

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 11th August, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 33 Deferred on 10th July, 2015 (117th Session))

@*Question No. 64. **Senator Syed Shibli Faraz:**

(Notice received on 6-7-2015 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of assets and liabilities of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) devolved to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa indicating also the criteria / formula adopted for the same; and*
- (b) the details of properties of the said corporation yet to be devolved to the provinces as per decision of its Board of Directors 75th, 76th review meeting and 77th meeting regarding transfer of the corporation to the provinces?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a&b) With the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of Tourism was abolished from the Concurrent list. The Cabinet Division *vide* its Notification No. 4-5/2011-Min dated 05th April 2011, closed the Ministry of Tourism, relocated its non-devolvable functions to different Federal Ministries /Divisions and placed PTDC alongwith its subsidiaries under IPC Division for management in transition and later winding up / transfer to provinces.

A series of 75th to 78th meetings of PTDC’s Board of Directors were held to implement the Cabinet’s decision. However, the agenda could not be advanced due to many reasons including Corporate restrictions, shares of private share holders and employees, restraints from the courts of law and reluctance of the provincial governments to accept PTDC employees’ alongwith the liability.

On the instruction of the Prime Minister, a meeting was held on 17th March, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Secretary to the Prime Minister The meeting concluded that:

- i. There was enough legal space for PTDC to continue to operate as a corporate entity through a resolution by its Board of Directors.
- ii. PTDC to continue its functions as a federal corporate entity and manage its assets / facilities through public private partnership so as to make it a self-sustaining organization;

The Ministry of IPC moved a summary on the basis of this meeting for the approval of the Prime Minister on 17th April, 2014, for implementing the directives of Prime Minister.

On this summary, the Law, Justice and Human Rights Division affirmed the functioning of PTDC as a Federal Corporate Authority in line with the spirit of the Constitution.

Besides the previous scenario, PTDC was placed under the Cabinet Division *vide* its memorandum No. 4- 7/2014-Min-1 dated 22nd July, 2014.

In this connection, PTDC's Board of Directors was reconstituted and in its 79th meeting held on 23-09-2014, the Board unanimously decided to reverse the decisions relating to devolution of PTDC and handing over the assets of PTDC to the provinces taken in its 75th, 76th, 77th and 78th meetings.

The board also recommended the Cabinet Division to review / withdraw its Notification No.4-5/2011-Min dated 05-04-2011 with regard to decisions about PTDC.

The case of transfer of properties with KP Province is also subjudice in the Islamabad High Court under writ petition No. 3989/2014 dated 15th September 2014.

Detail of assets, properties, motels and Tourist Information Centres located in KP Province is attached at Annexure-1.

Detail of province wise liabilities including KP is attached at Annexure-II.

(Def.) *Question No. 33. **Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak:**
(Notice received on 17-04-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the criterion laid down for appointment of members of Boards of Directors of Public Sector Enterprises (PSE) in the country; and*
- (b) whether the present members of the said boards fulfill the said criterion?*

Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division: (a) Appointment to the Board of Directors of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) are made in accordance with the provisions of their statutory instruments as such the Establishment Division is not required to devise any criteria for the purpose.

(b) No Public Sector Enterprise works under the administrative control of Establishment Division. The Federal Employees Benevolent and Group insurance Funds (FEB&GIF) and National School of Public Policy(NSPP) working under the administrative control of Establishment Division were established under their respective Acts of Parliament (Annex-I).

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

***Question No. 81. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail:**

(Notice received on 27-05-2015 at 9:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of students presently enrolled in Federal Government Model School, CBR Town, Islamabad; and*
- (b) whether the teaching staff posted in that school is sufficient to meet the requirements, if not, the steps being taken in this regard?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Total number of 176 students presently enrolled in Islamabad Model School (I-V), CBR, Islamabad.

(b) Yes, the teaching staff posted in Islamabad Model School (I-V), CBR Colony is sufficient to meet the requirements. At present 06 teachers including 01 Headmistress is working. 05 sections are functioning in the institution.

***Question No. 82. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 02-06-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for renovation of green belts on the sides of Islamabad Express Way from Airport Chowk to Faizabad Chowk during the last two years; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that encroachments have been made on the said green belts, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remove the same?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Environment Wing is renovating green belt from time to time during the last two years. CDA has developed two linear parks in front of KRL Chowk and Fizaia Colony. During the monsoon season, 28,000 trees would be planted in blank spaces of this green belt, out of which 3800 plants would be large size trees.

(b) Some encroachments were reported which are being removed by anti-encroachment squad. A dedicated team has already been deployed permanently for continuous monitoring and

taking swift action against any encroachments. Green belts related encroachments are handled by Environment Division, and they provide assistance, on a case to case basis on their requests.

***Question No. 83. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 02-06-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the printers presently being used at PIA ticket counters and in PIA networks are incompatible with SABRE reservation system;*
- (b) the estimated cost for making the said printers compatible with that system; and*
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the issue of purchasing the said printers and causing loss to national exchequer, if so, its details?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The Printers presently being used at PIA Ticket counters and in PIA Network are fully compatible with SABRE reservation system.

(b) The compatibility has been done by PIA's I.T department through its own resources.

(c) No inquiry has been conducted by PIAC into the purchasing of the said printers as there is no issue involved that caused loss to national exchequer.

***Question No. 84. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 03-06-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the present position of balance of trade of Pakistan with various countries; and*
- (b) the steps being by the Government to improve the said balance?*

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The list of the countries with which Pakistan has positive trade balance is attached as Annex-I and the list of the countries with which the balance of trade is in negative is attached as Annex-II.

(b) Over the years Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has taken various initiatives to improve the trade balance, which include;

1. **Announcement of Strategic Trade Policy Framework.** In order to improve the competitiveness of Pakistan's exports in medium to long term, MoC shifted from annual trade policy to 3 year framework. Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2012-15 announced various initiatives including export development initiative, institutional, governance reforms and regulatory reforms. Details are attached as Annex-III

2. **Trade Diplomacy and Market Access** In order to strengthen existing market share and diversify the Pakistan's exports, MoC undertook various market access and trade diplomacy initiatives, which include;

- GSP Plus Status: As result of Govt.'s continuous lobbying and diplomatic engagements, Pakistan was given GSP Plus status, which allowed duty free access for Pakistan's products to European markets. Resultantly, Pakistan's exports to EU have increased to \$ 7.54 billion in 2014 from \$ 6.22 billion 2013.
- Pak-China Free trade agreement was signed in 2006. Pakistan's eports to China have increased to \$ 2.4 billion in 2013-14 from \$ 575 million in 2006.
- Other countries with which Pakistan has signed Free Trade Agreements / Preferential Trade Agreements to enhance exports, are as under;

1. Pak-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement.
2. Pak-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement.
3. Pak-Iran Preferential Trade Agreement.
4. Pak-Indonesia Preferential Trade Agreement.
5. Pak-Mauritius Preferential Trade Agreement.

3. **Trade Promotion;** Trade development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) participated in various exhibitions world wide which include 30 exhibitions in Europe, 14 in Asia, 9 in China, 20 in Middle East, 19 in Americas and 14 in Africa during FY 2014-15. Furthermore, TDAP annually organizes EXPO Pakistan, which is attended by the buyers from all over the world. During EXPO Pakistan 2015, around 400 delegates buyers from various countries visited Pakistan and signed business deals worth \$ 1 billion (approximately).

***Question No. 85. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 22-06-2015 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of contracts for construction of roads awarded by Capital Development Authority during the last two years; and*
- (b) *whether there is any provision in the terms and conditions of the said contracts for repairing and maintenance of those roads, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Roads Directorate (North), CDA has awarded 06 (Six) contracts pertaining to road infrastructure during last 02 (two) financial years, detail placed at (Annex-A).

Road Directorate (South), CDA has awarded 06 (Six) contract in last 02 (two) years. Details of these contracts / projects are attached at (Annex-B).

(b) Yes, contractor is bound to up keep / maintain completed project / work during maintenance period, which is normally 1-2 years.

***Question No. 86. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that CDA has taken over charge of a large area of Zone-IV under the Islamabad Capital Territory (Zoning) Regulation, 1992, if so, the present status of development work in the area; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the residents of the said area has not been provided with proper sanitation, drinking water, education and health facilities, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be provided to them?*

Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Zone-IV of Islamabad comprises about 70000 acres of land. CDA has not acquired the whole zone as yet. However on the acquired area CDA has developed model villages, agro-farming schemes, and allotted plots to the Government Departments for establishment of institutions. The development works have been carried out in model villages and agro-farming schemes by CDA. CDA does not provide development works in un-acquired area. CDA has prepared plans for development on remaining acquired land which is not developed as yet.

(b) CDA provides Municipal facilities *i.e.* Sanitation, Drinking water, Education and Health facilities to the residents of its own Model Villages and Schemes. Remaining area falls under ICT Administration.

***Question No. 87. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that proper arrangements have not been made for provision of clean drinking water in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital, Islamabad, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to provide the same; and*

(b) *the amount allocated for provision of clean drinking water in the said hospitals during fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPC), and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Islamabad are already providing clean water to its patients with the support from CDA who are solely responsible for this municipal responsibility, as per law. Following measures are being ensured at FGPC & PIMS in this context:—

- FGPC & PIMS are receiving clean treated drinking water from CDA supply.
- In addition, the hospitals have also their own two (02) fully functional deep tube-wells, which are the main source of its clean water supply.
- Chlorination of storage tanks is done regularly.
- Water filtration plants have also been installed by CDA, in the hospitals for the said purpose.
- Furthermore, small filters are also attached alongwith every electric water cooler in the hospitals for provision of clean drinking water.

(b) As such there is no separate allocation in the budget of hospitals for provision of clean drinking water. The expenditures are met through utility head of Account.

***Question No. 88. Senator Hidayat Ullah:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the services of Junior Lady Teachers working on daily wages basis in educational institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad, were regularized vide CADD's Notification No. F.13-2/2012-Coord dated 8th February, 2013 and subsequently their medical examinations were held during the period from March to May, 2013; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said teachers are still working on daily wages basis and the letters regarding their appointment on regular basis / regularization of their services have not been issued so far, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be issued?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Yes, it is fact that the services of Junior Lady Teachers working on daily wages basis in Islamabad Model Colleges were regularized by Cabinet Sub Committee *vide* CA&DD Notification No. F. 13-2/2012-Coord, DATED 8th February, 2013 subject to availability of posts and Some of them were medically examined.

(b) Yes, they are still working on daily wage basis. Regular appointment letters could not be issued, due to non availability of posts. The matter shall be decided by the committee which has been Constituted by Cabinet Division as per direction of the Honorable Islamabad High Court.

***Question No. 89. Senator Hidayat Ullah:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

(a) *the minimum wage rate per month fixed by the Government for year 2014-15 and 2015-16; and*

(b) *the details of salary paid to each junior lady teacher working on daily wages basis in IMCB, F-8/4 and IMCG, F-6/2, Islamabad, from December, 2014 to April, 2015 with month-wise breakup?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) The minimum wage rate per month fixed by the Government for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 is Rs. 12000/-.

(b) The detail of salary paid to each Junior Lady Teacher working on daily wage basis in IMCB, F-8/4 and IMCG, F-6/2 Islamabad from December 2014 to April 2015 with month wise break up enclosed at (Annexure-A)

***Question No. 90. Senator Saleem Zia:**
(Notice received on 25-06-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to announce a new policy for Textile industry in the country, if so, when; and*

(b) *the number of large and small textile units presently functioning in the country with province wise break up?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) Textiles Policy for the period 2014-15 has already been approved by the ECC of the cabinet on February, 9th, 2015.

(b)	Large Units in Sindh	Small Units in Sindh	Large Units in Punjab	Small Units in Punjab
	249	986	331	657

The requisite information has been received from;

1. Towel Manufacturer Association.
2. Pakistan Jute Mills Association
3. Pakistan Readymade Garments Exporters Association
4. All Pakistan Textile Mills Association
5. Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturer & Exporter Association

Additional information in respect of remaining associations will be provided.

***Question No. 91. Senator Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 29-06-2015 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that each section of 9th class in IMCG G-6/1-4, Islamabad has a strength of about 100 students, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to rationalize the strength of the said sections by making new sections, if so, when?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) No. It is not a fact that each section of 9th Class in IMCG, G-6/1-4, Islamabad has strength of 100 students. The College has 5 (five) section in 9th Class with the enrollment as under:—

9th A	38
9th B	66
9th C	34
9th D	35
9th E	36

(b) A new section will be established soon to rationalize the strength of students in class 9th B.

***Question No. 92. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the percentage of textile industry in the overall exports of the country;*

- (b) *the quantity of handloom, handicraft, cotton textiles, readymade garments and other value added products of the said industry exported during the last five years and the current year with year wise and country wise break up indicating also the foreign exchange received form the same;*
- (c) *the details of targets fixed and achieved regarding textile exports during the said period with item wise break up;*
- (d) *whether the Government has explored new markets for textile exports during that period, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *the share of Pakistan's textile export in comparison with the exports of other major textile exporting countries during the said period indicating also the steps taken by the Government to augment that share?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) The overall exports of the country in 2014-15 is 56.4% whereas in 2013-14 was 54.6%. The share of textile in total exports of Pakistan has increased by 2% during FY 2014-15 as against previous year.

(b) Export measures, promotion and market access is mandate of Ministry of Commerce; however details are attached as Annexure-I and II.

(c) The year wise target are set by the Ministry of Commerce, however, under Textile Policy 2014—19, target set by the policy is US\$ 26 billion by the year 2019.

***Question No. 93. Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate change Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in the country?

Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan:

Name of Project **Institutional Strengthening of Montreal Protocol Project for the Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances**

Steps being taken by the Government to control Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in the Country:—

- (i) Pakistan has successfully achieved 100% phase out target of the 1st generation of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs) before the stipulated date (i.e. 31-12-2009). Now is heading towards the phase out of the 2nd generation of ODSs i.e. Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). In this regards 10% reduction target has been achieved by 1st January, 2015 as set by the Montreal Protocol. The Ministry has taken some strict actions to achieve the

10% reduction target and has banned some eligible importers of HCFCs violators who had imported excess of their authorized quota limit. These ODSs are the major cause of thinning of ozone layer which upset the balance of eco systems, suppress the efficiency of body's immune system, and increase the risks of skin cancer and skin aging.

All above steps are being taken along with the international community to achieve the fixed targets. Pakistan has so far achieved the targets.

***Question No. 94. Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that environmental degradation is affecting the economy of the country, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to safeguard the same?

Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan: Pakistan's environmental problems are a concern, not just because of the intrinsic virtues of promoting responsible environmental stewardship, but also because of the economic consequences of environmental degradation. By using the conservative estimates, the mean annual cost of environmental degradation is approximately 6 percent of GDP (World Bank's Pakistan Strategic Environmental Assessment Report, 2007). The implication of this continuing degradation is that despite GDP growth rates many development indicators continue to show limited improvement.

The mean estimated annual cost of environmental and natural resource damage is about 365 billion Rupees per year or 6 percent of GDP. This figure is an approximation and is based on those parameters for which reasonable estimates are available. The highest cost is from inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene (Rs. 112 billion) followed by agricultural soil degradation (Rs. 70 billion) and indoor air pollution (Rs. 67 billion). Urban air pollution (particulate matter) adds another Rs. 65 billion. The estimated cost of lead exposure is about Rs. 45 billion. Rangeland degradation and deforestation cost are the lowest at about 7 billion Rs. in total.

Pakistan is also prone to adverse impacts of climate change. Since 2010 the economic losses due to recurrent floods is estimated at approximately US 20 billion. The steps taken by the government to address issues related to environment and climate change includes:

- i. Establishment of dedicated Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC)
- ii. Establishment of Global Change Impacts Studies Centre, Islamabad which is research arm of MoCC.
- iii. Establishment of National Disaster Management Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authorities and District Disaster Management Authorities.
- iv. Development of National Climate Change Policy.

After the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of Environment has been devolved to the provinces and the provincial governments are implementing their own environmental laws in their respect provincial jurisdictions.

However, Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 and a number of rules/regulations notified there under are currently being implemented in the limits of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) for improvement of environment.

***Question No. 95. Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state the role of integrated watershed management in the context of country's economy indicating also the steps taken / being taken by the Government to benefit from the same?

Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan: Provincial Forest Departments are directly dealing with the subject.

Integrated watershed management does not fall in the domain of this Ministry.

***Question No. 96. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**
(Notice received on 13-07-2015 at 01:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that civil servants in BPS-17 and above are required to submit their annual declaration of income and assets and liabilities to their respective departments / Establishment Division, if so, the date since which this practice has started;*
- (b) *whether any mechanism has been devised to evaluate the said declaration, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *whether the officers of defence services are also required to submit the said declarations to their respective service headquarters or to the Establishment Division?*

Minister In-Charge of the Establishment Division: (a) In terms of Rule 13 of the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964 (**Annex-I**), *inter-alia*, all Government Servants are required to furnish as to their assets disclosing liquid assets and all other properties, immovable and movable, including shares, certificates, insurance policies, jewellery and expenses during a financial year as per enclosed proforma. This practice is in vogue since 1964 after promulgation of the Rules *ibid*. Establishment Division maintains Declaration of Assets of its staff and officers belonging to Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS), Police Service of Pakistan (PSP), Secretariat Group (SG) and Office Management Group (OMG). In terms of this Division's instructions printed at Sl.No. 23 to 23-C of ESTACODE 2007 Edition/Volume-II (**Annex-II**), this record pertaining to officers of other Services/Groups/

Ex-Cadre and non-Gazetted staff is maintained by their administrative Ministries/Divisions/Departments/Offices.

(b) Proforma devised for submission of Declaration of Assets requires a Government Servant to show his net worth at the end of each financial year (**Annex-III**). Net Worth/Net Assets of a Government Servant can be evaluated through comparison with the previous year's proforma filled in by him.

(c) Establishment Division is the custodian of Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under a Government Servant is required to submit Declaration of his Assets. In terms of Rule 2 of the Rules *ibid* (**Annex-IV**), *inter-alia*, these rules are applicable to every person serving in a civil capacity in connection with the affairs of the centre and to the members of an All Pakistan Service during the employment under the Provincial Governments or while on deputation with any other Government etc. In light of the above position, the officers of defence services, serving in a civil capacity, are also required to submit the said declarations to their respective Ministry/Division/Service Headquarters/ Attached Departments/ Subordinate Offices.

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

***Question No. 97. Senator Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 9:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 79, replied on 14th April, 2015 and state whether it is a fact that a number of students who have been awarded scholarships in the centralized examination of Class-V, 2013 have not been paid the scholarship amount so far, if so, their names, names of their educational institutions and reasons for non payment of the said amount to them so far?

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: In the recurring budget (NIS year 2012-13) Rs. 6.72. Million for payment of Merit Scholarships for both the exams were demanded. The requirement of Examination Section was as under:—

Class	Student	Rate P.M.	Period	Total
V	300	Rs. 200/- PM	36 Months	Rs. 2,160,000/-
VIII	200	Rs. 300/-PM	24 Months	Rs. 1,440,000/-
Total:				Rs. 3,600,000/-

The examination Section, FDE needs Rs. 3.6 Million for payment of scholarship every year. **In the year 2013, DFA of that time had cut on payment of scholarships and paid only Rs.0.7 Million for this purpose.** In the year 2013, Director General of that time had decided to award scholarships to private candidates only. All private Institution protested and the matter was submitted to the Secretary Education. The honorable Secretary Education decided that

scholarships will be given as per previous practice. In 2014, Examination Section, FDE had enough funds for this purpose. Bills were submitted to AGPR, Islamabad first time in April, 2015. **All cheques of scholarships for the year 2013-14 had been issued to the concerned institutions of ICT.**

These bills were passed on 26th June, 2015 and cheques of scholarships were paid to the principals of the IMCs / IMSs institutions registered with PEIRA and private candidates.

***Question No. 98. Senator Sitara Ayaz:**
(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 01:55 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quota allocated for disabled persons in Government services; and*
- (b) *the details of appointments made in the Government Departments against the said quota during the last financial year?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Under Section 10 of disabled persons (Employment and Rehabilitations) ordinance, 1981 (**Annex-A**), 1% disability quota was allocated for the employment of disabled persons. Establishment Division *vide* O.M. No. F. 34/3/86-R.5, dated 15-10-1998 has notified the increase in the reserved quota for the employment of disabled persons to the posts in BS-15 and below under the Federal Government from 1% to 2% (**Annex-B**).

(b) The details of appointments made by the Ministries/Division at Federal level during the last financial year are only available with the concerned Ministries/ Divisions. The CA&DD requested *vide* letter No.1-35/03- NCRDP (pt) dated 7th August, 2015 (**Annex-C**) all Ministries/Divisions for the provision of the required information on top priority basis for onward submission to the Honorable Senate. However, a reply in the matter is still awaited. It is requested that this part of the question may please be placed on the next session of the Senate.

***Question No. 99. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq:**
(Notice received on 24-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the steps taken by PIA to ensure smooth and hassle free transportation of Hajjis to Saudi Arabia for Hajj, 2015?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: Every year PIA serves the Hujjaj by operating special Hajj flights to/from all gateways to Jeddah and Medina. Likewise this year PIA has planned its Hajj schedule to carry 55,000 Hujjaj to Jeddah and Medina.

Salient features:

- (i) Total of 55,000 Hujjaj will be transported to Holy land as per the following scheme:

KHI

10706

LHE	7880
ISB	10645
PEW	9139
UET	8121
MUX	4553
SKT	2229
SKZ	1095
RYP	632
TOTAL:	55000

- (ii) PIA has planned 155 Hajj flights by B777, B330 & A310 during Hajj 2015.
- (iii) PIA provides religious service by operating its Hajj flights from the main gateways Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad and secondary gateways like Sukkur, Rahim Yar Khan, Multan, Sialkot, Quetta and Peshawar in spite of all fleet constraints to carry Hujjaj from their home towns.
- (iv) PIA also provides complimentary meal facility at the arrival points in Saudi Arabia. In addition to this PIA provides a flyer having important information regarding air travel and all local contacts at Jeddah and Medina Munawara for the facilitation of Hujjaj.
- (v) Free carriage of Zam Zam as per prevailing policy of Saudi Government

***Question No. 100. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq:**

(Notice received on 24-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government against the illegal slums and encroachers in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken / to be taken by the Government to prevent such encroachments in future?*

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

- An action plan has been devised in collaboration with ICT Administration and ICT Police for permanent removal of illegal slums in Islamabad.
- in first phase, illegal slums in green belt of Sector I-10/3 & H-10/4 and H-10/1 have been targeted.

- The green belt of Sector I-10/3 & H-10/4 has been completely cleared.
- Whereas slum in Sector H-10/1 has been partially demolished because the dwellers sought some time for voluntary vacation of state land.
- In next phase, slums in Sector I-11/1 and I-11/4 have been targeted wherein massive mud structures of houses have been dismantled.
- The instant operation is in progress and will be completed in 3-4 days.

(b) (1) Steps Taken:

- i. Deployed dedicated teams assigning them area of responsibilities.
- ii. Undertaken anti-encroachment drives on regular basis.
- iii. Awareness campaign through print media.
- iv. Demolished more than 2000 illegal structures during previous calendar year.

(2) Future Strategy:

- i. To enhance effective monitoring system through vigilance teams.
- ii. To establish counterchecking to avoid re-occurrence.
- iii. A Quick Response Force comprising energetic officials is formulated for swift actions

*Question No. 101. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 27-07-2015 at 02:50 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that annual educational census conducted by the Federal Directorate of Education during the recent years shows irrational figures about the teacher-student ratio in many Government schools in the Islamabad Capital Territory, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the said ratio?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: (a) Yes, it is a fact. The reasons for this are:

- 65% Institutions are functioning in rural area.

- Population of the ICT has been increasing rapidly due to emergence of various housing societies, whereas the institutions have not been opened to cater for the need of increasing population.
- The recruitment of teachers has not been made for last many years and various posts of teachers are lying vacant.
- Student teachers ratio varies from institution to institution as per enrollment of students and working teachers.
- The role CDA is very important regarding provision of the adequate piece of land(s) for establishment/construction of Govt. schools

(b) Following steps have been taken to rationalize the said ratio:

- A case regarding creation of 4018 (1508 Teaching and 2510 Non-teaching staff) new posts has been sent to MS wing by FDE.
- The recruitment for the vacant post of elementary School Teacher (BPS-14) is under process at FDE. However, the posts of BPS-16 and above are being sent to FPSC for appointment.
- Steps are being taken to adequately place teachers in all educational institutions for ensuring quality education and bring down teacher-students ratio.
- FDE, is working on rationalization policy with the view to bring uniformity regarding student teacher ratio

ISLAMABAD :
The 10th August, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.