

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 12th May, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 42 Deferred on 17th April, 2015 (114th Session))

***Question No. 42 (Def.). Mr. Saeed Ghani:**
(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether senior officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who have remained posted on sensitive positions are allowed, after their retirement, to serve in private / corporate institutions, if so, the names of such officers and the names of institutions where they are serving at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Section 14 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 allows a Civil Servant to seek private employment after retirement, but for employment within the first two years of retirement, prior approval of the competent authority is required.

According to the available record, no retired officer of the Ministry has sought permission to work after retirement.

***Question No. 66. Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 10:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names of the airports in the country where counters/ facilitation desks have been established for Overseas Pakistanis;*
- (b) the names and designations of the persons posted on the said counters / desks; and*
- (c) the details of complaints received against the said persons and the details of action taken against them?*

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi : (a) In order to facilitate the overseas Pakistanis, Overseas Pakistanis Foundation has established 09 facilitation counters at the following international airports:—

1. Karachi
2. Lahore
3. Quetta
4. Peshawar
5. Multan
6. Sialkot
7. Turbat
8. Gwadar
9. Islamabad

(b) In total 65 officers/officials are posted on the facilitation counters. Detail is attached as **Annex-I**.

(c) No serious complaint has been received against the persons posted at the airports. Only one complaint against Rao Farman, Assistant Director posted at Islamabad airport was received in 2014. A fact finding inquiry was conducted against him and he was issued a warning to be careful in future.

***Question No. 67. Mr. Ahmed Hassan :**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details of the projects for construction of new roads in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa launched by NHA during the current fiscal year indicating also the amount allocated and released for each of the said projects so far?

Minister for Communications: In current fiscal year only one project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been awarded:

Name of Project: Hassanabdal-Havelian Expressway (E-35)

Length:	59 Km
Project PC-1 Cost:	Rs. 30,986.430 Million
Start from:	Burhan M-1 to Havelian
Implementation plan:	In 03 Contracts
Contract-1:	Burhan-Jarikas (20.4 Km)
Contract-2:	Jarikas-Sarai Saleh (19.2 Km)
Contract-3:	Saria Saleh-Havelian (19.4 Km) <i>i.e.</i> shall be awarded in this fiscal year.

Total Allocation 2014-15 3000 Million
Release till todate: 410 Million

***Question No. 68. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and locations of Science Universities established by the Government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last ten years; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such universities in the said province, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman : (a) A total of thirteen (13) Universities / Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) offering Science subjects, have been established in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last ten (10) years *i.e.* 2005—2015.

Public Sector Universities /HEIs:

- (i) Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan
- (ii) Bacha Khan University, Charsadda
- (iii) Frontier Women University, Peshawar
- (iv) Islamia College University, Peshawar
- (v) Khyber Medical University, Peshawar
- (vi) Khushal Khan Khattak University, Karak
- (vii) Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal, Dir
- (viii) University of Science and Technology, Bannu
- (ix) University of Swat, Swat
- (x) University of Haripur, Haripur
- (xi) University of Swabi, Swabi

Private Sector Universities /HEIs:

- (i) Abasyn University, Peshawar
- (ii) Iqra National University, Peshawar

(b) Under the initiatives of Government of Pakistan, HEC is developing a proposal to establish either a university or a sub campus of an existing university in each district of the country in next three years.

***Question No. 69. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated and released to Pakistan Embassy/ Mission in Turkey during the last five years and details of its utilization with head-wise break-up; and*
- (b) whether audit of accounts of the Embassy/Mission for the said period has been conducted, if so, the details of irregularities surfaced therein indicating also the persons found involved and action taken against them?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a) The budget and expenditure incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Sub-mission in Turkey during last five years are as under:—

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*Yearly head-wise details are attached as **Annexure A & B.**

(b) The Audit Authorities have recently conducted audit on the accounts of the Embassy of Pakistan, Ankara for the financial year 2009-2013, however, the Audit & Inspection Report has not yet been issued by the audit authorities.

***Question No. 70. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) the amount of funds provided by WHO for health sector in Pakistan during the last five years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the details of utilization of the said amount with year-wise and province-wise break-up?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar : (a) The budget cycle of WHO is of two years. The last completed cycle is 2012-2013. The distribution of funds is Annex-I.

(b) The Province wise breakup is Annex-II.

***Question No. 71. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and locations of the education institutions established by the Government of Pakistan abroad; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more such institutions abroad, if so, the proposed locations thereof?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) **Name with location of the_education institution**

Ankara

The Pakistan Embassy International Study Group (PEISG), Ankara.

Abu Dhabi

The Government of Pakistan did not establish any of the community schools located in the UAE. However, the Government has been providing financial assistance to these schools in the form of grant from Mission's PCW&EF, from time to time. The Embassy is closely involved in the management and administration of the following academic institutions that were established by the Pakistani Community during last 40 years across the UAE:

- i. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Arab Pakistan School, Abu Dhabi.
- ii. Pakistan Islamia Higher Secondary School, Al-Ain
- iii. Pakistan Community Welfare School, Musaffah.
- iv. His Highness Sheikh Rashid Al Maktoum Pakistani School, Dubai.
- v. Pakistan Islamia School, Sharjah.
- vi. Pakistan Islamia School, Ras-al-Khamia.
- vii. Pakistan Islamia School, Fujariah.

Cairo.

Pakistan International School of Cairo (PISOC), Cairo

Damascus.

Pak International School of Damascus (PISOD), Damascus

Dubai.

- i. H.E. Schaikh Rashid Ali Makhtoum School, Dubai
- ii. Pakistan Higher Secondary School, Ras Al Khaimah
- iii. Pakistan Islamia Higher Secondary School, Fujairah
- iv. Pakistan Islamia Higher Secondary School, Sharjah

(Total 4 Institutions)

Doha

Pakistan Education Center, Doha.

Jeddah

- i. Pakistan International School (Eng Section), Al-Rehab, Jeddah
- ii. Pakistan International School (Urdu -Section), Al Azizia, Jeddah.
- iii. Pakistan International School, Taif

New Delhi

Pakistan High Commission School, New Delhi

Riyadh

In Saudi Arabia, Embassy of Pakistan had facilitated establishment of ten Pakistani community Schools over the last four decades alongwith community. These schools are now run under the direct supervision of Saudi Ministry of Education with no administrative or financial control of the Embassy.

In Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, private educational institutions upto Higher Secondary level can be opened only under the membership of a Saudi national. Foreign community schools can, however, be opened after necessary license from Saudi Ministry of Education. These schools are run by the School Management Committee (composed of parents) under the supervision of Saudi Ministry of Education.

Tripoli.

- i. Pakistan Embassy School & College, Shahra-e-Jaraba, Benashor, Tripoli
- ii. Pakistan Embassy School & College, Al-Badary Area, Tripoli
- iii. Pakistan Embassy School & College, Zavia Dehmani, Tripoli.

iv Pakistan Embassy School & College, Hayya Salam, Benghazi, Libya.

(b) After meeting Malala Yousafzai at Birmingham on 18 September, 2014, President of Malta announced that Government of Malta will establish an institute of International Education in collaboration with Malala. However, the Mission is trying to persuade Maltese authorities that association of Pakistan should also be reflected with the name of institute alongwith Malala as she represents people of Pakistan. The Mission is also planning to establish O-level & A-level institute in Libya with additional focus on English language and Information Technology, as desired by Libyan people.

***Question No. 72. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 30-03-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Pakistanis in the record of the Ministry/Missions abroad who sought asylum in foreign countries during the last five years with country-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of foreigners who sought asylum in Pakistan and of those who were granted asylum during the said period with country-wise break-up?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a) Asylum is mostly sought claiming political persecution and denial of civil rights and liberties. The nature of asylum requests restricts the host government from sharing information. As such, the full information on such cases is not available. The information received from some of the Missions is as under:

		CountryNumber of Pakistanis who sought Total asylum in foreign countries during the last five years					Sr. No.	
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014		
1.	Germany	930	2640	3553	4248	4226	15,597	
2.	USA	201	255	234	271	—	961	3. Serbia
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(b) Part (b) of the above question may be referred to Ministry of Interior.

***Question No. 73. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 30-03-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of banks where amount of challans by Motorways Police is deposited at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said amount can not be deposited in the Post Offices, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be allowed?*

Minister for Communications : (a) List of banks where Police Fine money being deposited is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) Yes, such challans are not being deposited in the Pakistan Post due to following reasons:

- These are not normal challans where an individual himself deposits money in Pakistan Post or any other bank as the case may be.
- National Highway Authority has devised a mechanism for Police Fine Collection on Motorways and National Highways under which private contractors have been hired for on spot collection of Police Fine. NHA has opened beat bank accounts for Police Fine Collection nearest to the location where Fine being collected. Collectors deposits fine collection into these accounts on daily basis. The said arrangements have been done to avoid leakages as well as provide facility to the road users.
- As per NHA Act 1991 there shall be a non lapsable fund to which all revenue shall be credited including fine money etc. Further, NHA Road Maintenance Accounts (RMA) Rules 2003, Clause 3 states that NHA shall maintain commercial accounts in Pakistan Scheduled banks designated as RMA and all revenues from road users accruing to NHA shall be expeditiously transferred into RMA A/c which also includes fines on overloading and traffic offence.

There is no proposal under consideration regarding deposit of Police Fine money/ challans in Pakistan Post.

***Question No. 74. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 31-03-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the tenure of posting of officers / officials in Pakistan embassies/ missions abroad; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of those officers / officials who have completed their tenure of posting in Pakistan embassies / missions abroad but are still working there indicating also the reasons for over stay in each case?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs :

(a) **Officers**

The prescribed tenure of posting in the Missions is three years for the officers. However, the competent authority has the flexibility to allow some deviation for exigencies of the service.

Officials

The prescribed tenure of posting abroad for officials is four years. However, in case of hardship stations, it is three years.

***Question No. 75. Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi:**

(Notice received on 16-04-2015)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a project for construction of road from Lakpass to Taftan in Balochistan was approved in PSDP 1992 but work has not been started on the same so far, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether the said project was removed from the PSDP, if not, the time by which work will be started on the said road?*

Minister for Communications : (a) Under the project “construction of road from Lakhpass to Taftan”, widening and improvement of Dalbandin-Nokundi section (201 KM) of National Highway N-40 was commenced in 1993 and completed in 2000. Nokundi-Taftan section (126KM) was also improved in 1990. The remaining sections *i.e;* Lakpass-Noushki and Noushki-Dalbandin are in planning stage.

(b) The said project was not as such removed from PSDP, Copies of PSDP 1991-1992 to 1999-2000 are annexed. And the work on different sections of the said road proposed in PSDP 2015-16.

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

***Question No. 76. Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini:**

(Notice received on 17-04-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the names of students belonging to Balochistan who were sent abroad for higher education on scholarship basis during the last five years?

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: A total of **113** students belonging to Balochistan were sent abroad for higher education on scholarships during the last five years. The detail information is attached at **Annexure-A**. Whereas **46** students will proceed till September 2015 (**Annexure-B**).

***Question No. 77. Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq:**

(Notice received on 21-04-2015 at 12:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control/ eliminate plagiarism in research work / dissertation in higher education / PhD studies in the country?

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: The following steps have been taken by the Higher Education Commission to control/eliminate plagiarism in research work/dissertation in higher education /Ph.D. Studies in the country:

- i. HEC has developed Plagiarism Policy to control plagiarism in the country and circulated to all stakeholders and universities for compliance (policy is attached at Annex-A).
- ii. A soft tool named “Turnitin” was acquired and shared with universities on payment basis for in house detection of plagiarism by the Universities in order to ensure originality and high quality research work.
- iii. Training of the focal persons from universities is arranged every year to continuously acquaint and train them in execution of the Plagiarism policy and usage of the Turnitin plagiarism software/service.
- iv. HEC also offers online support for effective use of the Turnitin Service by the users/universities.
- v. Plagiarism complaints received at HEC are forwarded to concerned universities for investigation as per policy.
- vi. In case of unsatisfactory disposal of plagiarism complaints by the Universities within three months, HEC Plagiarism Standing Committee considers and decides the cases as per policy.
- vii. Recently many such cases have been settled through HEC Plagiarism Standing Committee, and 34 faculty members were blacklisted.

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

***Question No. 78. Ms. Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 22-04-2015 at 11:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that more than 90 percent children belonging to poor families with rural background in Pakistan are suffering from the disease of Hemophilia, if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide free medical facilities to them; and*
- (b) *whether the Government has started any awareness campaigns in this regard, if so, the details thereof?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar : (a) Not true.

There is no co-relation between Hemophilia and socio-economic status.

(b) The number of hemophilia patients in the country is believed to be about 15,000 which does not justify a mass awareness campaign. Genetic counseling is however provided to the patients and their families in the hospitals where they receive treatment.

***Question No. 79. Ms. Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice received on 22-04-2015 at 03:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Pakistani Fishermen imprisoned in Indian jails at present; and*
- (b) *whether the Government has approached the Government of India to get the said fishermen released?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a) Presently, there are 134 Pakistani Fishermen imprisoned in India.

(b) Arrest of the fishermen is a humanitarian issue, and remains high on the priority list of the government. The issue is consistently raised with India for release and repatriation of the fishermen, In 2014, 68 fishermen were released by India and 17 in the first four months of this year.

***Question No. 80. Ms. Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 23-04-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which the work was started on Lowari Tunnel and the original date of its completion;*
- (b) *the name of the firm which carried out survey and prepared design of the said project;*
- (c) *the name of the firm to which the contract of the said project was awarded and the original amount of contract;*

- (d) *whether it is a fact that the said project has not been completed within the time estimated originally, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (e) *the name of the authority responsible for delay in completion of the said project and the action taken against the same; and*
- (f) *the time by which the said project will be completed and become operational?*

Minister for Communications : (a) The work started on 19th September, 2005 original date of completion of the project was 25th September, 2008.

(b) Initially it was designed by ECIL and afterward the designed was reviewed by M/s Geocensult-Typsa (JV).

(c) Contract was awarded to a Korean base construction company *i.e.* M/s SAMBU (JV). Original contract amount is Rs. 5,428,768,649.00 (Civil Work).

(d) **Reasons of Delay:**

- i. Change in design concept due to unprecedented flash floods, debris and mud flow and rock fall etc. in 2006.
- ii. Damage to the existing works and facilities;
- iii. Late decision of the authorities for modification from Bail Tunnel Modified Road Tunnel.
- iv. The execution of the project was suspended due to war like situation in the area adjacent to Project site.
- v. Shortage of funds lead to periods of suspension (or reduction of the rate of carrying out the service, respectively) on both Consultant's and contractor's side.
- vi. Trespassing through the tunnel in winter season, beginning in 2009-10

(e) As conveyed *vide* Para d.

(f) Revised date of completion of Civil Works. 8th Oct., 2017

E & M Works will start after completion of October, 2018
Civil Works and completed in one year *i.e.*

***Question No. 81. Mr. Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 23-04-2015 at 01:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the names of departments dealing with supply and regulation of food in the country indicating also the objective of establishment and salient achievements of each department?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan : Provincial Food Departments.

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th May, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.