

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Friday, the 17th October, 2014**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

- (i) Question No. 62 : Originally set down for answering on 16th May, 2014 (100th Session)
- (ii) Question Nos. 29, 30, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58 and 59. : Originally set down for answering on 22nd August, 2014 (107th Session)
62. (Def.) \*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq: (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 10:30 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of inquiries regarding financial and administrative embezzlements in CDA initiated since March, 2008 have not been finalized so far, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the names and designations of the officers / officials who were prima facie involved in cases of the said embezzlements indicating also the post they hold at present;*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to finalize the said inquiries expeditiously; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure posting of honest and reputed personnel at key posts in CDA?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) CDA processed 82 cases of financial and administrative irregularities/embezzlement. since March, 2008. Out of 82 cases 43 have been finalized, remaining 39 cases could not be finalized so far, due to different reasons. *i.e.* parallel proceedings in court of law, change of Inquiry Committee/Officers etc.

(b) Detailed list of officers/officials proceeded against alongwith status of the cases is attached at **Annexure- "A"**. About 3-6 months are anticipated for their finalization.

(c) Inquiry committees / inquiry officers are exhorted /urged to complete inquiry and a complete setup has been established to get them completed expeditiously.

(d) The posting/transfer of personal at key posts *i.e.* Board Members and Chairman, CDA is made by Federal Government, which makes appointment of well reputed and honest officers.

29. (Def) **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq** : (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the steps being taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the conditions of climate change in the country; and*

(b) *the amount spent by the Government for the said purpose during the last five fiscal years?*

**Minister In-charge of the Climate change Division :** (a) The Government has taken number of steps to improve the conditions of climate change in the country; some of the majors steps are:

- Prime Minister's Committee on Climate Change established in 2006.
- Planning Commission's Task Force on Climate Change established in 2008.
- Creation of Ministry of Climate Change (now Climate Change Division) in October, 2011.
- Formulation of National Climate Change Policy, 2012.
- Formulation of Framework for Implementation of National Climate Change Policy (NCCP).
- Establishment of Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) under an Act, 2013.
- Climate Change and Cities Initiative. Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity Assessment of Islamabad has already been completed. Currently, the work on the report is in progress.

(b) The Government PSDP allocation during the last five fiscal years to Ministry of Environment (defunct), Ministry of Climate Change and Climate Change Division is as under (List of Projects at Annex-I).

(Rs. in million)

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**Expenditure**

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2009-10	928.127
2010-11	259.139
2011-12	31.237
2012-13	1085.222
2013-14	29.949

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

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

- (a) *the number of public parks inaugurated by the Chairman CDA during the last five years with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said parks have not been properly developed so far, if so, its reasons;*
- (c) *the funds provided for the development of those parks during the said period with sector-wise break-up;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the said funds have not been utilized for the purpose for which the same were allocated, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to properly develop the said parks?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) The yearwise list of parks developed by Parks Directorate CDA is at **Annex- "A"** and **Annex-"B"**. The said parks have been visited by Senior officer of Environment Wing, CDA & Chairman, CDA. However, the Chairman, CDA has not formally inaugurated any park.

- (b) The said parks have been developed properly.
- (c) The Sector-wise funds allocation for the said parks is at **Annex- "A"** and **Annex-"B"**.
- (d) The funds allocatd have been utilized for development of said parks.
- (e) The case for the repair/maintencance of the parks of Islamabad on rate running contract basis is under process.

33. (Def.) \*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah: (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and addresses of the persons who have been allotted agro farms or plots for establishing agro farms, on lease basis, in Islamabad since 2004; and*
- (b) *the terms and conditions for allotment of the said plots / farms?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) CDA, has informed that a total of 43 agro farms/plots since 2004 have been allotted for establishing agro farms on lease basis in Islamabad. Out of which 30 were allotted to Islamabad affectees and- 13 through open auction. The detail is at Annex-A & B

(b) The terms and conditions for allotment of the plots / farms to the affectees of Islamabad and through open auction are at Annex-C , D & E.

37. (Def) \***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualification, experience and tenure of the persons who served against the post of Marketing Director, PIA during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Operation Engineers have been appointed against those posts during the said period, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that Marketing Directors in PIA are drawing salary of Operation Engineers despite the fact that they are serving in other sections / departments?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division :** (a) The requisite details regarding names, educational qualification, experience and tenure of the persons who served against the post of Marketing Director, PIA during the last three years is attached as **Annexed.**

(b) Yes, Mr.Mamoon Ur Rashid and Mr.Irshad Ghani were the ones who started their career in PIA as Operations Engineer in Flight Operations department, Mr.Mamoon Ur Rashid was transferred in Sales/Marketing department *w.e.f* 03.3.1996, in Pay Group-VIII. Whereas Mr.Irshad Ghani was transferred in Sales/Marketing department *w.e.f* 10.10.2001 in Pay Group-IX as Deputy General Manager. Since then, they served the Corporation in Marketing department till their retirements upon superannuation on 01.6.2013 and 09 .8.2013, respectively.

(c) No, infact the Director in PIA, including Director Marketing are drawing salaries/perks corresponding to their respective Pay Group/Pay Scales.

38. (Def.) \***Mr. Haji Khan:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 3:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Benevolent Fund gives a farewell grant to the Government employees on their retirement from Government service, if so, the amount thereof;*
- (b) *the number of employees who have been given the said grant during the last two years with grade wise break up; and*
- (c) *the details of pending cases for that grant indicating also the reasons for pendency in each case?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division :** (a) Presently, a sum equal to one month's pay is paid from the Benevolent Fund to an employee who proceeds on retirement after twenty years' continuous service effective from 1-1-2006 *vide* Rule-24 of the FEB & GI Rules, 1972. Consequently, an amount ranging between Rs.9.300 to Rs. 85,700 is provided to every employee on his retirement according to pay last drawn.

(b) During the last two years, 11,995 retiring employees of various grades have been given the Farewell Grant. Various benefits under the FEB & GIF schemes are provided on the basis of pay groups of the employees and not on the basis of grades as most of the Autonomous Bodies covered under the provisions of the FEBF & GI Act, 1969 do not follow National Pay Scales / Grades. However, Gazetted / Non-Gazetted wise breakup of the employees who have been paid the Farewell Grant during the last two years is as overleaf:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Gazetted</b>	<b>Non-Gazetted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Amount disbursed (Rs. in million)</b>
2011-12	1,124	4,496	5,620	112.448
2012-13	1,282	5,093	6,375	142.403
<b>Total :</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>9,589</b>	<b>11,995</b>	<b>254.851</b>

(c) (i) Under the laid down procedure, claims are received through the respective departments and complete are sanctioned within one to four weeks being the processing time. However, incomplete cases are returned to the concerned departments for resubmission after completion of the required documents. A total of 910 such incomplete cases have been returned to the concerned departments for completion.

(ii) Due to shortage of staff and load shedding, processing of some cases takes longer than the above stated time but no inordinate delay is caused. A case for relaxation of ban on recruitments enabling the FEB & GIF to undertake recruitment against the 37 vacant posts has been taken up with the Prime Minister's Office. Tender for a 60 KVA back-up generator and the deficient computers have been published. After recruitments are made and equipment is purchased, processing of cases will be much faster.

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ufone has disconnected its service in different areas of Malakand Division during the last six months, if so, the names of those areas with district-wise break-up and reasons for discontinuation of the service?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** It is informed, that Ufone has not disconnected its services in any area of Malakand Division.

40. (Def) \***Mr. Ahmed Hassan** : (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts of PSP in BPS 17 and above in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with grade-wise breakup;*
- (b) the number of the said posts lying vacant at present with grade-wise breakup; and*
- (c) the reasons for not filling the said vacant posts.so far?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division :** (a) The number of sanctioned posts of PSP in BPS-17 and above in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with grade-wise break up is as under:-

<b>BPS</b>	<b>No. of Sanctioned Posts</b>
17	17
18	76
19	32
20	18
21	05
<u>22</u>	<u>01</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>149</b>

(b) The number of the said posts lying vacant at present along-with grade-wise breakup is as under:-

<b>BPS</b>	<b>Vacant Posts</b>
17	0
18	44
19	11
20	09
21	02



*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and addresses of the widows who were provided financial assistance from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall during the last one year indicating also the amount of financial assistance provided in each case?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** During the year from July 2013 to June 2014 an amount of Rs.320.51 million has been disbursed to 8501 widows.

The detail is at **Annex**.

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

43. (Def) \***Hafiz Hamdullah** : (Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that pipeline for water supply at Rose & Jasmine garden, Islamabad has been damaged / leaking for the last several months due to which drinking water is being polluted;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that walking track at the said garden has been damaged due to that leakage; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that a number of complaints have been made with CDA for repairing of the said pipeline but no action has been taken so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which that pipeline will be repaired / replaced?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) Yes. The water pipeline in Rose & Jasmine Garden was leaking, which was repaired immediately after it was reported.

(b) Yes. A portion of walking track was damaged at pipeline leakage point, which has been repaired.

(c) No complaint was made to CDA for repair of the said pipeline. However, the leaking pipeline was repaired immediately after it was reported.

45. (Def) \***Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi**: (Notice received on 25-06-2014 at 3:20 p.m)

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

- (a) the number of trees planted by CDA in Islamabad during the last three years with year-wise, sector-wise and zone-wise break-up;*
- (b) the number of old and grown up trees in Islamabad; and*



(c) *whether it is a fact that CDA has not carried out numbering of the said trees so far, if so, its reasons?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) Year-wise detail of tree plantation for last three years annexed at Annexure-A.

(b) Enumeration of trees grown in Islamabad has not been carried out so far.

(c) Yes, CDA is planting trees, shrubs, creepers, ground cover etc. in Islamabad for form, shape, shade, blossom, beautification and aesthetic purpose, like Forest Department in Provinces. However, in compliance with the direction by the Senate Sub-Committee of the Functional Committee, Human Rights during last month the CDA has started enumeration of trees above (6" diameter) in the urban area of Islamabad.

46. (Def) \***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, place of domicile and present posting of the Federal Secretaries working in the Federal Government?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division :** A list containing the names, place of domicile and present posting of the Federal Secretaries working in the Federal Government is **annexed.**

47. (Def) \***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood :** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) installed by each cellular company in the country with province-wise break-up;*

(b) *the authority which approved the installation of the said Base Transceiver Stations (BTS); and*

(c) *the common affects of the equipment on health of nearby residents?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) Summary of desired information is attached as **Annexure-A.**

(b) Frequency Allocation Board (FAB) issues No Objection Certificate (NOC) for installation of BTS sites to all licensed operators in accordance with Pakistan Telecom Re-organization Act 1996.

(c) There are no adverse effects of the equipment/Base Transceiver Station (BTS) on health of residents, if they are according to standards.

In addition, PTA has notified comprehensive regulations *i.e.* “Protection from Health Related Effects of Radio Base Station Antennas Regulations, 2008” that sets the criteria and standards for mitigating the environmental and health effects of Cellular Base Station Antennas.

Also, PTA has been conducting surveys across Pakistan to check compliance of “Protection from Health related effects of Radio based Antenna Regulations, 2008” and to date all of the mobile companies’ BTSs have been found transmitting power within the safe limits set in aforesaid regulations.

49. (Def.) \***Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi** : (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of major projects of CDA which have been delayed and escalation in cost of which has been allowed during the last five years;*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken against the concerned contractors for delay in completion of the said projects; and*
- (c) *whether any case of using substandard material in the said projects has been surfaced, if so, the action taken against the contractors, consultants and officers / officials responsible for the same?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) CDA has informed that during last five years the project “ Grade separation facility at Zero point Islamabad” financed by the Capital Development Authority under self-financing scheme was delayed due to financial constraints. The contract value of the project is Rs.3265 million against which net escalation of Rs.146.94 million has been allowed to the Contractor as per provisions of Contract Agreement.

(b) The delay in completion of the project is on the part of the Employer. Therefore no action can be taken against the contractor.

(c) No such complaint was made.

50. (Def) \***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood** : (Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of seats reserved for each province for admission in the Federal Dental and Medical College, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for admission in that college?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) Following are the seats reserved for admission in Federal Medical & Dental College (FM&DC), Islamabad.

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Seats reserved</b>
Merit	6
Punjab	40
Sindh	15
Khyber Pakhtuhkwa	9
Balochistan	5
Federal Administrative	2
Tribal Area,	
A.J.&K.	2
Gilgit Baltistan	2
ICT	10
FG Employees	9
<b>Total Seats:</b>	<b>100</b>

(b) Approved criteria for selection in all medical colleges across the country is as under:

10% of Matric marks

40% of F.Sc. marks

50% of test

The National Testing Service (NTS) conducts the test without involvement of any other department through transparent procedure and after fulfilling all codal formalities, final list of selected candidates is displayed on NTS website and notice board of FM&DC

52. (Def) **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi** : (Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of trees in F-9 Park, Islamabad, with classification-wise break-up;*

(b) *whether numbering of the said trees has been carried out; and*

(c) *the details of trees planted in the said Park during the last five years with year-wise break-up?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** (a) Park is under development and so far 240 acres have been developed out of total area of 750 acres. In undeveloped area of the park Shisham and Paper Mulberry trees are growing naturally. The total number of trees planned in F-9 Park by PMO and Environment Wing is given in lists "A" and "B".

(b) As the Park is yet under development, so the trees planted in the Park have not yet been numbered.

(c) Detail of trees planted from 2010 to 2014 is given in lists “A” and “B”

54. (Def) **\*Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 1:50 p.m)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether financial support under the Benazir Income Support Programme is being provided to the persons belonging to minorities in the country, if so, the number of such persons provided financial assistance under that programme during the last two years with province-wise breakup and if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** Yes, Financial support under. Benazir Income Support Programme is being provided to the persons belonging to minorities in the country. The total number of such beneficiaries under this programme during the last two years with province-wise breakup is- as under;

<b>Province</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiary</b>
Azad Jammu and Kashmir	108
Balochistan	989
Capital (Islamabad)	423
FATAs	96
Gilgit Baltistan	59
Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa	998
Punjab	41852
Sindh	203879
<b>Total:</b>	<b>248404</b>

\*Detailed Province-wise breakup of minorities is attached as annex-A.

56. (Def) **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the details of disabled persons and women appointed against the quota reserved for minorities in the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, its attached departments, sub-ordinate offices, autonomous and semi autonomous bodies and corporations under its administrative control during the last three years?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan :** Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications and its attached department, sub-ordinate offices, autonomous, semi-autonomous bodies and corporation have not appointed any disabled person or woman against the quota reserved for minorities.

57. (Def) **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 2:00 p.m)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the amount received from the US led NATO forces for using Pakistan's air space since the beginning of War on Terror in Afghanistan?*

**Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division :** Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) did not receive any amount from US led NATO forces for using Pakistan's air space since the beginning of war on terror in Afghanistan.

58.(Def) \***Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 10-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the time by which development work will be started in Park Enclave, Islamabad and the time by which the same will be completed?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division :** Contract for development work in Park Enclave was awarded by CDA on 23-07-2014 and the work is to be completed in one year.

59. (Def) \***Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 14-07-2014 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether quotas reserved for minorities, disabled and women are being observed in appointments in Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), if so, the names and designation of the persons appointed against those quotas in that Commission during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the number of persons presently working in the said Commission and the number of those working against the said quotas with grade-wise break-up?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division :** (a) Yes, being implemented by FPSC. Names and details are as follows :—

S. No.	Name & Designation	Date of Joining FPSC	Quota observed
(A)	Persons Appointed against Minorities Quota in last 3 years		
-	Nil	Nil	Nil
(B)	Persons Appointed against Disabled Quota in last 3 years		
-	Nil	Nil	Nil
S. No.	Name & Designation	Date of Joining	Quota observed

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Persons Appointed against Women Quota in last 3 years

(i)	Kanwal Nawaz Janjua, Assistant Director (BS-17)	13.03.2012	Women
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(b) Annex-I

1. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah** : (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish offices of National Disaster Management Authority at district level in the country, if so, when;*
- (b) *the amount allocated for establishment of the said offices in the budget for fiscal year 2014-15; and*
- (c) *whether any pre-emptive steps are being taken by the Government to deal / cope with the expected floods during the coming monsoon season, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division** : a. Establishment of Regional Offices at the four Provincial Headquarters has been approved in principle by the . National Disaster Management Commission in its meeting held on 21.02.2013. The same will be established after fulfillment of codal formalities and final approval by the Government. There are no plans to establish NDMA offices at District level as District Disaster Management Authority (DDMAs) are already established by respective provincial/regional governments as required *vide* NDMA Act, 2010.

b. No amount has been allocated in the budget 2014-15.

c. Following steps have so far been taken by the various departments of the Government to deal/cope with the expected floods during the coming monsoon season:

NDMA

- i. A bottoms up approach in monsoon contingency planning was adopted by NDMA in which district level authorities were asked through the respective provincial governments, to undertake their respective hazard and risk assessment. They were required to identify needs, plan effective, deployment of available resources and prepare their Contingency Plans for Monsoon season.
- ii. NDMA formally initiated the contingency plans process in January 2014 with the Monsoon Review conference for 2013 season and requested provinces to complete the process by first week of June 2014, particularly at district level which is the actual implementation level for response to any disaster situation.
- iii. Provincial Regional Disaster Management Authorities (PRDMAs)—have assimilated the district plans into comprehensive provincial/regional contingency plans. The provincial authorities remained engaged with the district authorities during the process to assist in formulation of their plans.
- iv. A number of consultative sessions and coordination meetings were organized at all levels. However, high level meetings in all provinces and regions to -review levels of preparedness of line departments, districts, consult relevant agencies on contingency plans and resolve outstanding issues. These high level meetings were chaired by the respective Chief Ministers or chief Secretaries while Chairman, NDMA along with his team and representatives of relevant federal agencies, provincial line departments, divisional/district uthorities participated.
- v. In order to further consolidate and coordinate national preparedness and upcoming monsoon season, NDMA organized a two days National Monsoon preparedness Conference on 30th June to 1st July, 2014 at Islamabad. All relevant federal and provincial agencies and stakeholders including humanitarian community shared their respective contingency plans during the conference. Based on the inputs from respective PDMAAs, government departments and technical agencies NDMA has prepared the National Contingency Plan which will be presented to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for approval before sharing with all concerned.
- vi. **Stockpiling.** Building reserve stocks of essential non food items is one of the major functions of Disaster Management Institutions in the country. PDMAAs and DDMAAs manage their own stockpile keeping in view their expected needs being the first responders. Provinces/regions are expected to meet expected (likely) in case load highlighted in their contingency plans. While for extra ordinary situation NDMA provides back up of additional resources in case the magnitude of disaster exceeds local/provincial capacities. To this end. NDMA has built requisite strategic reserves at the national level to cope with any unforeseen event and these have been positioned at various warehouses across the country, to enhance quick and timely response.

- vii. **Construction of Strategic Warehouses/Shifting of Stocks.** In order to augment the logistic capacity of Disaster Management Authorities (DMAs), NDMA has mobilized resources through World Food Programme (WFP) for establishing nine strategic warehouses across the country. Presently, warehouses at Muzaffargarh and Quetta have been completed and the same have been handed over to respective PDMA. These warehouses would ensure effective disaster response by way of up-scaling preparedness level with respect to stocking piling of a range of emergency relief goods. This would in turn facilitate field coordination and quick access to the disaster prone communities. In addition, enhance the storage/logistic capacities of districts, 36 Flospans (smaller storage facilities) have been installed/constructed in different district while a further 24 Flospans are planned to be installed this year.
- viii. **Building Human Resource Capacities.** Since 2013, NDMA has embarked upon a capacity building program in collaboration with United Nations Office for Coordination and Humanitarian -Affairs (UNOCHA) and respective PDMA for authorities of vulnerable districts. These trainings aim at enhancing the response capacities of districts and provincial administration and increase their understanding about humanitarian response. So far 29 trainings have been conducted and 1092 Government officials from various departments have been trained.
- ix. **Simulation Training and Exercise.** A simulation training and exercise was conducted by NDMA with the help of WFP, as a pilot project, for 3 districts of Punjab. This exercise was instrument in enhancing the capacity of different stakeholder and helping them in understanding and practicing various aspects of disaster management like early warning, planning/coordination/managing responses to urban and rural flooding including: rescue, evacuation/relocation, camp management assessments, logistics, needs and damage assessment.

#### **State/Regional/Provincial DMAs**

- i. All relevant state, regional and provincial disaster management authorities including concerning agencies and stockholders and humanitarian community have prepared their respective contingency plans.

#### **Federal Flood Commission (FFC)**

- i. Federal Flood Commission implements Floods Risk Mitigation projects which include flood works as - well as flood forecasting/warning system improvements.
- ii. As part of preparedness measures for monsoon season 2014, FFC has undertaken the following:
- Countrywide monitoring and repair of flood works.
  - Preparation of comprehensive Flood Management Plan for 10 years has been initiated.



**Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD)**

- i. Seasonal weather forecast has been issued by PMD and shared with all.
  - ii. PMD will be providing weekly weather outlook to all concerned during the monsoon.
2. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah :** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether any research and development wing has been established in the Ministry of Textile Industry, if so, the annual budget / amount allocated for the same since its establishment;*
- (b) *the main achievements of the said wing so far; and*
- (c) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to enhance value addition in textile sector of the country?*

**Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi:** (a) Research Development and Advisory Cell was established in 2007 in the Ministry of Textile Industry which is part of Ministry of Textile Industry. No separate annual budget/amount is being allocated for the same since its establishment.

(b) The main achievement is the formulation and implementation of first ever Textiles Policy 2009-14 of Pakistan and formulation of Textile package announced in the budget 2014-15

(c) The Government in the budget 2014-15 has announced Comprehensive Textile package to enhance value addition. Further, The Ministry has been finalizing the second Textile policy for the period 2014-19.

3. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam :** (Notice received on 23-06-2014 at 3:50 p.m)

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

- (a) *whether the Government has carried out any assessment of the environmental impacts of the coal based power generation in the country, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *whether the Climate Change Division was consulted by the Ministry of Water and Power before inclusion of coal based power generation as a cornerstone of its energy policy, if so, its details?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division :** (a) The share of power generation from coal remained insignificant in the energy mix as of today. As such there are no significant impacts assessments carried out by this Division as the subject of environment stands devolved

under 18th Constitutional Amendment, it is, now, the prerogative of provincial governments to undertake impact assessments studies of coal based power generation in their jurisdiction.

However, the federal government under National Impact Assessment Program (NIAP) and in participation with the provincial governments has developed-guidelines for the environmental impact assessment of coal based power plants for the facilitation of the provinces.

(b) 'Energy Policy' has yet to be shared by the Ministry of Water and Power.

4. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam :** (Notice received on 23-06-2014 at 3:50 p.m)

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

*(a) the possible environmental impact of the Pindi-Islamabad Metro Bus Project; and*

*(b) the possible affects of the said project on greenbelt areas in the twin cities?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division :** (a)

1. The Environmental Impact Assessment Report of the Islamabad component of the Pindi – Islamabad Metro Bus Project has been prepared by NESPAK. The report was submitted to Pak-EPA 'for review by the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) through CDA.
2. The possible environmental impacts of the Islamabad component of the Metro Bus Service (MBS) project are:—
  - Removal of vegetation and cutting of approx 373 trees.
  - Trash pooling resulting from improper drainage system and consequent inconvenience to the public.
  - Generation of wastewater due to construction activities.
  - Air and noise pollution due to the operations of construction machinery.
  - Accidental leaks/spills of hazardous chemicals/oils from construction activities and machinery.
  - Visual impacts of fenced dedicated MBS lane.
  - Excavation and vibrations due to construction machinery may affect the structural stability of existing buildings.
  - Disturbance to the public movement during construction.
  - Relocation of public utilities and additional burden/sharing existing utilities.

3. All expected environmental impacts of the project are listed and discussed in detail in the EIA report.
4. The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the project, which is a part of the EIA report, contains measures aimed at reducing—and redressing these impacts. The implementation of the EMP shall be ensured through routine monitoring by EPA in coordination with CDA. The environmental approval also contains strict conditionalities that are made legally binding on the proponent.

(b) The Islamabad component of Metro Bus System from HP Road to Secretariat, Islamabad is being constructed within the Right Of Way (ROW) of the existing roads and such the green belts are not getting affected. During the public hearing of the project the Chairman, CDA assured that none of the green belts in the Metro route shall be affected. A report on this issue has also been submitted in the Supreme Court of Pakistan by the Capital Development Authority (CDA).

5. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi** : (Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any provision for lodging complaints / complaint centers in Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) and Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH), Islamabad for redressal of complaints of patients, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the number of complaints received by the said offices or centers in those hospitals during the last two years and action taken thereon separately?*

Reply not received.

6. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi** : (Notice received on 25-06-2014 at 3:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of commercial and residential plots allotted by CDA on lease basis to various persons and organizations in Islamabad during the last three years indicating also size of plot, purpose and price / amount of lease in each case;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for allotment of the said plots;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said authority has allotted a number of plots to various firms under the pre-qualification of firms during that period, if so, the names of firms pre-qualified, purpose for which plots allotted, amount received and that outstanding in each case; and*

(d) *the procedure adopted for pre-qualification of those firms?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) 51 Plots were auctioned during the last three years through open auction and pre-qualification. **List attached at Annex-“A”.**

(b) According to Islamabad Land Disposal Regulation-2005, all plots were auctioned through open auction, and pre-qualification, **Copy of ILDR-2005 at Annex-“B”.**

(c) Only 06 commercial plots were leased out through pre-qualification. Detail of firms, receipt and balance payment is attached at **Annex-“C”.**

(d) Procedure/Criteria adopted for pre-qualification of firms Was based on technical evaluation and financial evaluation of the firms. **Copy enclosed at Annex-“D”.**

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

7. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number and locations of the water filtration plants installed in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) indicating also those which are operational at present; and*

(b) *the number and locations of the said plants which were installed during the last fiscal year indicating also the amount spent on installation thereof?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) CDA has installed 38 water filtration plants in Islamabad Capital Territory out of which 29 plants are operational at present. Location wise detail is annexed.

(b) No water filtration plant has been installed by CDA in Islamabad during the last fiscal year.

8. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

(a) *the cost incurred on the equipments purchased for / installed in the children play land in F-9 Park, Islamabad;*

(b) *the income received from the contractor of the said play land so far;*

(c) *the amount being charged as entry fee of that play land; and*

(d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to abolish the entry fee of the said play land, if so, when?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The Cost of equipment purchased for children play area F-9 Park, Islamabad was **Rs. 31, 566, 000/-**.

(b) The children play area is being operated by the CDA itself so far and an amount of **Rs. 17, 396, 518/-** was collected through ticketing and deposited in CDA account.

(c) The amount charged as entry fee is fixed **Rs.20/-** each.

(d) No instructions have been received from , Government of Pakistan to make the children play area ticketing free so far.

9. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names of Federal Government Departments / Institutions in Islamabad the maintenance and payment of utility bills of which is the responsibility of CDA;*

(b) *the procedure laid down / adopted by the said authority to receive funds for the said purpose;*

(c) *the amount received by the said authority for the said purpose during the last six fiscal years;*

(d) *whether it is a fact that the said authority has recently failed to make payment of utility bills of the said Departments / institutions in time, if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(e) *the steps being taken by that authority to ensure payment of the said bills in time in future?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Cabinet Division allocates funds to CDA under Maintenance Grant for Repair and Maintenance including Pay & Allowances and Utility charges as single line budget of following Government Buildings:—

1. Aiwan-e-Sadr
2. Parliament House.
3. Parliament Lodges
4. Jinnah Convention Center
5. Cabinet Block
6. Pak China Friendship Centre.
7. Pakistan National Monument
8. Other Government Buildings. (Government Hostel, Secretariat Building, Government Houses and Quarters)

AGPR Building (Maintenance only)

(b) Capital Development Authority receives Maintenance Grant on quarterly basis for repair and maintenance of Government Buildings including Pay & Allowances and Utility Charges. As per present procedure, Cabinet Division issues sanction to the Director General Works (Accounts), Lahore, being the accounting circle for CDA, who in turn issues sealed payment authority to AGPR, Islamabad for placement of funds in the respective lapsable Assignment Accounts maintained with National Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad. Concerned DDO s working under Engineering Wing of CDA prepare claims/Daily payment sheets alongwith relevant voucher and submit to Treasury Division CDA for issuance of cheque against the lapsable assignment account.

(c) Amount received by CDA for the last 05 years and current fiscal year is as below:—

*(Rs. in million)*

S#	Year	Fund received
1.	2008-09	815.240
2.	2009-10	1599.523
3.	2010-11	1444.717
4.	2011-12	1579.213
5.	2012-13	1675.857
6.	2013-14	1571.572

(d) CDA makes regular payment of Utility bills to M/S Islamabad Electricity Supply Company (IESCO) and - M/S SNGPL out of funds released by the Government under Maintenance Grant. However, recently IESCO disconnected the facility of electricity to Aiwan-e-Sadr and Parliament House due to the reason that outstanding arrear amount of these buildings could not be paid from the existing insufficient funds. Finance Division allocate less amount to CDA than the actual requirement submitted by CDA. However, CDA has paid the utility bills to M/S IESCO relating to Parliament House/Building and Aiwan-e-Sadr Building subject to adjustment/ recoupment at later stage and electricity supply was restored on the same day. CDA has already demanded funds from Finance Division through supplementary grants for payment of utility charges which is under process.

(e) Request for enhanced budget ceiling for next financial year 2014-15 has been forwarded to Cabinet Division and further request for supplementary grants for utility charges has been submitted to the Finance Division through Cabinet Division, so that payment of the utility bills may be ensured in time in future.

10. **\*Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi** : (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of out door patients treated in PIMS, Islamabad, during 2011 and 2012;*

- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to provide better facilities to the said patients in that hospital; and*
- (c) *whether the indoor patients are provided medicines and facility of clinical tests free of cost in the said hospital?*

Reply not received.

11. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and designations of the officers / officials of CDA who are presently posted / working in foreign NGOs indicating also the name of NGO, the date since which they are working / posted there and the name and designation of the authority which gave approval for the same in each case; and*
- (b) *whether legal formalities for granting permission for working with the foreign NGOs were fulfilled in those cases, if not, the details of action taken against the concerned officers / officials?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Nil.

(b) Not Applicable.

12. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the criteria laid down for issuance of membership of Islamabad Club with category-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the names of persons who have been issued membership of the said club during the last ten years indicating also the date of issuance of membership and fee charged for the same in each case; and*
- (c) *the details of facilities extended by that club to its members?*

Reply not received.

13. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam :** (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 1:30 p.m)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names of companies which participated in the recent auction of 3G and 4G licenses in the country indicating also those which were successful;*
- (b) the amount to be paid by each of the said successful company / bidder for those licenses indicating also the schedule of payment in each case; and*
- (c) the amount collected by the Government from the said auction so far indicating also the date/ dates on which the same was received?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahmen Ahmad Khan :** (a)

Name of Company	Participated for 3G	Participated for 4G	Successful 3G	Successful 4G
Zong	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mobilink	Yes	-	Yes	-
Ufone	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
Telenor	Yes	-	Yes	-

- (b) i. As per Policy for Spectrum Auction for Next Generation Mobile Services in Pakistan, “the transactions related to the Spectrum Auction will be US Dollar denominated, however, the amount can either be paid in US Dollar or in equivalent Pak Rupees at NBP Tb selling rate prevailing on the date preceding the date of payment.

The payment option would remain as follows:

- Full upfront payment; or
- Minimum 50% upfront payment, while the remaining to be paid in 5 equal installments in 5 years with mark-up rate of 3% + LIBOR. The remaining 50% shall also be US Dollar denominated, however, the amount can either be paid in US Dollar or in equivalent Pak Rupees at NBP TT selling rate prevailing on the date preceding the date of Payment.”

- ii. Zong paid in US \$ and all others paid in Pak Rs.

17 . \***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood** : (Notice received on 03-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of violations committed by each mobile phone company so far and action taken against it?*



**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** PTA continuously monitors adherence of license conditions and laid down Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) by Cellular Mobile Operators (CMOs). On the basis of the violations observed, due action as specified in the Act/Regulations/SOPs is initiated against the defaulter operator. Detail of violations committed by each mobile operator and action taken by PTA is as under:—

a. **Violation of Sale/Activation of SIMs**

- (1) A fine of rupees one hundred and fifty million was imposed on M/S Ufone on 26th February, 2010 due to sale of SIM in violation to Standing Operating Procedure - 789. Currently the case is sub-judice in Islamabad High Court.
- (2) Show Cause Notices (SCNs) were issued to all CMOs in May, 2012 due to continued violation of the SOPs.
- (3) **112 Franchisees** which sold SIMs in contradiction with the laid down procedures have been **suspended/closed/penalized**.
- (4) Registration certificates of **554 defaulter retailers** have been cancelled.

b. **Quality of Service (QoS)**

SCNs have been issued to all CMOs in 2009 and 2011 due to continued violations of license terms and conditions with regard to Quality of Service (QoS).

c. **Financial Violations**

Rs.21,642,328,034 are outstanding against Pakcom Limited (Instaphone). The License of Instaphone was cancelled by PTA on 24th January 2011 due to nonpayment of PTA's dues. The Operator went to High Court against PTA's determination and after losing the case, Operator went to Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of PTA on 27th May 2010. The License was terminated on 24th January 2011. Recovery Petition was filed on 16th March 2011 to recover these government dues as arrears of Land Revenue under The Land Revenue Act, 1967, which is being pursued by PTA's Revenue Assurance Division with the District Revenue Officer, Islamabad.

d. **Court Cases**

- (1) A total of 22 cases are under process in different courts concerning mobile companies.
- (2) PTA is rigorously pursuing its cases against CMOs in different courts; details are attached as **Annexure A**.

18. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount (in billion rupees) in Federal Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund, separately, as on 30th June, 2014;*

- (b) *the details of other assets of those funds as on the said date;*
- (c) *whether it is a also fact that various financial grants are provided to retired and serving Government employees from the said funds, if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *the number of cases of grant of the said financial assistance presently lying pending indicating also the reasons for pendency and the steps being taken to finalize the same;*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up on line helpdesks for the said funds to provide updates to the applicants about the status of their applications; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to remove hurdles in timely processing and expeditious disposal of the said cases?*

**Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Present accumulation in both the Funds as on 30.6.2014 is as under:

	Rs. in billion
(i) Benevolent Fund	21.834
(ii) Group Insurance Fund	1.136
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22.970</b>

The whole amount is invested in Government approved investment schemes and the profit is utilized for the payment of various benefits to the Federal Government employees and their families.

(b) Other assets of the Funds are as under and are included in (a) above:

	Rs. in million
(i) B.F. Building, Islamabad	60.00
(ii) Office Blocks in Karachi	3.00
(iii) Plots in Islamabad/ Lahore	1,970.57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,033.57</b>

(c) The following grants are provided to the deceased/incapacitated, retired Federal Government employees and their families from these Funds:

- (i) Monthly Benevolent Grant on death and invalid retirement
- (ii) Sum Assured on death during service
- (iii) Sum Assured on invalid retirement
- (iv) Farewell Grant on retirement
- (v) Burial Charges
- (vi) Marriage Grant on Marriage of one child
- (vii) Educational Stipend for two children
- (viii) Cash Awards to first three position holders of Essay Writing competition among children of Federal Government employees.

During 2013-14, Rs. 3.838 billion were disbursed to 134,000 beneficiaries.

(d) Under the laid down procedure, claims are received through the respective departments and complete claims are sanctioned within one to six weeks being the processing time. However, incomplete cases are returned to the concerned departments for resubmission after completion of the required documents. Presently, 1268 claims are pending beyond six weeks of cases processing time. It is however, pointed out that during the month of September 7052 fresh claims are received. This backlog is unusual but temporary and is because of the following unusual circumstances:

- (i) Shortage of staff (36 out of 168 posts are vacant)
- (ii) Load shedding (earlier exempted)
- (iii) Shortage of computers/ equipment
- (iv) Incomplete/deficient claims

(e) Yes, there is a proposal to provide online claims tracking facility. The utility presently is at testing stage. A pop up window has been introduced on the FEB & GIF website. Procurement of server is in hand and the utility will be operated in FEB & GIF when hardware is purchased.

(f) The following steps have been taken to resolve the hurdles in timely processing and expeditious disposal of the cases:

- (i) The Prime Minister relaxed ban on recruitment of 50% vacant posts on 5-8-2014. Now as per the media reports, the ban on recruitments has been lifted by the Government. There will be improvement in prompt settlement of the claims after recruitment of against posts.
- (ii) A 60 KVA generator has been installed on 4-8-2014 to ensure un-interrupted supply to the IT system.
- (iii) 9 computers, 4 printers and 9 UPS have been provided to the Regions on 25-7-2014.

- (iv) In order to improve claim settlement procedure, all Regional Boards have, been directed to revamp the procedure for speedy settlement and a Committee has been constituted to review working of the Regional Boards (**Annex-A**).

As a result of the measures listed above, it is estimated that the backlog will be cleared soon. There is already a declining trend as the backlog which was 8332 on 31-7-2014 is now 1268 and is decreasing. Moreover, an average of 300 cases received daily are being disposed off and no pendency is allowed.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that CDA has installed flood / mercury lights in the parking areas for car bargaining dealers / agents in G-8 and G-9 Markazes, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the amount paid as electricity bills for the said lights during the years 2013 and 2014 with month-wise break-up?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) As per procedure, Street Light Division, CDA has installed the flood lights in all Markaz of Islamabad to facilitate the general public. Moreover, it is worth to mention here that no flood lights have been installed in G-8 & G-9 Markazes to facilitate the car dealers/agents specifically.

(b) Neither flood/mercury lights have been specifically installed to facilitate the car dealers in G-8 & G-9 Markaz nor any separate meters for electric billing have been fixed for the purpose by IESCO. Therefore, neither any separate bills have been received nor paid in the year 2013 and 2014.

21. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :** (Notice received on 22-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the names of the persons who got booked chartered flights in the country during, the last three years with year-wise break-up indicating also the amount collected from them under the head of Federal Excise Duty?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:**

### **PIAC**

According to PIAC, the Chartered flights are booked in the name of company and not against any person, hence, the requisite information regarding the same during the last 03 years with year wise break-up indicating also the amount collected from them under the head of Federal Excise Duty is **Annexed**.

Federal Excise Duty (FED) is not-applicable on charter flights operated during the under reference period to uplift passengers from any of the origin that is not based in Pakistan *i.e.* Hajj

charter Flights from Myanmar, UN Peace Keeping troops movement and other *ad-hoc* charter flights from foreign stations to Pakistan. In this regard, following are the year wise FED details collected from the companies:—

22. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :** (Notice received on 22-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and date of appointment of the present members of the Board of Directors of PIA indicating also the salary, allowances and fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (b) *the names of the members of the said Board who resigned during the last one year indicating also the date of resignation and reasons for the same in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:** (a) The requisite detail is **Annexed-‘A’**.

(b) The requisite data is as under:—

S.No	Name of Board of Director -	Date of Resignation
1.	Mr.Aslam Khaliq, Acting Chairman	01-8-2013
2.	Mr.Nasir N S Jaffer	01-8-2013
3.	Mr.Arif Habib	15-8-2013
4.	Mr.Sarfraz Rehman	15-8-2013
5.	Mr.Imran Khan	15-8-2013
6.	Mian Muhammad Mansha	12-9-2013

23. **\*Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo :** (Notice received on 24-07-2014 at 1:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the protection walls on the sides of Blocks 24 and 26-D, sector G-10/3, Islamabad have been damaged, if so, the time by which the same will be repaired? /*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** Yes, the protection walls on the sides of Blocks 24 and 26-D, sector G-10/3, Islamabad have been damaged. Its repair hopefully will be done during the current financial year 2014-2015 after receipt / release of requisite funds.

24. **\*Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 25-07-2014 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate unstarred question No.7, replied on 16th May, 2014 and state:*

- (a) *the details of the stay order obtained by the Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society against the action to be taken by CDA for various irregularities / violations committed by that society in its housing scheme namely 'Jinnah Gardens Phase-1, Zone-5 indicating also the time / period for which the same has been granted; and*
- (b) *whether the CDA or Cooperative Department, ICT, has taken any steps for vacation of the said stay order, if so, the details thereof and if not, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

25. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari :** (Notice received on 07-08-2014 at 02:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the amount collected from telecom companies as contributions to the USF and National ICT R&D Fund during the fiscal year 2013-14 with month-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the accumulated amount in the said Funds, separately, as on June 30, 2014?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** (a) The Telecom Companies have contributed Rs. 15,922.96 million into the Universal Service Fund, APC for USF and Research & Development Fund of MoIT during FY 2013-14. The month wise breakup of the contribution is given at Para (a) of **Annexure**.

(b) The accumulated balance in the Universal Service Fund (USF) and Research & Development (R&D) Fund is Rs. 78,875.61 million. Details are attached at Para (b) of **Annexure**.

26. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani :** (Notice received on 12-08-2014 at 12:50 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of lodges /suites got constructed by the Parliamentarians at their own expenses in the Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, indicating also the names of the parliamentarians concerned;*
- (b) *the details of claims submitted by the said parliamentarians for payment / reimbursement of the cost of construction of the said lodges / suites and the details of action taken by the CDA thereon; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that payment has not been made in some of the said cases, if so, the details thereof indicating also the reasons for not making the payment so far and the time by which the same will be made?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) One suit in Block "G" Parliament Lodges has been constructed by the Senator Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan.

(b) The said senator has submitted a claim amounting Rs. 1.617 (M) through Deputy Chairman Senate.

(c) Yes payment has not been made however, National Assembly Secretariat is being requested to guide in the matter as no such payment has been made by CDA in the past.

27. **\*Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :** (Notice received on 26-08-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that Islamabad has one of the highest pollen counts in the world during the spring season; and*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that paper mulberry trees in Islamabad are the main source for the said high count, if so, the steps taken by the Government to eradicate those trees?*

**Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, paper mulberry trees in Islamabad are the main source for high pollen count.

Approximately 40,000/- nos, of paper mulberry trees have been removed from green belts in urban areas since 1992 by replacing with Environment friendly indigenous trees / shrubs. The remaining trees are planed to be removed gradually in next three years in phased manners to avoid abrupt loss of green cover in Islamabad.

28. **\*Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :** (Notice received on 27-08-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the date on which the present zoning regulations of Blue Area, Islamabad were enacted; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to amend / update the said regulations?*

Reply not received.

29. **\*Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :** (Notice received on 27-08-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of public libraries in Islamabad; and*  
(b) *whether the said libraries are open to the general public, if so, the procedure laid down for them to benefit from / access those libraries?*

**Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:** (a) Department of Libraries, Capital Administration and Development Division (Cabinet Secretariat), Islamabad is maintaining 10 public libraries including National library in Islamabad. These libraries are open to the general public. Lending Division of National Library of Pakistan is also offering lending facilities to the general public. The following public Libraries have been established in Islamabad under the administrative control of Department of Libraries, Capital Administration & Development Division, Islamabad:—

1. National Library of Pakistan, Shakra-e-Dastoor, Islamabad
2. Islamabad Public Library, Sector H-9, Near HEC, Islamabad
3. Model Children Library Sector H-9, Near HEC, Islamabad
4. Quaid Public Library, F-9 Park, Islamabad
5. Islamabad Community Library, Sector F-11 • Markaz, Islamabad
6. Islamabad Community Library, Sector G-7 Near Iqbal Hall, Islamabad
7. Islamabad Community Library, Street 9, Sector G-8/2, Islamabad
8. Islamabad Community Library Sector G-11 Markaz, Islamabad
9. Islamabad Community Library, Sector I-8 Markaz, Islamabad
10. Islamabad Community Library, Street 57, Sector I-10/1, Islamabad

- (b) (i) National Library of Pakistan and other libraries of the Department are open to all segments of society. All library services are free of charge within the premises of libraries. However, following procedure is followed for regular membership.
- (ii) Honorary life membership of National Library of Pakistan is offered on deposit of Rs.300/- on submission of prescribed attested membership form by the applicant for the purpose.
- (iii) Rs.1000/- are required to be deposited as refundable security fee along with duly filled in prescribed library membership form for borrowing books from any public library for home reading under the administrative control of the Department of Libraries, Capital Administration and Development Division. Normally, one book is issued to the member at a time for two weeks.
- (iv) No membership fee is charged from children in Model children Library, Sector H-9, Islamabad. Membership is offered for children up to age of 13 years.

30. **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash :** (Notice received on 05-09-2014 at 10:00 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 start development work in sectors I-12, I-15 and E-12, Islamabad, if so, the time by which the same will be started and completed?*

Reply not received.

31. **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash** : (Notice received on 05-09-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is fact that underground water level / water table in Islamabad is lowering down rapidly, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to maintain the same; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch projects for harvesting / storage of rain water and construction of check water dams in Islamabad, if so, when?*

Reply not received.

32. **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash** : (Notice received on 08-09-2014 at 12:30 p.m)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Housing Societies are working illegally in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) the number of projects launched by the said societies in Islamabad so far; and*
- (c) the details of action taken by CDA against the said societies?*

Reply not received.

32.A **\*Mr. Shahi Syed** : (Notice received on 23-09-2014 at 1:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that presently there is no teacher for science subjects in the Federal Government High School, Presidency Colony, Islamabad, if so, the time by which teachers for those subjects will be posted there; and*
- (b) the arrangements presently made for teaching the said subjects in that school?*

Reply not received.

@131. \*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah: (Notice received on 03-07-2014 at 10:25 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state whether the Ministry of National Food Security and Research has taken any steps to disseminate the factual position of cotton crop on fortnightly basis in order to inform the farming community about areas and nature of crop in the country?*

**Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi :** Directorate of Marketing & Economic Research, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, Ministry of Textile Industry, Government of Pakistan, disseminates factual position of cotton crop on daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis to the stakeholders throughout the country, through following publications:

- 1- Daily Cotton Market Report
- 2- Weekly update on cotton crop
- 3- Monthly Cotton Review

Additionally, MinTex also issues press releases after each Cotton Crop Assessment Committee (CCAC) meeting and Federal Committee on Cotton (FCC) regarding factual position of cotton crop to the stakeholders.

@132. \*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah: (Notice received on 03-07-2014 at 10:25 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state whether the target of sowing of cotton crop for Khareef, 2014 has been achieved if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi :** (a) Sowing target of cotton crop for Kharif, 2014 was fixed at **3.1** million hectares, and production target was fixed at **15.10** million bales of 170 kg/bale, by the Federal Committee on Cotton in its 3rd meeting, held on 27th February, 2014, at Ministry of Textile Industry, Islamabad. However, against the target, cotton crop has been sown on area of **2.94** million hectares, which is **94 percent** of the target, However it is 5% higher than the area sown during last year (2013-14)

(b) Reasons for not achieving the target sowing:

- 1- Unexpected rains resulted in delay-of wheat harvesting and cotton sowing.
- 2- Shortage of irrigation water, especially in Sindh caused less sowing.
- 3- Low seed cotton prices in previous seasons, some of the farmers switched to other crops e.g Sugarcane and maize, especially in Rahimyar Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Khanewal (in Punjab), Ghotki and Naushero Feroze (in Sindh).

- 4- Expansion in sugar industry in cotton zone also resulted in taking over the cotton area.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 16th October, 2014.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*