

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 23rd October, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 174 Deferred on 23rd May, 2014 (104th Session))

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

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether the Ministry of Commerce got the views of the Ministry of Defence or has consulted it on the issue of enhancing operational hours at Wagah land route for trade between India and Pakistan, if so, its details.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: No input was asked by Ministry of Commerce from Ministry of Defence on the issue.

174. (Def.) ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-04-2014 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to introduce more productive and disease resistant seeds / varieties of crops in view of the water shortage and climate change in the country?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: Research is being conducted for development of:

- (a) More productive varieties,
- (b) Development of hybrids,
- (c) Disease resistant varieties,
- (d) Drought resistant varieties,
- (e) Frost resistant varieties.

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

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the names and location of hospitals and medical centers in the country where the treatment for HIV/AIDS is being provided under the National AIDS Control Programme indicating also the number of Doctors and para-medical staff working in each of that hospital / center?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: There are 18 HIV/AIDS treatment centers in the country. The names and location of the centers' and doctors alongwith paramedical staff working in the each Hospital/centre is at Annex-A.

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

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of countries where Pakistan embassies have been established; and*
- (b) the names, parentage, educational qualifications, place of domicile and date of posting of the persons working in the said embassies in BPS 1 to 21?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The name of countries where Pakistan embassies at Annexure-A.

(b) The number of persons working in Pakistani embassies at Annexure-B.

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

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

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the monthly expenditure of Pakistan Consulate, Houston with head wise break up;*
- (b) the number of houses / residences hired for the officers working in the said Consulate indicating also the monthly rent being paid for the same; and*
- (c) the number of domestic servants provided to the said officers?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The average monthly expenditure of Parep Houston during the financial year 2013-14 was US\$ 81, 613.33, equivalent to Rs. 8,046,967.22. The head-wise break up is as follows:

Category	Diplomatic	Commerce	Total
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	Wing	Wing	Expenditure (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4
Pay	584,290.78	372,376.58	956,667.36
Allowances	2,466,034.87	1,172,929.15	3,638,964.02
Purchase of Hardware	37,346.88	12,811.59	50,158.47
Communication	204,445.49	110,252.64	314,698.13
Utilities	74,180.54	30,416.66	104,597.20
Rent of office & Residence	1,470,843.05	749,899.83	2,220,742.88
Operating lease	96,475.19	—	96,475.19
Insurance of Vehicles	13,099.71	8,351.21	21,450.92
Transportation & Conveyance	116,384.15	158,231.91	274,616.06
Books, Stationery, Uniform & Misc.	149,423.32	111,533.65	260,956.97
Entertainment & Gifts	8,748.04	—	8,748.04
Repair & Maintenance	68,665.54	30,235.44	98,900.98
Total	5,289,937.56	2,757,038.66	8,046,976.22
	Equivalent to US\$ glUS\$ = Rs.98.60		81,612.33

(b) Three houses have been hired for the officers of the Mission. Their rent is as follows:

Consul General's residence: US\$ 4500 per month,
 Consul's residence: US\$ 3000 per month
 Commercial Attaché's residence: US\$ 2500 per month

(c) No officer is entitled to a domestic servant at the government expense except the Consul General, who is allowed US\$ 375 per month as cook subsidy. Furthermore, one return air ticket is allowed to the domestic help of the Consul General at the government expense.

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

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, parentage, educational qualifications and dates of appointment of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Labour, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis and its attached departments, corporations, autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies, subordinate offices and institutions from 1st March, 2008 till the devolution of that Ministry to the provinces with grade-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the names, parentage, educational qualifications and dates of appointment of the persons appointed in the said attached departments, corporations, autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies, subordinate offices and institutions which have not been devolved to provinces after devolution of that Ministry with grade-wise break-up?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) The question relates to Ministry of Labour Manpower & Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis. After 18th Amendment of the Constitution of Pakistan, the Ministry of Labour and Manpower was devolved on 30-06-2011 and Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis merged with Ministry of Human Resource Development on 07-06-2013, in Pursuance of Cabinet Division's notification.

The detail break-up regarding the names, parentage, education, qualification and date of appointment of employees, which were appointed in the Ministry of Labour and Manpower(defunct) and Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and its stockholder since 1st March,2008 to till date is **Annexed**.

(b) The requisite information in respect of names, parentage, education, qualification and date of appointment of employees, which were appointed in the Ministry of Labour and Manpower(defunct) and non defunct Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis is also placed **Annexed**.

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

112. * **Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NHA had launched a project for widening and carpeting of Akhagram-Panakot road but the same has not been completed so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be completed; -*
- (b) whether it is a fact that a project for reconstruction of Chakdara-Timergara road has been approved, if so, the time by which work will be started on the same; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct two bridges or a by pass at Talash, on Chakdara-Timergara road as part of the said project, if so, its details?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Akhagram – Panakot section of National Highway N-45 has not been launched so far. However, Akhagram-Dir Section (46 Km) has been planned for improvement through financial assistance of the Korean EXIM Bank. Feasibility Study of this section is being carried out by the Korean Experts team. Work on the project would be started after completion of the feasibility study subject to clearance by the Korean EXIM Bank to finance the scheme.

(b) The project is not yet approved. The government has instructed to arrange financing. In this regard EXIM Bank of Korea has been approached by the EAD to finance the project. Feasibility Study of this section is being carried out by the Korean Experts team. Work on the project would be started after completion of the feasibility study subject to clearance by the Korean EXIM Bank to finance the scheme.

(c) No there isn't any proposal to construct bypass at Talash except improvement of the existing road and its allied bridges of National Highway N-45 between Chakdara and Timergara.

113. * **Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the width of Chakdara-Mingora and Mangora-Kalam roads;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the width of the said roads is the same as in the time of State of Swat, if so, the reasons for not widening the same so far; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reconstruct and widen the said roads, if so, its details?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The width of Chakdara - Kalam road (N-95) varies from 6 m to 7.3 m.

(b) The width of the road is same since federalization in March 2007. NHA have no archives of the said road before federalization.

(c) For improvement of N-95, NHA awarded 2 x rehabilitation schemes from km 82 ~ 97+310 amounting to Rs. 1,773.86 million under Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project funded through ADB Loan No. 2742-Pak.

Further, 4 x periodic maintenance schemes amounting to Rs. 480.57 million has been committed under Annual Maintenance Plan 2013-14. The summary is as under:

Sr.#	Project Name	Location Km - Km	Amount (Rs. Million)	Status / Progress
1	Periodic Maintenance	00 - 26	170.07	Contractor mobilized

2.	(Structural Overlay)	76 - 82	44.35	Under Procurement
3.	Fatehpur - Madain	82 - 89+700	912.45	73 %
4.	Madain - Behrain	89+700 + 97+310	861.41	56 %
5.	Periodic Maintenance	92 - 117	162.72	Contractor mobilized
6.	(Structural Overlay)	117 - 131	103.431	Under mobilization

In addition to this, NHA awarded 4 x emergency maintenance and 3 x special maintenance works amounting to Rs. 145.4 million for repair, maintenance and improvement of N-95 during FY 2013-14.

The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) amounting to US\$ 33.90 million as a grant to GOP has been arranged for Infrastructure Development of Malakand Region Project. The rehabilitation of Mingora - Fatehpur section of N-95 will be carried out under the said Saudi Fund.

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

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.3, replied on 13th May, 2014 and state:

- (a) *the exact location where the Malakand Tunnel is being constructed / built;*
- (b) *the reasons for huge gap between the date of approval of the project and date of commencement of work on the same; and*
- (c) *the increase in the cost of the said project likely to be caused by the said gap / delay?*

Minister for Communications : (a) As per the feasibility study the proposed south portal of the Malakand Tunnel is located near Jabban Hydropower, whereas the north portal is located in Pirano Kalay before Batkhela (**Location Map is annexed**).

(b) PC-1 of the project based on preliminary design was approved by ECNEC on May 26, 2011. However, the project could not materialize due to non-availability of funds. Now a Loan Agreement has been signed on 5th December, 2012 between Economic Affairs Division and EXIM Bank of Korea (Govt Agency for the EDCF) for US \$ 78 MILLION. The project is in advanced stage of procurement for detailed design. Work on the project is expected to commence in June 2015.

(c) Increase in cost of the project will be determined after detailed designing of the project.

115. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the criteria prescribed for registration of private courier companies in the country; and*

(b) *the names and addresses of the said companies presently registered in the country?*

Minister for Communications: (a) At present, private courier services are operating in the country without any regulatory framework, hence no criteria exist to register them with Ministry of Communications. However, these companies register themselves with SECP against criteria set by SECP.

(b) In absence of any regulatory mechanism, no courier company has been registered with the Ministry of Communications.

116. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:50 p.m.)

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

(a) *the name, age, educational qualifications, experience and date of appointment of the present Chairman of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC); and*

(b) *whether the appointment of the said Chairman was made by advertising the post in the press?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:

(a) Name: **Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed**
Age: 62 years, 2 months & 16 days (as on 16.06.2014)
Qualification: Ph.D (Plant Pathology)
Experience: More than 38 years experience
Appointment date: 12.09.2012

(b) Yes

117. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 4:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the quantum of chemicals and fertilizers being used for agricultural purposes in the country annually;
- (b) the ratio of indigenous and imported chemicals and fertilizers used for the said purpose during the last five years;
- (c) the subsidy provided by the Government on chemicals and fertilizers during the said period; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce financial burden on farmers?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Total quantum of fertilizer and chemicals (pesticides) used for agricultural purposes in the country during 2012-13 was 7,585,000 tons and 52,978 tons respectively.

(b) Ratio of indigenous and imported fertilizer and pesticides used during last year was as follows:

Fertilizer

Year	Indigenous (000 tones)	Imported (000 tones)	Ratio
2008-09	6417	1419	4.5
2009-10	6553	2558	2.6
2010-11	6998	1409	5.0
2011-12	6256	2061	3.0
2012-13	6130	1455	4.2

Pesticides: Pesticides are imported both in finished form as well as in the form of raw materials for local formulation. Import of last five years is as follows:

Year	Quantity Imported (MT)
2009	40643
2010	73632
2011	49399
2012	7125
2013	52978

(c) Estimated subsidy provided by the Government on **fertilizers** as follows:

Year	Estimated subsidy (Rs. Million)
2008-09	41,271
2009-10	19,900
2010-11	9,200
2011-12	50,600

Pesticides

There is no subsidy on agro pesticides.

(d) Government has taken following steps to reduce financial burden on farmers:

- (i) Amount of Rs.14 billion has been allocated in budget 2014-15 for subsidy on phosphate fertilizers.
- (ii) Government is providing subsidy on imported urea in order to equate the price difference of local and imported urea.
- (iii) Domestic production of urea is also subsidized by providing feed stock gas for urea manufacturing on subsidized rate.

118. *Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi : (Notice received on 23-06-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of property of the Pakistan Post presently rented out in the country indicating also the location and measurement of property and rent being charged, per month, in each case; and*
- (b) *the details of rent agreements made in respect of the said property and the names of individuals / companies with whom the same have been made?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Details of property are attached (**Annex-A**).

(b) Details attached in **Annex-A**.

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119. *Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi : (Notice received on 25-06-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of construction companies which have been fined and blacklisted by the Ministry of Communications or National Highway Authority (NHA) during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether the names of the said companies have been communicated to the Pakistan Engineering Council; and*

(c) *whether any of those companies has been awarded any contract by the Ministry of Communications or National Highway Authority (NHA) after imposition of ban / blacklisting, if so, the names of such companies and the name of authority which approved the award of contract in each case?*

Minister for Communications: (a) No construction company has been blacklisted by the National Highway Authority during last three years.

(b) - Nil -

(c) -Nil -

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

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) *the procedure laid down to fix prices of medicines in the country; and*

(b) *the details of increase made in the prices of medicines during the last three years?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) Prices of medicines are fixed by the Federal Government under section 12 of the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976), read with clause (a) of section 7 of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (XXI of 2012).

* Under section 12(3) of the Drugs Act, 1976. a Drugs Pricing Committee (DPC) has been constituted to fix prices of medicines subject approval by the Federal Government. In addition to DRAP, the DPC has representation of the Provincial Health Authorities, Ministry of Finance, Consumer Rights Commission of Pakistan & Pakistan Medical Association and Pharmaceutical Industry as observer.

* The DPC fixes prices of drugs on the basis of prices of medicines in the neighbouring countries, competitor prices in the market, cost of production, import prices of the imported drugs & prices of therapeutic equivalents.

(b) No across the board price increase has been given during the said period. However, only hardship cases were considered to keep the drugs available in the market and year wise details of drugs /formulations whose price were increased during the last three years is as under:

Year	Number
2012	195
2013	75

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

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

- (a) *the details of steps taken by the Government to enable the small and marginal farmers in the country to get benefits arising out of use of modern agricultural technology during the last five years indicating also the names of areas where those benefits have been recognized and the areas where the same could not be percolated; and*
- (b) *the details of steps taken by Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) and other Institutions of Agricultural Research under the administrative control of the Federal Government to rejuvenate agricultural extension schemes for proper dissemination of information / knowledge particularly to the small and marginal farmers?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Government of Pakistan has taken following steps during the last five years to enable the small and marginal farmers in the country to get benefits:—

- (i) Youth Loan for agriculture sector for modern agriculture like vegetable production in tunnels, quality seeds production of crops and vegetables, growing fruit orchards and fruit nurseries etc.
- (ii) Subsidy for crop inputs like water and fertilizers.
- (iii) Tax holiday on value addition/processes of fruits and vegetables.
- (iv) Tax relaxation on raw material for tunnels for vegetable and value crop production.
- (v) Research and development of agricultural machinery like drip & sprinkler irrigation technology and solar pumps etc.
- (vi) Most of the schemes of Federal Government cover small and marginal farmers throughout the country including AJ & K, and GB & FATA.

(b) Agricultural Extension Schemes for proper dissemination of information/knowledge particularly to the small and marginal farmers is the mandate of Provincial Governments. However, Federal Government has taken following steps to rejuvenate agricultural extension schemes :—

- (i) Close coordination and collaboration with provincial institutions, NGO's, universities and farmers' associations.
- (ii) Human resource development through training courses, workshops, seminars etc.
- (iii) Field Days, demonstration plots etc.

(iv) Travelling seminars.

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

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that the US Congress has recently passed a law which has placed further restrictions on US assistance to Pakistan, if so, its details; and*

(b) *the implications of the said law for Pakistan?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The US Congress is considering budget for the next fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2014. It contains the two bills which have direct relevance to Pakistan. The National Defence Authorization Bill contains provisions for reimbursement to Pakistan (and other countries) under the Coalition Support Fund (CSF). The second bill relates to the US government's assistance programme for various countries including Pakistan. No law has so far been passed.

As these Bills are at various stages of consideration, the Senate versions are different from those of the House of Representatives. We understand that the draft versions contain certain restrictions or provisions relating to Pakistan. For instance some provisions related to the terrorism cooperation, others relate to issues like Dr. Shakil Afridi. These Bills also contain language that would require the Administration to certify to the Congress in specific areas or to issue waiver.

The government is cognizant of these developments and has been making efforts to sensitize the relevant circles in the congress as well as the Administration. Besides the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, our Embassy in Washington has been active in this regard as well. The matter has also come up in senior level meetings with the US side in Islamabad as well as Washington.

(b) While the various provisions of the legislation have relevance for Pakistan, it needs to be noted that these Bills are still under consideration and therefore subject to change. The amount of allocations has not been finalized either. It would therefore be premature at this stage, to make a judgment regarding their impact.

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

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the date on which the project of construction of road from Taxila to Haripur via Khanpur was approved;*

(b) *the present status of the said project; and*

(c) *whether it is a fact that work has not been started on that project so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be started and completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The project is unapproved.

(b) Due to the construction of proposed China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) Raikot - Islamabad section which is a better alternative, the scheme is currently not under consideration.

(c) The road between Taxila and Haripur is being maintained through Periodic Maintenance of NHA through its own resources. NHA intends to improve the road to 7.3 meter wide asphaltic carriageway. For this purpose, Periodic Maintenance contracts amounting to Rs.480.366 million have been awarded to various contractors. The work on the maintenance activities is expected to start in July, 2014 with the implementation period of 06 months.

126. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 01-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct road from Hassan Abdal to Rai Kot, if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Communications: Yes, the Government of Pakistan is considering construction of a highway from Hassanabdal to Raikot. The detail is given as under:—

Asian Development Bank: The 4-Lane, 60 Km long Expressway E-35 connecting Hassanabdal with Havelian is being processed by NHA for award of works under financial arrangements of Asian Development Bank.

China - Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC): Govt of Pakistan in collaboration with Govt of China has agreed to undertake feasibility study, detail design and construction of 487 Km long highway connecting Islamabad with Raikot under China - Pakistan Economic Corridor program. Brief description is as follows:-

Raikot - Thakot section will be 280 Km in length and constructed as 2-Lane highway along a new alignment.

Thakot - Shinkiari section will be 74 Km in length wherein existing 2-Lane KKH will be upgraded and improved.

Shinkiari - Mansehra - Abbottabad section will be 50 Km long and constructed as 4-Lane Expressway.

Abbottabad - Havelian section will be 11 Km in length and constructed as 4-Lane Motorway with 6-Lane structures.

From *Havelian to Shah Maqsood Interchange*, the proposed alignment of CPEC will overlap with alignment of E-35. This section will be 15 Km long and undertaken with ADB assistance as 4-Lane Motorway with 6-Lane structures.

Shah Maqsood Interchange - Islamabad section will be 50 Km long and constructed along a new alignment as 4-Lane Motorway with 6-Lane structures.

128. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:**

(Notice received on 01-07-2014 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of income and expenditure of Pakistan International School (English Section), Al-Rehab district, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 15th December, 2013 to 30th June, 2014 with head-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the balance of bank accounts of the said school as on 15th December, 2013 and 30th June, 2014?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a&b)The Consulate General of Pakistan, Jeddah approached the Pakistan International School (English Section), which has provided the following information:

- (i) The annual financial audit of the school has been conducted. On the other hand, all the recruitments of school staff have been made with the approval of School Management Committee (SMC) following the proper procedure *i.e.* newspaper advertisement, short listing of applicants, taking demos and interviewing the candidates. The recruitments have been transparent and merit-based.
- (ii) Further details, with regard to can be provided only with the approval of the SMC.

129. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:**

(Notice received on 01-07-2014 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations, educational qualifications and date of appointment of the persons appointed in Pakistan International School (English Section), Al-Rehab district, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 15th December, 2013 to 30th June, 2014 indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them;*
- (b) *the criteria and procedure adopted for appointment of the said persons; and*
- (c) *the authority which approved the said appointments?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The Consulate General of Pakistan, Jeddah has been informed by the Pakistan International School (English Section) that:

- i. The annual financial audit of the school is conducted.

- ii. “All the recruitments of school staff have been made with the approval of School Management Committee (SMC) following the proper procedure *i.e.* newspaper advertisement, sort listing of applicants, taking demos and interviewing the candidates. The recruitments have been transparent and merit-based.

(b&c) At the same time, it is pertinent to mention that Senator Sehar Kamran herself served as the Principal, Pakistan International School, Al-Rehab District, Jeddah till 12 December, 2013. In response to an earlier similar Assembly Question, she informed the Foreign Office in her letter dated 29 July, 2013 that the question was not admissible under Rule 78 of the Rules of Procedure and that we should inform the honorable member that the “school does not fall in the domain of the Government of Pakistan, neither we take any grant or donation, nor the employees of the school have any government benefit or any liability towards the Government of Pakistan. And the school is not linked to the Pakistan Education Ministry or Overseas Ministry; neither have we followed the curriculum of Pakistan”.

130. ***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:**

(Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the road connecting Mirpur Khas to Umerkot in the Province of Sindh has been handed over to the National Highway Authority, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to convert that road into dual carriage way; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated for repair and maintenance of the said road during the current financial year?*

Minister for Communications: (a) It is apprised that the road section between Mirpurkhas and Umarmkot is a part of Hyderabad - Khokrapar Highway, N-120 (222 km). Currently, there is no proposal under consideration for dualization of Mirpurkhas -Umarmkot Section (82 km) however; this section is being maintained through NHA’s Road Maintenance Account. The Hyderabad -Mirpurkhas Section (68 km) has already been dualized by Government of Sindh through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) basis. The right-of-way of the road section from Umarmkot to Khokrapar (72 km) has not been transferred to NHA for operations and maintenance.

(b) NHA allocated an amount of Rs. 19.45 million for routine maintenance of Hyderabad to Mirpurkhas (km 00 - km 88) section of National Highway N-120 under Annual Maintenance Plan 2013-14. The details are:

Location	Length (Km)	Amount (Rs.)
00 - 15	15	3,299,218
15 - 30	15	3,579,121

30 - 50	20	4,517,780
50 - 70	20	3,915,083
70 - 88	18	4,135,884
TOTAL	88	19,447,086

133. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:**
(Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of emergency services available on motorways in the country; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide helicopter or air ambulance service on the said motorways, if so, the progress made in this regard so far?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Following emergency services are available round the clock on motorways for safety and convenience of commuters.

- (a) Trauma Centers
- (b) Emergency Call System
- (c) Help Line No. 130
- (d) Rescue & Recovery Services
- (e) Mobile Workshops Firefighting
- (g) Patrolling on Motorways
- (h) Ambulance Service

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to provide helicopter or air ambulance service on motorways.

134. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:**
(Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 1:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of bilateral visits of foreign countries undertaken by the Chief Minister of Provincial Governments of Pakistan since June 2013?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Details of the visits by the Chief Ministers are as follows:

Chief Minister of (Balochistan)

136. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:**

(Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the educational certificates / degrees of the officers, doctors and professors in BPS-17 and above working in the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and its attached departments, sub ordinate offices, autonomous and semi autonomous organizations and corporations etc. have been got verified, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) the names and place of domicile of the said officers whose degrees have been got verified from foreign universities during the last two years?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar:

A. Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination: (a) Ministry of National Health Services. Regulations & Coordination. Islamabad was established on 26th October, 2011. Most of the officers have been transferred/ posted in the Main Ministry from the devolved Ministries/ Divisions, through Establishment Division under Section -10 of Civil Servants Act, 1973 and later on their services permanently absorbed in this Ministry. Therefore, the educational degrees/ certificates of these officers have not been verified by this Ministry. Moreover, this Ministry has not made any appointment, since its creation.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

B. ATTACHED DEPARTMENTS

(1) Directorate of Malaria Control

(a) The verification of the Officers in BPS-17 and above is under process with the concerned universities/HEC.

(b) No verification has been made from foreign university of any officer of this Directorate during the last 02 years as there is no officer having Foreign Degree.

(2) Directorate of Central Warehouse & Supplies

(a) The information in respect of Directorate of Central Warehouse and Supplies may be treated as Nil.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

(3) Central Health Establishment

(a) In the Directorate of Central Health Establishment there are total 124 sanctioned posts of BPS-17 and above Presently 99 posts of doctors and one post of Administrative Officer are filed. All the doctors are recruited either through FPSC or on contract basis during their selection their qualification MBBS Degree is mandatory verified hence the MBBS degrees of all doctors have been verified from PMDC.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

C. SUB-ORDINATE OFFICES

(4) National Institute of Population Studies (NIPS)

Requisite information may be treated as nil.

(5) Central Warehouse and Supplies (CW&S). Karachi.

The degree / certificates of following sub-ordinate offices have not been processed / verified so far.

(6) National Research Institute for Fertility care (NRIFC), Karachi

The degree / certificates of following sub-ordinate offices have not been processed / verified so far.

(7) National Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Network

(a) The degree of the officers doctors serving at National Health emergency Preparedness & Response Network (NEHPRN). M/o NHR&C, Islamabad, have been registered with PM&DC after duly verification. It is further mentioned that all of them hold the degree from national universities.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

D. AUTONOMOUS & SEMI AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATIONS

(8) Pakistan Medical & Research Council

(a) The detail of educational degrees of officers BS-17 and above working in PMRC is given as under:

Officers in BS-17 and above	-	60
Degrees verified	-	38
Under process	-	22

(c) There is no officer whose degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

(9) National Trust for Population Welfare (NATPOW)

Requisite information in respect of NATPOW is nil.

(10) National Institute of Health (NIH)

(a) The educational certificates/degrees of the officer doctors in BS-17 and above working in the National Institute of Health, Islamabad have been got verified from the concerned universities/Institutions.

* It is further added that National Institute of Health is a scientific Institution/organization and not a hospital therefore no professor is working in this Institute.

(b) No officer of this Institute has obtained degree from foreign universities during the last two years. However, 11 officers of this Institute possessing foreign degrees were forwarded to the Higher education commission, Islamabad for verification which is still under process.

(11) College of Physician and Surgeons (CPSP)

The degrees of all employees have been verified before hiring them.

(12) Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan

(a) Drugs Regulatory Authority of Pakistan was established through a Presidential Ordinance (Ord. 1 of 2012). Subsequently, Parliament passed the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) Act. 2012 (XXI of 2012) on 13th November 2012. ND Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) was accordingly established by a notification dated 28th November 2012 as an Autonomous Body. All the officers appointed through Federal Public Services Commission in the Ministry of Health (defunct) had been posted by transfer in the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan. The DRAP Employees Services Rules are in process of its finalization. Therefore, the educational degrees /certificates of the officers have not got verified.

(b) There is no officer whose degree has been verified from foreign universities during last two years.

E. COUNCILS

12. Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC)

(a) Yes, Educational Degrees of officer doctors working in PM&DC have been duly verified from the issuing authorities at the time of their registration with PM&DC.

(b) Dr. Habib Ullah Joiya. Assistant Registrar having the degree of MBBS from Shah Jalal University of Science and Technology. Sylhet: Bangladesh is holding the domicile of Sheikupura - Punjab.

13. Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP)

(a) There is no such officer in this Council, with degree from foreign Universities.

(b) There is no such officer in this Council, with degree from foreign- Universities.

14. Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC)

(a) There are only two officers in BPS-17 working in this Council and they have not possessed foreign qualification. The credentials were got verified from concerned universities / boards and HEC at the time their appointment in Pakistan Nursing Council accordingly.

(b) There is no officer whose degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

15 National Council for Homeopathy (NCH)

(a) Not applicable as there is no any officer of BS-17 and above working in the National Council for Homeopathy.

(b) There is no officer whose degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

16 National Council for TIBB (NCT)

(a) National Council for Tibb has only one officer working in BPS-17 whose degree has been verified.

F. VERTICAL PROGRAMMES

17 National Aids Control Programme (NACP)

(a) The process for degrees verification was initiated by the Ministry of IPC when the NACP was under control of that Ministry Report is still awaited.

(b) There is no officer whose degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

18 National TB Control Programme (NTCP)

(a) Yes it is a fact that the educational certificates / degrees of the following officer of this office have been submitted to the concerned for verification.

- Dr. Ejaz Qadeer, National Programme Manager.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

19 Expended Programmes on Immunization (EPI)

(a) Being a vertical Health Programmed no requirement has been made on EPI during last two years. Currently a total of 12 officers are working in EPI on deputation basis from other Govt. Institution. Presumably their degrees have been verified in parent departments in compliance of Govt. instructions for the purpose.

(b) There is no officer who's degree has been verified from foreign university during the last two years.

138. ***Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:**
(Notice received on 18-07-2014 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons sent abroad for employment since June, 2013, indicating also the names of countries to which they have been sent; and*
- (b) *the amount charged from the said persons for sending them abroad for employment?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) The total number of persons proceeded abroad for employment from June 2013 to August 2014 is 824343 through Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs), Direct Employment visas and Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC). The country-wise details are at Annex-A'.

(b) An amount of Rs. 6869.19 million has been charged from said persons. The schedule of charges is at Annex-B.

Annexure-A

Country-wise list of persons proceeded abroad for employment since June 2013 to August 2014

NO	COUNTRIES	Total
1	UAE	404683

2	Algeria	25
3	Angola	4
4	Bahrain	10534
5	Brunei	76
6	Gabon	9
7	Gen-Island	0
8	Greece	0
9	Guinea	12
10	Hong Kong	30
11	Iran	26
12	Iraq	1654
13	Jordan	400
14	Kenya	4
15	Kuwait	244
16	Libya	4689
17	Lebanon	31
18	Malaysia	15659
19	Nigeria	114
20	Oman	51970
21	Qatar	10248
22	Saudi Arabia	316333
23	Sierra Leone	0
24	Sudan	615
25	Singapore	80
26	Somalia	23
27	Spain	8
28	Tanzania	88
29	Tunisia	0
30	Uganda	7
31	UK	277
32	USA	415
33	Yemen	163
34	West Africa	0
35	South Africa	251
36	Zambia	35
37	Japan	73
38	Korea	1041
39	Croatia	0
40	Turkmenistan	0

41	Cyprus	205
42	Turkey	24
43	China	245
44	Cameroon	0
45	Morocco	0
46	Italy	1908
47	Sweden	25
48	Switzerland	22
49	Syria	0
50	Germany	34
51	Azerbaijan	119
52	Other	1940

Total	824343
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139. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:**
(Notice received on 05-08-2014 at 1:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which last auction was held for Toll Tax Plazas on Motorways in the country;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that toll tax on the said motorways has recently been increased by 50%, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether that increase was included in the terms and conditions of the said auction?*

Minister for Communications: (a) M/s FWO was assigned the task of toll operations and provision of allied services on Islamabad-Lahore Motorway (M-2) from December 1997, on Pindi Bhattian — Faisalabad Motorway (M-3) from September 2003 and on Islamabad — Peshawar Motorway (M-1) from 16th June 2007 under negotiated service-based operation and management contract. The contract is still operative.

(b) The previous enhancement was carried out in September 2011, now toll rates have been revised after 3 years *w.e.f* 7th July 2014 by NHA Executive Board in its 236th meeting held on Jun 17, 2014. The reasons of increase are:

- (i) The inflation rate in Pakistan is increasing with every passing year. To cope with increased maintenance cost the toll rates on Motorways are to be revised progressively.
- (ii) The maintenance of around 600km Motorway requires attractive toll rates for an investor to invest and recover with profit if the maintenance of motorways is undertaken on BOT/PPP basis.

- (iii) To ensure that services to commuters on Motorways are continuously provided in a most appropriate manner the toll rates being key for investor to recover his investment have to be competitive.

An Inter-Regional comparison with Bangladesh and India is worked out at **Annexure-A & Annexure-B** respectively.

(c) The O&M sharing with FWO under the contract is independent of any change in toll rates. No matter what the increase in Toll Rates the amount of O&M shall remain fixed as the same is expressed in figures and not percentage.

140. ***Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 26-08-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the policy criteria laid down for sanctioning / construction of interchanges on the motorways in the country?

Minister for Communications: During planning stage of the project, requirement for an interchange is based upon traffic analysis and economic benefits. Government's policies for industrial development along the corridor are also taken in to consideration.

With regards to construction of new interchanges on NHA network, not qualifying for GoP's investment criteria but required by the private sector for access to a business center or a residential area, it is appraised that NHA is currently in process of finalizing the draft policy framework. Final decision regarding policy for interchanges shall be taken by NHA Executive Board. After the approval, it shall be presented to the National Highway Council accordingly.

141. ***Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 27-08-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present policy of the Government regarding allowing foreign diplomats to work and reside in various sectors of Islamabad outside the diplomatic enclave;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some diplomats are working and residing outside the diplomatic enclave which is a security hazard for diplomats as well as for the local residents; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that sufficient land is available in the said enclave for foreign missions and residences of diplomats, if so, the steps taken / being taken by*

the Government to provide space in that enclave for the offices and residences of the said diplomats?

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a) The Government of Pakistan has earmarked a large piece of land known as Diplomatic Enclave for the exclusive use of the Diplomatic Corps in Islamabad. Since the establishment of the Diplomatic Enclave in the Federal capital, many foreign countries have constructed their Embassies and Residences inside the Diplomatic Enclave.

However, a number of countries, which do not have plots inside the Diplomatic Enclave or those which have plots but not yet constructed their Embassies, have been allowed to hire suitable properties outside the Enclave area for use as their Embassies, Ambassadors' residences and residences for their staff. This is also in line with our obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961, which requires the receiving State to accord full facilities for the performance of the functions of the diplomatic missions. Constructing a new Embassy or establishing an Embassy in a hired building is the prerogative of the foreign States. However, as a matter of policy, countries having their Embassies outside the Diplomatic Enclave are always encouraged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to relocate inside it.

Recently, on the instructions of the Prime Minister, an Inter-Ministerial Meeting was held at the Foreign Office to chalk out recommendations for the consideration of the Prime Minister, on relocating foreign diplomatic missions spread all over the Capital to inside the Diplomatic Enclave. These recommendations will be conveyed to all the Missions concerned.

(b) The Government of Pakistan accords high priority to the security requirements of the Diplomatic Corps. Adequate security measures have been taken to ensure the security of the diplomats working and residing outside the Diplomatic Enclave.

(c) With the view to accommodate all the foreign missions inside the Diplomatic Enclave, the Capital Development Authority has already launched the extension phase, called Diplomatic Enclave-II, where sufficient land is being developed, which would be offered to foreign countries for construction of their Embassies/Residences.

142. ***Mr.Osman Saifullah Khan:**
(Notice received on 28-08-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of sports facilities available at Sports Complex, Islamabad;*
- (b) the amount allocated for maintenance of the said facilities in budget 2014-15; and*
- (c) whether the said facilities are open for use by the general public?*

Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) Following sports facilities are available at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad:-

i.	Jinnah Stadium (Outdoor facility)	-	01
ii.	Liaquat Gymnasium (Indoor)	-	01
iii.	Roshan Khan Squash Complex	-	01
iv.	Swimming Pool Complex	-	01
v.	Naseer Bunda Hockey Stadium	-	01
vi.	Tennis Courts	-	04
vii.	Practice Hall	-	02
viii.	Sports persons Hostels	-	02
ix.	Hockey Ground (Grassy)	-	01
x.	Synthetic Athletic Track	-	02
xi.	Football Ground	-	02
xii.	Sandy Volleyball Court	-	01
xiii.	Basketball Court	-	02
xiv.	Billiard & Snooker Hall	-	01
xv.	Baseball Field	-	01
xvi.	Sports Medicine Centre	-	01
xvii.	Multipurpose Gymnasium	-	01
	(Under Construction)		
xviii.	Mushaf Ali Squash Complex	-	01
	(Under Construction of Pakistan Squash Federation)		
xix.	Sandy Kabaddi Court	-	01

b. A sum of Rs.37.00 millions has been allocated during the current financial year 2014-15.

c. Sports facilities are meant for national training purpose. However, the following facilities are also available for general public on membership basis:-

- i. Badminton
- ii. Basketball
- iii. Jogging
- iv. Swimming Pool
- v. Squash
- vi. Tennis

143. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:**
(Notice received on 08-09-2014 at 12:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for up-gradation of the road from Tarnol to Kohat and onward upto Thall, District Hangu, if so, its details?

Minister for Communications : Yes, there is proposal under consideration for up-gradation of existing road from Tarnol to Jand (92 km) in the NHA's five years plan. Due to paucity of funds, the scheme will be proposed for inclusion in the next financial year.

It is apprised that Tarnol - Kohat road is national highway N-80, which starts from Tarnol and terminates at Kohat having a total length of 146 km. The section onwards from Kohat upto Thall is a provincial road and therefore does not fall in the purview of the NHA. Therefore no proposal is under consideration for this section.

It is further apprised that Turnol-Jand project also being pursued to be taken up on BOT basis, which will include dualization of Turnol-Fateh Jang and up gradation of Fateh Jang-fund section. Currently in house Feasibility Study is under way.

144. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:**

(Notice received on 08-09-2014 at 12:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct road from Gawadar to China under the Pak-China Economic Corridor programme, if so, the details of its proposed design and estimated cost with section-wise break-up?

Minister For Communications : Yes, there is a proposal for connecting Kunjerab with Gawadar Port, under the umbrella of China -Pakistan Economic Corridor. The Connection is envisaged to be completed as short term and longterm solution, in various phases.

In short term the connection between Khunjcrab and Gawadar shall be established using following connection.

I. Short Term /Early Harvest Project

Route:

Khunjerab-Raikot-Thakot-Mansehra-Abbotabad-Havelian-Haripur-Islamabad (Islamabad - Peshawar Motorway M1)- Islamabad-Lahore Motorway (M-2)- PindiBhattian - Faisalabad Motorway (M-3)-Faisalabad - Khanewal Motorway (M-4) up to Multan- Motorway M-5

(Sukkur)-Shikarpur (N-65)- Ratoderao (N-55)-Khuzdar (M-8)-Gawadar (N-85/ M8). The total length of this link is estimated as 2,740 Km.

Section Wise Status:

i. **Khunjerab - Raikot (2-Lane) 335 Km;** Already improved under Chinese Loan. Atabad Slide section is under construction and shall be completed early next year.

ii. **Raikot - Thakot section (2-Lane) 255.8 Km;** Feasibility Study Completed by Chinese Side. However the Alignment falls under the Four Dams planned by WAPDA, namely; Bhasha, Dasu, Pattan and Thakot. The Road construction is planned to commensurate with Dam Construction activities. In the meanwhile the existing KKH is being improved in its present condition.

iii. **Thakot - Mansehra (2-Lane) 81.12 Km;** Feasibility Study is completed and Project is included in Early Harvest Project list, to be implemented under Phase-I.

iv. **Mansehra - Abbotabad (4-Lane) 11.8 Km;** Feasibility Study is complete and Project is included in Early Harvest Project List, to be implemented under Phase-I.

v. **Abbotabad - Havelian (4-lane) 27.2 Km;** Feasibility Study is complete and Project is included in Early Harvest Project List, to be implemented under Phase-I.

vi. **Havelian - Haripur - Sirya (4-Lane) 34 Km;** Construction Tender under award stage, to be financed by Asian Development Bank.

vii. **Sirya -Islamabad Motorway (M-1) (6-Lane) 28 Km;** Feasibility Study is complete and Project is included in Early Harvest Project List, to be implemented under Phase-I.

viii. **Motorway (M-1) - Motorway (M-2) - Motorway (M-3);** (6/4 Lanes) (306 Km). This existing Motorway link from Islamabad up to Faisalabad is Complete

ix. **Faisalabad to Multan Motorway (M4), (4-Lane), 241 Km;** This Motorway link is under Construction under Islamic Development Bank financing and Asian Development Bank Financing.

x. **Multan - Sukkur (Motorway M-5);** (6-lane) (392 Km). This section of Motorway is Part of Karachi -Lahore Motorway and also provides a link to Khunjerab - Gawadar Route. Design of first 100Km is complete having 6-lane with Design Speed of 120KPH. Feasibility

study of remaining section is Complete. It is included in list of Early Harvest Projects under Chinese Loan arrangements. Its construction is Planned to commence under Phase-I.

xi. **Sukkur - Shikarpur (N-65) (4-lane)37 Km;** This section is dualized 4-Lane under ADB Loan arrangements and stands completed.

xii. **Shikarpur - Ratodero (N-55), (2-lane) 44 Km;** This is a 2-Lane existing Link of N-55.

xiii. **Ratodero - Khuzdar (M-8), (2-lane) 243 Km;** This section of M-8 is under construction under GoP financing arrangements.

xiv. **Khuzdar - Basima (N-30), (2-Lane) 110 Km;** Design complete, Construction to commence upon availability of Funds.

xv. **Basima - Hoshab (N-85), (2-Lane) 360.45 Km;** Road is under Construction by FWO.

xvi. **Hoshab - Gawadar (M-8) Section, (2-Lane) 233Km;** The road is substantially completed. Balance works are taken up recently.

II. Long term Project

Alignment Route: Islamabad- Fatehjang - Darya Khan - D G Khan - Dera Allah Yar - Khuzdar- Nag - Hoshab - Turbat - Gwadar.

Total Length is 1950 Km. It is planned to be executed in 10 - 15 years period. So Engineers Estimates are not available now.

Islamabad :
The 22nd October, 2014. *Secretary.*

AMJED PERVEZ,