

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 12th August, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 25, 42, 45, 57, 58 and 61 Deferred on 14th May, 2014 (104th Session))

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

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

- (a) *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;*
- (b) *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*
- (c) *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?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal : (a) The reply of Economic Affairs Division relating to part (a) is as under:—

Step-I: Multiyears donor strategy for Development cooperation with Pakistan are discussed with donors under the coordination of EAD by all stakeholder including provincial governments, Area Administration, Planning & Development Division and relevant Ministries to ensure that these strategies are in line with National Development Priorities.

Step-II: The EAD does not approach any foreign donor for financing a development project, unless the concept of the project has been approved by the competent forum *i.e* CDWP. Moreover, this ensures that the projects to be financed by foreign donors

have the approval of the concept by the Government of Pakistan before they are suggested to the foreign donors for financing.

Step-III: Moreover, the Govt. of Pakistan does not sign any financing agreement with the foreign donors unless the PC-I/PC-2 has been approved by competent forum. This ensures that the design, scope and estimated cost of the project has prior approval of the Govt. of Pakistan.

Step-IV: Due to lack of a coherent development framework in the past, the donors started projects based on their preferences. Now, Pakistan Vision 2025 clearly lays out a framework for future development of the country and donors have been asked to start projects according to our national Agenda.

(b) The percentage / amount of capital cost of each project is agreed by all stakeholders and is specifically outlined in the Financing Agreements. Some examples are as under:—

- (i) KFW — Germany: 2% to a maximum of 3% out of the committed amounts are paid to the Consultants / Technical Experts.
- (ii) French funded projects— 2-4% amount of capital cost is spent to hire the consultants/technical experts under.
- (iii) Asian Development Bank — approximately 5% of the loan amount is spent on hiring of foreign/private sector consultants/ technical experts for the project.
- (iv) Islamic Development Bank — as per approved PC-Is usually 2 – 2.25% cost of the IDS funded projects is allocated for consultancy.

(c) Planning, Development and Reform Ministry as a policy collects PC-IVs and PC-Vs for all completed projects from the concerned Ministries. The list of projects with foreign aid component for which PC-IVs are available in PC is placed at Annex-I. The Ministries/Divisions are being pursued to provide the complete list of PC-IVs and PC-Vs.

Annexure-I

List of Foreign Funded Completed Projects (Based on the PC-IV received in Planning Commission)

Sr. No.	Name of Project
1.	Establishment of precision mechanical and instrument technology centre, Lahore.
2.	Support of Implementation of GRAPs (SIG) - Grant Component of TA-2 “Gender and Governance Mainstreaming” project
3.	Dara Adam Khel- Badabher Road Project ICB-3 (N-55) Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of existing North bound carriageway.

4. Improving Access to Financial Services Program "TA 4894-Pak".
5. Mass awareness for Water conservation and development (MAWCD)
6. Replacement of 100 KV MW Transmitter with 400KV MW transmitter
7. Improvement/Refurbishing STP Phase-I & II Rehabilitation of STP Phase-III & Construction of Phase-IV.
8. Pakistan Integrated house hold survey (PINS), project phase-III.
9. International comparison program (ICP).
10. Improving price collection of Non-household expenditure components and updating of purchasing power parity estimates for selected developing member countries
11. Support to Federal Bureau of Statistics"(Improvement of social and Economic Data)

Sr. No.	Name of Project
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12. Multan Muzaffargarh (N-70).
 13. Muslim Bagh-Qila Saifullah (N-50).
 14. Kalat-Khad Kucha (N-25).
 15. D.I.Khan-Chunda (N-55).
 16. Quetta-Jungle Pir Alizai (N-25).
 17. Dara Adam Khail Badabher (N-55).
 18. Gwadar Deep Water Port.
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42. (Def) ***Mr. Amar Jeet:**
(Notice received on 19-03-2014 at 01:25 p.m.)

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: (a) Till May 18, 2014 National Bank of Pakistan has received 743 application from the persons belonging Islamabad Region.

(b) Out of 743 applications, 164 application have been approved.

(Out of 164 approved applications, 10 were declared successful in the fire balloting held on February 28, 2014 The remaining 59 approved application will be included in the second ballot).

(c) Out of the 743 applications, 376 applications were rejected on various grounds including negative desk tor verification, NADRA checks etc. List of names and addresses of such applicants is annexed.

The remaining 203 applications are presently under process of scrutiny and verifications.

(d) The National Bank made provision of CNIC mandatory for application and did not ask for NTN number.

45. (Def.) ***Mr. Amar Jeet: _____**
(Notice received on 02-04-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of Science and Technology, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies, authorities and corporations etc. since 2011-12?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: Since 2011-12, non-Muslims have been appointed in the following organizations under the Ministry of Science & Technology as per details shown against each:

- i. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT). Details are at **Annex-I**.
- ii. Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (PCSIR). Details are at **Annex-II**.

57. (Def.) ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 24-04-2014 at 09:10 (a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designations of the gazetted officers of the National Assembly Secretariat whose cases have been sent to the AGPR for issuance of revised pay slips since 1st March, 2014; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact the said officers have not been issued the revised pay slips so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be issued?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : (a) 85 cases of gazetted officer of National Assembly Secretariat have been received in AGPR office since 1st March, 2014 for issuance of pay slips. The names and designation of such officers is at **Annex-I.**

(b) Out of 85 cases, 07 cases were finalized and pay slips were issued to officers concerned. However, 75 cases were returned to DDO National Assembly Secretariat on 25-04-2014 requesting them to provide the following documents:-

- Copies of supersession notification of all cases.
- Copies of manual pay slips issued previously to the officers concerned.
- Last computer pay slips of officers concerned.

Required documents of 03 cases have been received which are under process for issuance of pay slip.

As soon as the required documents of remaining cases are received, office of AGPR will process the cases for issuance of pay slips at the earliest on priority basis.

58. **(Def.) * Mr. Saeed Ghani:**
(Notice received on 24-04-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of loss making Public Sector Organizations proposed to be privatized indicating also the losses each organization suffered during the last ten years with year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the details of amounts injected / provided by the Government to those organizations during the said period with year wise break up?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The details of loss making PSEs, along with financial data for last 10 years¹¹¹, on the privatisation list is placed at **Annex-A***.

(b) The details of the amounts injected/ loans etc. by the GoP in some PSEs with year wise break-up is placed at **Annex-B.**

(i) As per data submitted by the respective Organizations /Division/ Ministries.

*Data in case of other entities is either not shared by the respective Organizations /Division/ Ministries or they are profit making.

61. (Def.) ***Mr. Saeed Ghani :**
(Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 12:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the profit earned by the National Bank of Pakistan during the last ten years with year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of persons working in the said bank on regular basis indicating also the increase / decrease in their number during that period with year wise break up?*

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

Year	Pre-tax Profit (Rs. in million)
2003	9,009
2004	11,978
2005	19,056
2006	26,311

Year	Pre-tax Profit (Rs. in million)
2007	28,061
2008	23,001
2009	21,300
2010	24,415
2011	26,011
2012	23,258
2013	7,100

(b) Details of employees working in the bank on regular basis are as under alongwith increase /(decrease):—

		Year
No. of employees	Increase /decrease	2003
12800		
2004	13300	500
2005	13308	8
2006	13326	18
2007	12861	(465)/decrease
2008	14660	1799
2009	15598	938
2010	15615	17
2011	14563	(1052) /decrease
2012	14024	(539) /decrease
2013	13528	(496) /decrease

1. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to obtain, loans from foreign commercial banks, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Government borrows funds from the domestic and foreign banks from time to time to build the foreign exchange reserves and strengthen budgetary position of the country. Currently there is no proposal under consideration to obtain loan from foreign commercial banks for the time being.

2. ***Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri:**
(Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names of Pakistani and Foreign Banks operating in the country indicating also date of establishment, name of present Chief Executive Officer and location of branches of each bank?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Names of Pakistani and Foreign Banks operating in the country along with their names of Chief Executive Officers and their respective license dates issued by SBP are at Annexure-A and Province-wise detail of branches are at Annexure-B, respectively.

The data regarding location of 11,865 bank branches is huge (about 400 pages) and could be provided if province-wise details do not serve the purpose.

3. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:**
(Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.17, replied on 16th April, 2014 and state.

- (a) *the names of public sector enterprises which are profit making out of the 32 enterprises decided to be privatized by the Government indicating also the profit earned by each of them during the last five years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the reasons for privatization of the said profitable enterprises?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : (a) Out of 32 PSEs, 19 PSEs are profit making. Names and financial data of the same for the last 5 years is at Annexure.

(b) The main objective of Privatisation Policy is to put national resources and assets to optimal use, particularly to unleash the productive potential inherent in Pakistan's State Owned Enterprises (SOEs). The policy of Privatisation specifically aims at enhancing the value of Government shareholding, maximization of profits, modernization and up-gradation of State Owned Enterprises; exploration and creation of new assets; management and technological transfer benefit, increasing investments in the SOEs by identifying business benchmarks and outputs, remedial measures, and generation of employment. Government would continue to ensure that divestment does not result in alienation of national assets and reduction in quality of production and service detrimental to its people.

In this regard the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation has approved a Privatisation Programme for early implementation on 03-10-2013.

Furthermore, the CCI in 1997, 2006, 2011 & 2014 approved a broad based privatisation programme of various sectors after observing the justification.

4. ***Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri:**
(Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, parentage, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed in BPS 1 to 21 in the Ministry of Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies and corporations including customs department central excise department, income tax department, FBR, State Bank of Pakistan and National Bank of Pakistan etc from 1st January 2008 to 1st March, 2014?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Material for preparation of the reply is being collected from the concerned quarter. The reply may be deferred till next Rota Day.

5. ***Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:**
(Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 11:00 a.m)

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

- (a) *the time / period after which pay scales of the Government employees are required to be revised as prescribed in the relevant rules / laws / practice; and*
- (b) *the date on which pay scales of the said employees were revised last time?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : (a) No specific rules / laws exist prescribing period for revision of Pay Scales. Past practice ranges from 01 to 07 years.

(b) The basic pay scales of Government employees were revised last time by the Federal Government *w.e.f.* 01-07-2011.

6. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of sick industrial units in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;*
- (b) *the salient reasons for closure of the said units; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for revival of those units?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi : (a) According to Industries Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, notification about sick units is being issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan. No such industrial unit of the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been declared sick by the Federal Government. However, there are 478 industrial units closed out of total 2299 units in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while about 500 units are operating under capacity due to complex situation.

(b) Salient reasons for closure of said units are:

- Security, Law and Order issues.
- Lack of Capital/Investments
- Load shedding of Gas & electricity
- Unskilled labor due to large migration of masses
- Kidnapping for ransom
- Location Disadvantages
- Export problems in Afghan Transit Trade
- Lack of professionals in Industries & Commerce Departments.

(c) The major reasons at present time are load shedding Gas & Electricity, Law and Order situation and terrorism. The Federal Government as well as Provincial Government is making serious efforts to control terrorism and overcome the problem of load shedding.

7. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:**

(Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.38, replied on 16th April, 2014 and state whether the Government's efforts to pursue the US Government to increase disbursement of financial assistance to the Government instead of NGOs, I NGOs, UN Agencies and USAID contractors, have yielded any results, if so, the details thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Government of Pakistan's efforts are actually reflected in the new obligations made by USAID. The obligations made by USAID in the year 2012-13 for Government to Government projects were \$ 165.1 million (24.2% of total), whereas during the current year upto 20th May, 2014 the obligations made by USAID for Government to Government projects are \$ 214.2 million (40%. of total).

8. *** Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish, an Authority to 'encourage the production and export of Halal Food Products in the country, if so, its details?

Mr. Zahid Hamid : The Ministry of Science and Technology intends to establish and Organization to be named the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) through an Act of the Parliament known as the "Pakistan Halal Authority Act 2014". After detailed consultations with concerned stake-holders, the PHA bill, 2014 has been forwarded to the Cabinet for approval.

The purpose of establishing PHA is to promote import and export, trade and commerce with foreign countries and inter-provincial trade and commerce in Halal articles and processes.

The proposed PHA will, *inter-alia*, develop policies, plans and programmes for ensuring compliance of Halal articles and processes with the Halal standards notified by the National Standards Body (PSQCA) and develop and authorize use of the Halal logo for Halal articles and processes. Only Halal articles and processes bearing PHA's Halal logo will be allowed to be exported.

9. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:**

(Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names, designations and names of departments of the Government employees who obtained / drew non refundable GP Fund from AGPR during the last

three years indicating also the amount of GP Fund drawn and the amount deducted as Zakat in each case?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Material for preparation of the reply is being collected from the concerned quarter. The reply may be deferred till next Rota Day.

10. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:**
(Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 3:00 p.m)

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

(a) *the revenue collected by the Government through the privatization of public sector enterprises/entities since 1988; and*

(b) *the details of amount utilized for debt retirement out of the said revenue?*

Reply not received.

11. ***Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:**
(Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 4:35 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number, of cases of fake / illegal tax refunds surfaced in the country during the last one year;*

(b) *the loss caused to the national exchequer in the said cases; and*

(c) *the steps taken by the Government to recover the amount of said refunds and discourage such trend / practice in future?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : (a) During the last one year, due to the strict measures taken by the present government, no major case of fake / illegal refunds has surfaced. Only three new cases of illegal refund were reported during the year, involving Rs. 160.947 million. However, timely action was taken to prevent issuance of refund cheques in these cases.

(b) Due to the timely action to stop issuance of cheques, revenue loss was avoided in the said cases.

(c) The actions taken to discourage such illegal refunds include the following:

(i) Posting of officers of known integrity to such sensitive positions.

- (ii) Blocking of dubious refunds, and suspension / blacklisting of registration of persons who claim fake/illegal refunds or issue fake/flying invoices.
- (iii) Computerized monitoring of sales tax refund claims through CREST.
- (iv) Strengthening post-refund audit
- (v) Proper supervision and investigation

12. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 23-06-2014 at 4:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is a fact that unfiltered / impure water is being marketed in the name of mineral water in the country, if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Mr. Zahid Hamid : Two organizations under the administrative control of M/o Science and Technology namely Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) and Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) are monitoring / checking the quality / purity of bottled / mineral water available in the market on regular basis.

PSQCA has prescribed Pakistan Standards Quality Specifications for bottled drinking water (PS-4639) and bottled natural mineral water (PS-2102).

It is a fact that many samples of bottled drinking water tested by PSQCA and PCRWR have been found to be non-conforming to the Pakistan Standards.

Since September 2013 PSQCA (Conformity Assessment) CA-South Region (Sindh and Balochistan Provinces) cancelled 35 licences of Bottled Drinking Water and seized articles of 12 units and prosecuted them (Annexure A & B). PSQCA CA-North Region (Punjab and KPK Provinces) seized articles of 26 units and initiated legal proceedings in this regard (Annexure – C).

PCRWR also regularly monitors quality of mineral / bottled drinking water of different brands as per Pakistan Standards developed / adopted by PSQCA. It not only publicizes its findings on quarterly basis through print and electronic media but also sends these quarterly monitoring reports of bottled mineral / drinking water to the Provincial Administrations for taking necessary action against the substandard brands.

According to the latest reports for the quarter January – March, 2014, out of sixty eight (68) samples of Mineral / drinking water brands which were collected from 10 cities (Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Sialkot, Sahiwal, D. G. Khan, Multan, Karachi, Quetta, and Peshawar), twenty one (21) brands (namely: Best Water, Sea Breeze, Aab-e-Kech, Ideal Life, Natural Standard, Aqua Hygienic, Natural Aqwah, Aquatic Fresh, Butt, Cool, Premier, Al-Sana, Effort, Aqua National, Aftab Qarshi, Nectar, Lite Aqua, Fit, Minter & Aqua Smart) were found unsafe

chemically and / or microbiologically. These results have already been conveyed further to the concerned departments under the Provincial Governments.

It may be mentioned here that the Provincial Governments of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan have established food authorities entrusted with the task *inter-alia* of regulating and monitoring food business and ensuring provision of safe food (including water).

13. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 23-06-2014 at 4:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) the ratio of industrial growth in the country since 2009-10 with year-wise break up;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said ratio during that period has decreased in comparison to the years 2007-08 and 2008-09, if so, the reasons thereof, and*
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase that ratio?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi : (a) According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), ratio of industrial growth in the country since 2009-10 is as under:

FISCAL YEAR	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (P)
RATIO OF INDUSTRIAL GROWTH	3.4	4.7	2.5	1.4	5.8

P= Provisional

(b) The growth rates during 2007-08 and 2008-09 remained 8.5 and -5.2 respectively. The growth rates from financial year 2009-10 to 2013-14 decreased as compared to 2007-08. The growth in 2008-09 remained in negative (-5.2), however, during the subsequent years increased as stated above (a). Domestic as well as external factors are responsible for relatively slower growth in industrial sector. Main causative factors/reasons for low growth rate are:

- High cost of doing business/increase in the cost of financing.
- Increase in the prices of coal and POL including furnace oil due to increased international prices thus rendering the local industry uncompetitive.
- Acute shortages of electricity and gas, which adversely effected the production in industrial sector.

- Global recession.
 - Demand compression in the export sector.
 - Law and order situation in the country resulted in cancellation of orders.
- (c) The following steps have been/being taken to increase the growth rate:
- i. Cost of financing/ doing business has been brought down through lowering interest rate and dollar-rupees parity. Tariff rationalization is being done to reduce the cost of doing business and to bring in new technology for product diversification and enhancing efficiency in the industrial sector
 - ii. Heavy dependence on imported furnace oil is being reduced through increased supply of natural gas and coal based power generation to reduce the cost of electricity in the energy generation mix. This would have a positive impact on industrial growth.
 - iii. Government is taking remedial measures to restore law and order situation especially in Karachi, the main hub of industrial activity.
 - iv. Small Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) has established 27 helpdesks for providing guidance to new industries for project identification /implementation, business development services, business information, business match making, Assistance in Fund Raising and Counseling on Legal and Regulatory Procedure, also prepared around 170 pre-feasibility studies to facilitate potential entrepreneurs in project identification for investment.
 - v. Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) has established VI zones to promote industrialization and increase foreign exchange earnings. 03 new industrial zones are also being established. National Industrial Parks Development & Management Company (NIPs) has established 06 world-class Industrial parks to enhance the growth of industrial sector.
 - vi. Redressal of technical problems of the industry through industrial research program (IRP) being run with the collaboration of local engineering, universities, researchers etc.
 - vii. Integrating the local manufacturing sector with the international players to become part of global supply chain.

14. ***Prof. Sajid Mir:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 2:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that services of some persons working as godown staff in the National Bank of Pakistan were terminated during the years 2012 and 2013, if so, the reasons thereof?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : No. The services of persons working as Godown staff in National Bank of Pakistan have not been terminated during the years 2012 and 2013 as per Bank's record.

15. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of smuggled items confiscated during the last three years indicating also their value with item-wise and year-wise break-up;*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the disposal of the said items; and*
- (c) the number of persons arrested in the said cases and the present status of their cases?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The details of smuggled items confiscated during last three years is enclosed as **(Annex-A)**.

(b) The smuggled/seized goods are dealt under Section 169 of the Customs Act, 1969. After confiscation the 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.

(c) The total number of persons arrested in cases of smuggling during last three years is 639 **(Annex-B)**.

16. ***Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :**
(Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:46 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount of loans obtained by the Government from the foreign countries, international financial institutions and donors since June, 2013 indicating also the*

names of the countries, institutions and donors concerned, the amount of loan obtained and purpose for which the same has been obtained in each case; and

- (b) *the details of loans proposed to be obtained during the next five years indicating also the objectives and purpose for which the same will be obtained?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar :

i. The status of the part (a) of the question is as under:—

Loan agreements of US\$12,915.94 million were signed with foreign countries (China, Germany, Japan and Saudi Arabia) International Financial Institutions (ADB, World Bank, IDB, EIB, SCB-London, SUISSE AG, UBL, ABL and OPEC Fund), as well as Bonds of US\$2,000 million were issued from June, 2013 to June 2014. These loans were obtained for Budgetary Support, Import of commodities and financing the projects of National importance. Details are given at **Annex-I**.

The disbursements during the same period against the old loans signed prior to 1st June, 2013 was US\$2,111.35 million. Details are given at **Annex-II**.

Finance Division input regarding IMF:

Pakistan entered into the Extended Fund Facility for \$ 6.64 billion with IMF in September 2013: so far Pakistan has received US\$ 2.2 billion under the program.

ii. The status of the part (b) is as under:—

17. ***Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:**
_____ (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:46 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the names of companies and persons whose loans have been written off by the financial institutions in the country during the last fiscal year indicating also the reason so for writing off loan in each case?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Minister for Finance Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization and other concerned officers are out of Country for Official Business and the reply to the question may be deferred till next Rota Day.

18. *** Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:**
(Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of development projects approved by the Government for FATA during the last two years; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch more such projects schemes for PATA, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal : (a) During last two years (1st June, 2012 to 30th June 2014), 14 development projects were approved during this period by the CDWP/ ECNEC depending on the cost of the project. List of the projects is annexed.

(b) Development projects are initiated by the sponsoring Ministries, Provinces and special areas on the basis of need / priorities agreed to in advance with Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform.

Block allocation of Rs.19.00 billion is available in Public Sector Development Programme 2014-15 for FATA including foreign assistance of Rs. 1.920 billion. Against this amount provided by the Federal Government, FATA Secretariat prepares development programme as per its development priorities.

If additional projects are proposed by Ministries, Divisions located in FATA or FATA Secretariat would be considered for approval if are inline with Government priorities.

19. ***Rozi Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 11:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether the post of Deputy Director (Personnel), National Institute of Electronics, Islamabad was advertised in the press before the appointment of the present Deputy Director, if so, the names and parentage of the persons who applied for the same;*

(b) *the educational qualifications and experience of the incumbent Deputy Director (Personnel) of the said Institute; and*

(c) *whether prescribed rules and regulations were observed / followed during the appointment of the said Deputy Director?*

Mr. Zahid Hamid : (a) Yes, the post of Deputy Director (Personnel), National Institute of Electronics was advertised in the press on 09-04-2006 (Annex-A). In response 96 candidates applied for the post, as per list attached at (Annex-B).

(b) The educational qualifications and experience for the post of Deputy Director (Personnel) as prescribed under NIE Employees service Rules, 1998 was "Master's Degree preferably MPA / MBA with 5 years experience in the relevant field. (Annex-C).

(c) Yes, the appointment was made strictly on merit and in accordance with the Rules. Short-listed candidates on the basis of their performance in written test were interviewed by the Selection Board. On the recommendations of the Selection Board headed by Director Finance,

the Director General NIE approved the appointment of Mr. Umair Habib. Accordingly appointment letter was issued to Mr. Muhammad Umair Habib vide NIE letter No. 101(4)/Pers dated 16-12-2006. His CV is also attached at (Annex-D).

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20. ***Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:**
(Notice received on 03-07-2014 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of cases of embezzlement in investment of Contributory Provident Fund surfaced during the last five years indicating also the present status of each case?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : Details of cases of embezzlement are:—

- * Order passed under section 227 of companies Ordinance, 1984 from 2009-10 till 2013-14 are **102** List of all concluded cases is at **Annex-A**,
- * Orders challenged before appellate bench are **13** out of which 5 have been disposed of while 8 are still pending. List of all concluded and pending cases before appellate bench is at **Annex-B**.

21. ***Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:**
(Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 9:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of project approved by the Planning Commission for Provincial Governments and FATA under the National Sanitation Policy, National Sanitation Action Plan and National Drinking Water Policy during the last five years; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that fund were not allocated for the said projects approved for PATA, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal : Provision of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities are the devolved subjects and fall under the domain of the Provincial Governments. Therefore, no new project was approved during last five years. However, Project "clean drinking water for all" was being implemented throughout Pakistan which was then devolved to the Provincial Governments as a result of 18th amendment.

(b) Federal Government is providing funds to FATA under PSDP as BLOCK ALLOCATION. The FATA Secretariat prepare and implement development programme as per its own priorities. During the last five years, BLOCK ALLOCATION of FATA has increased from Rs.8.20 Billion in 2009-10 to Rs.19.1 Billion in 2014-15. In addition during 2014-15 Rs.4 Billion have been allocated as a special development package against, which the projects will be implemented by Federal Government in consideration with FATA.

22. ***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:**
(Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state the progress made on the project of Pakistan-China Economic Corridor so far?

Mr. Ashan Iqbal : China and Pakistan signed an MoU regarding establishment of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on 5th July 2013 during the Prime Minister of Pakistan's visit to China.

Following institutional structure has been established to promote cooperation:

- Setting up Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) and constitution of Joint Working Group (JWG).
- Joint Working Group (JWG) in the following areas have been constituted:
 - Energy
 - Transport Infrastructure Planning
 - Gwadar Port

Following Steps have been taken for its implementation of China-Pak Economic Corridor:

- China- Pakistan Economic Corridor Secretariat has been established in Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform.
- Pakistan and Chinese side's working on the modules and implementation of prioritize projects envisaged by both countries.
- The first and second meeting of the JCC taken place and numbers of projects were discussed in the areas of energy, physical infrastructure and special economic zones.
- The meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Transport Infrastructure, Energy and Planning was held in January 2014.
- The High level Delegation from Pakistan side visited China in July 2014 to review progress.
- A list of priority projects/Early Harvest Projects (EHP) of China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) is finalized.
- Modalities for Gwadar and Energy sector related projects are being worked out for implementation.

23. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:**
(Notice received on 08-07-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of agreements and MOUs / agreements signed by the Government with other countries for financial assistance / loans etc. during the fiscal years 2013-14?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : The details of the MoUs/ Agreements signed by the Government of Pakistan with other countries for financial assistance /loans during the fiscal year 2013-14 is as under:—

24. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:**
(Notice received on 08-07-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of officers and officials working in Government Semi Government and autonomous institutions and other Government **organizations who were sent abroad** for capacity building courses by the Economic Affairs Division during the last three years indicating also the fields / names of skills/ courses for which they were sent and the names of institutions/ countries to which they were sent separately in each case?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : The requisite information is attached at Annex-I.

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25. ***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:**
(Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up the Export Import (EXIM) Bank of Pakistan, if when; and*
- (b) the procedure / legal framework to be adopted for setting up the said bank?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : (a) The Government has decided to set up the Export Import (EXIM) Bank of Pakistan. The decision has also been announced in the Federal Budget 2014-15. Setting up of the Bank requires completion of a number of formalities and procedures as laid down by State Bank of Pakistan. Therefore, exact period for setting up of the Bank can not be specified.

(b) The procedure/legal framework for the setting up of the Bank will be developed through an Act of Parliament.

26. ***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:**
(Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the benefits achieved from the privatization of Public Sector Entities during the last five years?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar : During the last five years *i.e.* 2009 - 2014, only two privatisation transactions have been conducted. The same were concluded in FY 2013-14. Details of the same are as under:—

Privatisation Transaction	Proceeds (Rs. In Million)	Date of Conclusion	Buyer	Gross
UBL-20.0% SPO (241,921,931 shares)	38,223.0	June, 2014	Institutional & High Net Worth Individuals Offer through Stock Exchange	
PPL Offering -5% GoP Shares (-70.05 million shares)	15,342.0	June, 2014	Institutional & High Net Worth Individuals Offer through Stock Exchange	

The major objectives of the privatisation are:—

- (a) to collect revenue for debt retirement and poverty alleviation;
- (b) to improve the performance of PSEs by involvement of Public Sector Partner/ Buyer;
- (c) to provide state of the art facilities to the general public after improvement of PSEs by Private Sector involvement; and in case of Power Sector
- (d) Enhance capital formation for the Pakistan Power Sector outside the GOP budget and without sovereign guarantee;
- (e) Improve Pakistan Power Sector efficiency through competition, accountability, managerial autonomy and profit incentives; and
- (f) Rationalize prices and social subsidies while maintaining certain socially desirable policies such as rural electrification and low-income lifeline tariff rates.

The Privatisation program is focused to harness the capital and managerial potential of the private sector by making it strategic partner(s) through divestment of optimal equity shareholding in the identified PSEs. The programme also includes divestment in various entities, especially in Oil & Gas, Power and Financial sectors through Capital Market Transactions to enhance the attractiveness and visibility of Pakistan as a favoured investment destination. This will not only improve the standing of domestic capital markets by attracting maximum foreign direct and portfolio investments but will also mobilize savings of individuals, households and the institutional investors of Pakistan by providing them an opportunity to take ownership in the successful businesses.

The recent capital market transactions, successfully re-launched the privatisation programme after a gap of more than six years, the same would open doors for investors to take part in the privatisation programme.

Moreover, the privatisation strategy aims at enhancing the value of GoP shareholding through modernization and up-gradation of PSEs; efficient management and technological transfer benefits; and enhanced investments in the PSEs by identifying business bench marks & outputs. Thus, the Government would ensure that divestment does not result in alienation of national assets, reduction in production and service delivery to the public.

27. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:**
(Notice received on 10-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Science and Technology, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous and semi autonomous bodies and corporations etc. under its administrative control during the last five years with grade wise and province wise break up; and*
- (b) the names, grades and place of domicile of the persons belonging to minorities presently working in the said Ministry, departments, offices and corporations in BPS-5 and above?*

Mr. Zahid Hamid : (a) Consolidated information pertaining to the Ministry and its various Organizations is mentioned in the Annexure shown against each:

1. Ministry of Science & Technology, **MoST (Annex-I)**
2. STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan (**STEDEC (Annex-II)**)
3. Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) (**Annex-III**)
4. Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (**PCRET (Annex-IV)**)
5. Pakistan Science Foundation (**PSF (Annex-V)**)
6. National Institute of Oceanography (**NIO), (Annex-VI)**)

7. Centre for Applied Molecular Biology (**CAMB**) (**Annex-VII**)
8. Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (**PCRWR**) (**Annex-VIII**)
9. Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (**PSQCA**) (**Annex-IX**)
10. Pakistan Engineering Council (**PEC**) (**Annex-X**)
11. National Institute of Electronics (**NIE**) (**Annex-XI**)
12. Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (**PCST**) (**Annex-XII**)
13. Council for Works and Housing Research (**CWHR**) (**Annex-XIII**)
14. National University of Science and Technology (**NUST**) (**Annexure-XIV**)
15. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (**CIIT**) (**Annex-XV**)
16. Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**PCSIR**) (**Annex-XVI**)

(b) Consolidated information pertaining to the Ministry and its various Organizations is mentioned in the Annexure shown against each:

1. Ministry of Science & Technology, **MoST** (**Annex-I**)
2. STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan (**STEDEC**) (**Annex-II**)
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28. ***Mr. Amar Jeet :**
(Notice received on 11-07-2014 at 10:22 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons working against the posts of Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs in the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms and its attached departments, subordinate offices' and autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies etc.; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the said persons do not possess the educational qualifications required for the posts against which they are working, if so, the reasons for their appointment / posting against those posts?*

Mr. Ashan Iqbal : (a) The names, educational qualifications and place of domicile of persons working against the posts of Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs in the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform in respect of Economist Group and Technical Sections (Ex-Cadre) are placed at Annex-I & Annex-II.

(b) The officers of Economist Group and Technical/Ex-Cadre are recruited through FPSC wherein the requirement of educational qualification is strictly observed. Therefore, there is no officer who does not possess the educational qualifications required for the post against which he is working.

ISLAMABAD :
The 7th August, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.