decreased by PKR 57.69 billion.

Decrease in value of public and publicly guaranteed debt (billion PKR)	-60.40
Increase in value of IMF Debt (billion PKR)	2.72

Total Decrease in billion PKR _____-57.68

37. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of SROs issued by the Government during the current fiscal year indicating also the increase / decrease in revenue collocation caused by each of those SROs?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: CUSTOMS

Six Customs Statutory Regulatory Orders (SROs) have been issued by the present Government during the current financial year. One (01) SRO has been issued in pursuance of the Indonesia-Pakistan Preferential Trade Agreement notified by Ministry of Commerce. One (01) SRO has introduced amendments in existing South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) notified vide SRO 1274(I)2006. One (01) SRO has been issued to levy regulatory duty on sport utility vehicles. Two (02) SROs have been issued in pursuance of Ministry of Industries and Productions notification regarding Protection of Motorcycle Industry. The statement indicating increase/decrease in revenue collection caused by each SRO during July-February, 2013-14 has been attached as **Annex-A**.

INLAND REVENUE

Fourteen SROs have been issued by the Federal Government/Federal Board of Revenue pertaining to Income Tax during the current fiscal year. Revenue impact is involved in only Seven SROs as the remaining relate to devising rules or income Tax Returns etc.

Likewise, twenty SROs under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and one SRO under the Federal Excise Act, 2005 have been issued. Details of SROs are attached as Annex-B to this reply.

As this stage, it is difficult to assess net revenue impact and the exact quantum only be ascertained after the close of the financial year and will largely depend on how many persons avail the benefit of the SROs issued.

38. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.15 replied on 8th January, 2014 and state:

- (a) *the reasons for provision of only dollar 451.102 million and dollar 582 million by the US Government under the Kerry Lugar Bermin Bill in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13, respectively, against the provision of dollar 1.5 billion per annum;*
- (b) *the amount provided by USA to the Government and the NGOs, separately, out of the amounts provided during those fiscal years;*
- (c) *the amount provided by the US Government under the said Bill during the current fiscal year so far indicating also the amount provided to the Government and the NGOs separately;*
- (d) *whether the Government has taken any steps to pursue the US Government to increase disbursement of financial assistance to the Government instead of NGOs under the said Bill, if so, its details; and*
- (e) *whether the Government has taken any steps to pursue the US Government to increase disbursement of financial assistance to Pakistan upto dollar 1.5 billion per year as provided in that bill, if so, its details?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Under Section 102(a) of Pakistan Enhanced Partnership Act, 2009 (Kerry Lugar Berman Legislation), US Government agreed to allocate **upto** \$ 1.5 billion yearly for 05 years starting October, 2009. The actual budgetary provision in each year is determined through congressional notifications in that year. USAID determines the required budget on the basis of their projections in consultation with stakeholders in public and private sector.

(b) The amount provided by USA to Government, NGOs, INGOs, USAID Contractors and UN Agencies for the year 2011-12- & 2012-13 are as under:—

Implementing Partner_	2011-12	2012-13
Government	127.6	149
NGOs	14.6	13.7
INGOs	18.7	39.4
USAID Contractors	279	347.8
UN Agencies	11.008	32.4
Total:	451	582.3

(c) The amount provided by USA to Government, NGOs, “INGOs, USAID Contractors and UN Agencies for the year 2013 (1st July to 30th December)are as under:—

Implementing Partner	2013 (1st July to 30th December)
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Government	27.39
NGO	3.1
INGOs	7.3
USAID Contractors	114.8
UN Agencies	4.1
Total:	156.6

(d) Under Pakistan Enhanced Partnership Agreement the decision of selection of implementing partners rests with USAID. However, at every occasion of high level contact with US Government on matters of development partnership, the US Government is urged to channelize more grants through government channels.

(e) At every occasion of high level contact with US Government on matters of development partnership, the US Government is urged to increase development assistance to Pakistan **upto** and beyond \$ 1.5 billion per year.

39. ***Mr. Farhatullah Babar:** (Notice received on 14-03-2014 at 02:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that apart from the fund created by Friends of Democratic Pakistan another fund named "Pakistan Development Fund" has been established, if so, the date / year and purpose of establishing the same;*
- (b) *the amount received in the said fund so far indicating also the date and source of receipt of each amount in the fund separately; and*
- (c) *the present status of the fund created by Friends of Democratic Pakistan and the present amount in the same?*

Reply not received.

40. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 17-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue Economic Affairs Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of development projects sponsored by the Asian Development Bank and World Bank in the country during the last five years indicating also the present status of each project; and*

(b) *the terms and conditions agreed with those Banks for sponsoring the said projects?*

Reply not received.

41. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pak-China Economic Corridor is being established, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *the present status of the said corridor and the time by which the same will be established / completed?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: (a) During Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's visit to China in July 2013 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Governments of People's Republic of China and Islamic Republic of Pakistan for planning and development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It envisages connectivity and expansion of trade and investment through a network of roads, rail, fiber optic cables, and energy pipelines. The MOU also provides for the creation of special economic zones, industrial parks and trade centers and development of energy and technical cooperation. The objective is to enable the Governments to cooperate in the planning and development of OPEC and facilitate and intensify economic activity along the Corridor. The MOU further envisages development of long term plan for economic corridor up to 2030. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform (MPD&R) is the focal Ministry for this engagement whereas its counterpart in China is National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC).

(b) As envisaged in the MoU, for institutional arrangement and development of the China-Pak Economic Corridor, a Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC-the Ministerial level apex body) of the two countries has been established. NDRC of China has established subsidiary Working Groups on Transport Infrastructure, Energy and Planning for which they have nominated their respective lead agencies for this work. Accordingly, Working Groups in these areas have been constituted on the Pakistani side as well.

In order to develop the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor on a fast track basis, a number of meetings of JCC and Working Groups have been held for achieving speedy progress. During these meeting the two sides reviewed and summarized the cooperation, exchanged views on the specific content, compiling methods and steps of the Long Term Plan of OPEC, lists of prioritized/Early Harvest Projects, contents and process of project feasibility study, financing of the projects within the framework of OPEC, and clarified the working arrangement for the next phase. Early Harvest projects are envisaged to be completed by 2017.

42. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 19-03-2014 at 01:25 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications for loan submitted by the persons belonging to Islamabad in the National Bank of Pakistan under the Prime Minister's Youth Loan Scheme so far;*
- (b) the number of the said applications which have been approved;*
- (c) the number of the said applications which have been rejected indicating also the names and addresses of the applicants and reasons for rejection in each case; and*
- (d) the number of the said successful applicants who have NTN Nos.?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The information is being collected and will take time in preparation of the answer of the answer of the said Question.

43. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 09:57 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passengers who paid customs duty on import of various items at International airports in the country from January to September, 2013, with airport-wise and month-wise breakup; and*
- (b) the details of cases of smuggling detected at those airports during the said period indicating also the action taken in each case with airport-wise and month-wise breakup?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The detail of passengers who paid customs duty on import of various items at airports in the country from January to September, 2013 is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The detail of cases of smuggling detected at airports during January to September, 2013 is enclosed at **Annex-B**.

44. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 20-03-2014 at 09:57 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatizations be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of smuggled items / goods confiscated in the country during the last three years indicating also the value of the same with item-wise and year-wise breakup;*
- (b) the names of persons arrested in the said cases indicating also the present status of the cases against them; and*

(c) *the procedure adopted for the disposal of the said items / goods?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The details of smuggled items/goods confiscated in the country during the last three years is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The names of persons arrested in the said cases and the present status of these cases are enclosed at **Annex-B**.

(c) After confiscation, the smuggled goods are disposed through open public auction, as per Customs Rules, 2001: The following procedure for disposal of seized/confiscated items is adopted:

- (a) Confiscated Narcotics, Expired/ Banned and Hazardous items are destroyed in terms of Customs General Order No.12/2002 dated 15.06.2002.
- (b) For other confiscated goods, the Reserve Price (RP) is determined after adding the due taxes to the value of goods.
- (c) The goods/vehicles are put to open public auction after advertising in the newspapers and highest bid offered is either accepted or rejected as per rules.

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

45. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 21-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatizations be pleased to state;

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the amount released to the Provincial Government from divisible pool of revenue and under the head of royalty and other transfers during the first six months of current financial year is less than the actual share of the provinces, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the outstanding / remaining amount will be released to the provinces?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) No. The divisible pool taxes and straight transfers (including royalties) reported by the collecting agencies during first six months of current financial year (July — December, 2013) stand duly distributed among the Provinces in accordance with relevant provisions of the Presidential Order No.5/2010 (7th NFC Award).

(b) Due shares have already been released to the Provinces.

46. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja :** (Notice received on 21-03-2014 at
am)

09:20

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the profit earned or loss suffered by the National Bank of Pakistan during the last ten years?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Profit earned by the NBP during the last ten years with years wise breakup is as under:—

Rs. In Billion

Year	Profit before tax	Profit after tax
2004	12.0	6.2
2005	19.1	12.7
2006	26.3	17.0
2007	28.1	19.0
2008	23.0	15.5
2009	21.3	17.6
2010	24.4	17.6
2011	26.0	17.6
2012	21.4	14.9
2013	7.1	5.5

47. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 25-03-2014 at 09:10 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated for Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal for the current financial year; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the said amount?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) An amount of Rs. 2.00 billion has been allocated for current financial year 2013-2014 for Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal.

(b) No.

47-A. ***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:** (Notice received on 25-03-2014 at 04:20 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the employees of Habib Bank are not being provided pension benefits for which they were entitled before privatization of the bank, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Habib Bank Limited (HBL) was privatized in 2004 and being a private bank has an independent Board of Directors and Management. The bank has its own policy regarding payment of pension and other service end benefits. These benefits are being paid by HBL to all its entitled ex-employees according to its policy.

(b) Do not arise due to reply at (a) above.

47-B. ***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:** (Notice received on 25-03-2014 at 04:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in 1985 the National Assembly had approved that banks will keep 5% of their pre tax profit in the Staff Welfare Fund Trust, if so, the amount received in that fund during the last ten years and the details of its utilization?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: No. Such Fund was never established. Hence, no amount in the said Fund has been received.

However, according to SBP, in 1988, Pakistan Banking Council on verbal directions of the then Government submitted a scheme for utilizing a part of gross profits of banks for Staff Welfare Fund which could not materialize due to absence of any Act/rule. Some of the Banks earmarked amounts for the said fund on their own initiative.

After privatization of Nationalized Commercial Banks, they discontinued contributing towards the fund, except MCB. Similarly, NBP also contribute a nominal amount in this regard.

48. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 26-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of loans provided to landlords and farmers by the Zari Tarraqiati Bank Limited (ZTBL) during last five years with province-wise breakup?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: During last five years *i.e.* from 2009 to 2013, the Bank disbursed Rs. 347.933 billion to 2,326,138 farmers and landlords with special emphasis on small farmers and landlords.

Province/Year-wise break up of loans disbursed by ZTBL to farmers and landlords during last five years is as follows:—

49. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that goods worth of five billion dollars are smuggled annually in the country causing annual loss of Rs. 200 billion to the exchequer; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said smuggling?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The main source of smuggling of goods into Pakistan is through long porous border with Afghanistan. However, there is no mechanism to measure the real quantum of smuggling.

The value of goods seized during the last three (3) financial years, as a result of anti-smuggling activities is as follows:—

Year	CIF Value (Rs. in millions)
2012-13	5328.83
2011-12	4904.75
2010-11	5501.89

In the absence of quantum of smuggled goods into Pakistan, the loss to the National economy cannot be ascertained with certainty.

(b) To curb the menace of smuggling, Customs has reinvigorated its enforcement measures which include intelligence sharing, launching of joint operations and provisions of support and facilitation to the Customs Authorities by the Law Enforcement Agencies. Following specific anti-smuggling measures have been under taken:

- i. F.C Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are entrusted to carry out anti-smuggling within 20 K.M of the international border *vide* SRO 1090(1) 2010 dated 01.12.2010. Joint efforts are undertaken between Customs and other law enforcement agencies.
- ii. Major entry points/smuggling routes in the country are being monitored by establishment of check posts manned by Pakistan Customs with the assistance of LEAs.
- iii. Anti smuggling powers have been given to Pakistan Coast Guards *vide* SRO No. 42(I)/2014 and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency *vide* SRO No. 43(I)/2014 dated 20-01-2014 to check smuggling in the coastal areas/high seas.

iv. Scanners have been installed at airports for scanning of the baggage of incoming passengers.

50. ***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:** (Notice received on 26-03-2014 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that deductions were issued to be made from the salaries of the Government employees under the head of old age benefits, if so, the amount collected under that head and details of its utilization?

Reply not received.

51. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 28-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has initiated Islamabad Green Building Programme to convert the main buildings of Islamabad on solar energy, if so, its details; and

(b) the names of buildings in Islamabad which have been converted on solar energy under the said programme so far?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: (a) Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET), an organization under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) is primarily involved in Research and Development (R&D) activities for indigenization, demonstration and promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies including Solar Energy in the country.

Apart from MoST, other Divisions *i.e.* Cabinet Division, Water and Power Division and Climate Change Division are also involved in promotion of the Renewable Energy concept in Islamabad.

National Institute of Electronics (NIE), another organization of MoST, has been assigned the task to conduct Energy Audit of selected Government buildings in the first instance to estimate their energy requirements which can be met through alternative resources and measures to save energy.

PCRET has prepared a PC-I entitled “Green Public Buildings Project, Islamabad” with a cost of Rs.613.200 Million which is under consideration. Under the proposed project, sixteen buildings on the Constitution Avenue of Islamabad will be partially converted to Solar Energy.

(b) Presently, no building has been converted to Solar energy under the said programme, which is still to be approved and funds allocated.

52. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and present posting of the Non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, its attached departments corporations, subordinate offices and autonomous/semi autonomous bodies since 2011-12?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar:

ISLAMABAD :
The 15th April, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.