

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 16th September, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 80 Deferred on 7th August, 2015 (118th Session))

(Def.)* Question No. 80. **Senator Sehar Kamran:
(Notice received on 22-07-2015 at 2:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of the development projects submitted to ECNEC during the present regime;*
- (b) the details of the said projects which have been approved by ECNEC; and*
- (c) the details of the said projects which were disapproved by ECNEC indicating also the reasons for disapproval in each case?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal : (a) Projects costing more than Rs. 3 billion are approved by the ECNEC Chaired by the Finance Minister. List of 155 projects considered by the ECNEC during the present regime (July 2013 to July, 2015) is placed at Annex-I.

(b) During July 2013 to July 2015, ECNEC has approved 151 projects. List attached at Annex-II.

(c) During the period of July 2013 to July 2015, ECNEC considered 155 projects & approved 151; however, some projects were deferred for want of information / details which were approved in subsequent meetings.

At present only 4 schemes are pending as deferred by the ECNEC in its various meetings. List attached at Annex-III.

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

*Question No. 26. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 04-06-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of increase or decrease registered in the industrial production of the country during the last five years with year-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of industrial sector in country?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) According to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), the details of percentage increase / decrease in the value added Industrial Sector and its components for the last five years is as under:—

Sector	Financial Wear				
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (R)	2014-15 (P)
Industrial Sector (1 to 4)	4.51	2.55	0.61	4.45	3.62
Components / Sub-Sectors of Industrial Sector:					
1. Mining and Quarrying	-4.42	5.16	3.88	1.65	3.84
	2.50	2.08	4.62	4.46	3.17
2. Manufacturing, generation & distribution and Gas distribution	63.86	1.41	-26.38	5.57	1.94
	-8.56	3.08	1.08	7.25	7.05
					3. Electricity
					4. Construction

R: Revised

P: Provisional

(b) The following steps have been taken by the government to promote the industrial sector:—

i. Industrial Research Program (IRP)

Industrial Research Program (IRP) has been initiated by Engineering Development Board, Ministry of Industries and Production to promote Research & Development activities in the industry. The Program aims to address Industry's Technical issues pertaining to Product Design/Development, Production Process and its Materials to foster much-needed innovation in the industry to enhance its competitiveness. EDB has taken on board a team of 992 Professors, Scientists, Technologists, Researchers (Ph.D and M. Phil) in 308 fields to conduct R&D activities. These fields cover almost all products related to engineering, applied physics and applied chemistry. So far different industries from sugar, steel

re-rolling, surgical, cutlery, fan, automotive vendor, HVACR, electric fittings, etc are availing R&D facilities under IRP. These services are provided on competitive basis, funded purely by the recipients.

ii. **New Entrant Policy For Motorcycle**

The Government has approved New Entrant Policy for Motorcycle Industry, which has been notified by Ministry of Industries and Production on 26-09-2013. This policy will pave the way for new investment in the country. Under this policy M/s Yamaha Motorcycle Industry have been declared as new entrant. M/s Yamaha Motorcycle Industry will make investment of US \$ 150 million within next 5 years. The other manufacturers in motorcycle industry will be encouraged to make new investment.

iii. **Automotive Development Policy (ADP) 2015-20**

Automotive Development Policy (ADP) has been formulated by Engineering Development Board (EDB). A Committee has been constituted by the Government comprising Minister for Water and Power (Convener), Chairman, Board of Investment, Secretary Industries and Production, Chairman FBR and the Chief Executive Officer Engineering Development Board (EDB). The Committee after several meetings with stakeholders finalized its report. Now, Automotive Development Policy (ADP) 2015-20 is under process of approval from Economic Coordination Committee.

Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) working under the administrative control of this Ministry is taking following initiative for the establishment and promotion of small and medium industries in the country.

SME Development Plan (2013-18)

SMEDA has developed a 5 - Year SME Development Plan (2013-18). The Plan envisages exponential growth of key emerging and conventional SME sectors, selected primarily on the basis of their respective growth potential in terms of employment, contribution to GDP and exports. The SMEDA 5-Year Plan has been included in the Pakistan Vision 2025 of the Government of Pakistan.

Policy Advocacy

SMEDA has carried out an extensive exercise of stakeholders' consultation where more than 800 individuals, primarily from the private sector were engaged and proposed interventions validated thereof. Thus, adopting a programmatic approach, interventions for each sector have been identified in the following areas:

1. Policy & Regulatory Environment
2. Business Development Services
3. Access to Finance

Infrastructure Development

Lack of infrastructure and technology are major constraints, which hinder SME productivity and competitiveness in the global market. These projects also provide new avenues for start-up industries. During FY 2013-14, SMEDA continued with its portfolio of PSDP projects. SMEDA has had a total portfolio of 27 projects with a total PSDP outlay of Rs. 2,630 million. Out of these, 09 projects have been completed. SMEDA is currently managing 18 projects with a total outlay of Rs. 1,845.92 million. Out of these 18 projects, allocation of Rs. 241.09 million for 14 projects has been made in FY 2013-14. The list of 14 SME development projects is as follows:

1. Sports Industries Development Centre, Sialkot
2. Foundry Services Centre, Lahore
3. Women Business Development Centre, Karachi
4. Red Chillies Processing Centre, Kunri
5. Women Business Incubation Center (WBIC), Quetta
6. CFTC for Light Engineering Cluster, Mardan
7. Establishment of CFC for Honey Processing and Packaging, Swat
8. Women Business Development Centre, Mingora, Swat
9. Establishment of CFC for Silk Cluster at Mingora, Swat
10. Establishment of Spinning CFC at Islampur, Swat
11. Women Business Development Centre, Peshawar
12. SME Subcontracting Exchange, Gujranwala
13. SMEDA SME Facilitation Complex at PITAC, Lahore
14. Agro Food Processing Centre, Multan

Ministry of Industries & Production has offered certain incentives / facilities for the promotion of the industrial sector in the country through establishment of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) / Industrial Parks and Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) (**Annexure-I**). List of incentives / facilities available for the investors in EPZs/Industrial Parks is at (**Annexure-II**). The objectives targeted in Public Sector Development Programme aim at rejuvenating the industrial sector through 18 projects worth Rs. 26.935 Billion (**Annexure-III**) with focus on: -

- a. Innovation and efficiency in industrial sector
- b. Building high skilled human capacity through targeted worker skills development programs.
- c. Technological up-gradation including Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM).
- d. Development of emerging sectors like Gem & Jewellery, stone development and energy auditing in the textile sector.

- e. Targeted development of small and medium business entities to boost employment and reduce poverty.

***Question No. 27. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 16-07-2015 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of NGOs presently registered in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the details of Pakistani and foreign based NGOs presently working in each province, Islamabad Capital Territory and FATA, separately?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The subject of registration of NGOs falls under the purview of Provincial Governments and ICT. Economic Affairs Division does not maintain any record pertaining to NGOs in Pakistan.

(b) As far as Foreign based NGOs are concerned, the mandate of INGOs has been transferred to Ministry of Interior under the directions of the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

***Question No. 28. Senator Hidayat Ullah :**

(Notice received on 28-07-2015 at 2:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Establishment Division forwarded a case to the Finance Division regarding up-gradation of the post of Assistant from BPS-14 to BPS-16, in compliance with the order / decision of court / judicial forum, if so, the date since when it is pending and the reasons for not disposing of the same so far; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to implement the said order/decision in letter and spirit at the earliest?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The fact is that the Establishment Division's Summary regarding up-gradation of post of Assistant from (BS-14) to (BS-16) initiated in compliance with the orders of FST, Islamabad, had been received in Finance Division through P.M's office on 01-06-2015. Finance Division with its endorsement has sent the Summary to the P.M's office on 25-06-2015 and it is not pending in this Division.

(b) As soon as the decision on the Summary is received, the same would be implemented.

***Question No. 29. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 30-07-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names countries which provided scholarships for enhancing the capacity of staff working in various Government departments during the last five years indicating also the names of departments the officers and staff of which were sent for training on the said scholarships;*
- (b) the names, designations, place of domicile and experience of the members of the committee which select candidates for foreign trainings; and*
- (c) the names and other particulars of officers and officials selected / nominated for foreign trainings by the present committee?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a)

- **Names of countries** are China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Turkey
- **Names of departments includes**

Federal:

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) Islamabad, Azad Jammu & Kashmir Council Secretariat Islamabad, Anti Narcotic Force, Auditor General of Pakistan, Aviation Division Pakistan, Pakistan Meteorological Department, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Board of Investment P.M Office Islamabad, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Capital Administration and Development Division, Cabinet Division Islamabad, Drug Control Authority Cabinet Division, Capital Hospital, Central Board of Revenue (CBR), Centre of Earthquake Islamabad, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), Climate Change Division, Competition Commission of Pakistan, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Construction Technology Training Institute (CTTI). Department of Archaeology and Museums, Govt. of Pakistan, Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation, Director General of Special Education, ICT Administration, Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB), Director General of Special Education Ministry of CADD, NDMA, M/o Climate Change, DRAP Ministry of National Health Service, Regulation & Coordination, Economic Affairs Division Islamabad, ENERCON M/o Water & Power, Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Authority (ERRA) Islamabad, Establishment Division Islamabad, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Federal Directorate of Education, Federal Medical Centre, Federal Investigation Authority (FIA), Finance Division Islamabad, Geological Survey of Pakistan, Information & Broadcasting Division, Intelligence Bureau Islamabad, Inter Provincial Coordination, Kashmir & GB Affairs Division, Law & Justice Commission of Pakistan, M/o Defence, M/o Housing & Works. M/o Industries & Production, M/o Inter Provincial Coordination, M/o Information & Broadcasting National Heritage, M/o information and Technology Telecom, M/o Interior & Narcotics Control Division, M/o Communication, M/o National Food Security & Research, M/o National Health Services Regulation & Coordination, M/o Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources

Development, M/o Planning and Development and Reforms, M/o Petroleum & Natural Resources, M/o Ports & Shipping, M/o Railway, M/o Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, M/o Science & Technology, M/o Textile Industries, M/o Water & Power, Maritime TECH Complex NESCOM, Military Land & Cantonment Board Rawalpindi, Military land Cantonment, M/o Commerce, National Highway Authority (NHA), M/o Education, M/o Foreign Affairs, M/o Human Rights, Pakistan Ordinance Factory Wah Cantt, National Telecommunication Company (NTC), National Accountability Bureau (NAB), NARC Islamabad, Narcotics Control Division, PARC Islamabad, National Commission for Human Development, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Islamabad, National Highway & Motorway Police, National Tariff Commission, National Trust for the Disabled, National University of Science and Technology, NAVTTC, NTC, NTDC, NTRC, OGDCL, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, Pakistan Engineering Council, Pakistan Meteorological Department, Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority, PIMS Islamabad, Planning Commission Islamabad, Policlinic Islamabad, President Secretariat Islamabad, Prime Minister Office Islamabad, Quaid-iAzam University Islamabad, Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan, Seismic Monitoring Centre Islamabad, Senate Secretariat, State Bank of Pakistan, Statistics Division, TDAP, TEVTA, WAPDA, WASA,

Provinces:

Punjab

Agricultural Mechanization Research institute Agriculture Department Govt. of Punjab, Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Central Cotton Research Institute Multan, Children Hospital Lahore, City District Government Lahore, Lahore Waste Management Company, Commerce Department Govt. of Punjab, Communication and Works Department Govt. of Punjab, Cooperatives Department Govt. of Punjab, District Government Punjab, Education Department Punjab, Excise and Taxation Punjab, Finance Department Govt. of Punjab, Fisheries and Aquaculture Dept. Govt. of Punjab, Forest & Wildlife Dept. Punjab, Home Department Govt. of Punjab, TEVTA Govt. of Punjab, Industries & Commerce & Investment Department Punjab, Irrigation Department Punjab, Lahore High Court, Lahore Waste Management Company, Lahore Development Authority (LDA), Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab, P&D Department Punjab, Post Master General Rawalpindi, Punjab Emergency Service Home Department, SMEDA Punjab, Transport Department Punjab.

Sindh:

Agriculture Research Institute Tandojam Sindh, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Sindh, Planning & Development Department Govt. of Sindh, Culture & Tourism Department Govt. of Sindh, Department of Plant Project Karachi, University of Tandojam, Provincial Disaster Management Authority Sindh, District Administrator Sindh, Education & Literacy Department Sindh, Employees Old Age Dept. Sindh, Energy Department Sindh, Environment and Alternative Energy Department Sindh, Environmental Protection Agency Sindh, Finance Department Govt. of Sindh, Fisheries Department Govt. of Sindh, Forest & Wildlife Dept. Govt. of Sindh, Home Department Govt. of Sindh, Information and Archives Department Govt. of Sindh, Irrigation Department Sindh, Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre Karachi, Karachi

Water & Sewerage Board, Livestock & Dairy Development Department Sindh, Lyari Department Authority Karachi, Local Government Department Sindh, Malir Development Authority, P & D Department Sindh, Population Welfare Department Govt. of Sindh, PDMA Sindh, Quaide-Awam Agriculture Institute Larkana, Sindh Horticulture Research Institute, Sindh Police, Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority, Tourism Department Sindh.

Khyber Pakhtunkwa

Agriculture & Livestock Department Govt. of KP, Agriculture University Peshawar, Planning & Development Department Govt. of KPK, University of Peshawar, Chief Minister Secretariat Peshawar, Commerce Department KP, Department of Social Welfare Govt. of KP, Director General Technical Education Govt. of KP, Directorate of Higher Education Govt. of KP, Directorate of Livestock & Dairy Development Department Govt. of KP, District Administration Kohistan KP, Energy & Power Dept. KP, Finance Department Govt. of KP, Fisheries Department Govt. of KP, Forestry Environment & Wild life Department Govt. of KP, Home & Tribal Affairs Dept. Govt. of KP, Industries Development KP, Khyber Girls Medical College Peshawar, Kohat University of Science & Technology, PDMA KP, Law Department KP, P&D Department KP, Police Department KP, Population Welfare Department KP, PDMA KP, Transport Department KP.

Balochistan

Agriculture Department Govt. of Balochistan, Agriculture Extension Department Balochistan, Agriculture Research Institute Govt. of Balochistan, Baluchistan Agriculture College Quetta, Balochistan Development Authority, Balochistan Forest & Wildlife Department, Balochistan Police Quetta, Balochistan Coastal Development Authority, Basic Health Unit Niganda Dist.Pishin, Bolan Medical Complex Quetta, Communication & Works Department Quetta, Balochistan Police Department, Chief Minister Secretariat Balochistan, Civil Defence Department Quetta, Communication & Works Department Govt. of Balochistan, Cotton Research Centre Sibi Balochistan, Cotton Research Station Balochistan, D.C. Office Gawadar, DDMA Balochistan, Department of Health Govt. of Balochistan, Mines and Minerals Department Govt. of Balochistan, Education Department Balochistan, Energy Dept. Govt. of Balochistan, Environment Protection Agency Quetta, Environmental Protection Agency Balochistan, Fisheries Department Govt. of Balochistan, Food Department Govt. of Balochistan, Forest & Wildlife Dept. Balochistan, Gawadar Port Authority (GPA), Government of Balochistan, University of Balochistan, Gilgit Development Authority, Home and Prison Department Govt. of GB, Information Department Gawadar, Irrigation Department Balochistan, Labour & Manpower Govt. of Balochistan, P&D Department Balochistan, Police Department Balochistan, Public Health Engineering Department Balochistan, S & GAD Balochistan, Science Information Technology Department Govt. of Balochistan, Urban Planning Department Quetta, Women Development Government of Balochistan.

AJK

Agriculture Department, Govt. of AJK, CMO BHU Hollar District Kotli, CDC AJK, Department of Animal Husbandry AJK, Department of Health Govt. of AJK, Education Department AJK, Finance Department Govt. of AJK, P & D Department AJK, Police

Department AJK, S&GD AJK, SDMA Muzaffarabad, Tourism & Archaeology Dept. AJK.
University of Poonch AJK.

FATA

Directorate of Monitoring & Evaluation FATA, FATA Secretariat Peshawar, Livestock & Dairy Development Department FATA, P & D Department FATA.

Gilgit-Baltistan

Agriculture Department, Govt. of Gilgit-Baltistan, Communication & Works Department GB, Department of Health Govt. of GB, Department of Minerals Industries Commerce & Labour Govt. of GB, Finance Department Govt. of GB, Forest Wildlife Parks and Environment Govt. of GB, Livestock & Dairy Development Department GB, P & D Department GB, Police Department GB, Tourism Department Govt. of GB.

(b) At present, Foreign Training Committee is comprised of the following *ex-officio* members:

- Secretary EAD- Chair
- Joint Secretary (UN) EAD- Member
- Joint Secretary (Training) Establishment Division-Member
- Joint Secretary of concerned wing of EAD- Co-opted Member
- Secretary FTC

Details of the present *ex-officio* members of the Committee areas under;

Name	Designation	Domicile	Experience
Mr. Muhammad Saleem Sethi	Federal Secretary- Chair	KP	BS-22
Mr Zafar Hassan	Joint Secretary (UN/WB) EAD- Member	KP	BS-20
Mr. Rizwan Malik	Joint Secretary (Training) Establishment Division-Member	Punjab	BS-20
Mr. Asmat Nawaz	Joint Secretary (EC) EAD- Co-opted Member	Punjab	BS-20
Mr. Syed Mujtaba Hussain	Joint Secretary (ADB/Japan) EAD- Co-opted Member	FATA	BS-20
Mr. Yasir Ishaque	Joint Secretary	Sindh (R)	BS-19

Lashari	(China) EAD- Co-opted Member		
Mr. Mubarak Hussain	Joint Secretary (Admin) EAD- Co-opted Member	Punjab	BS-19
Ms. Beenish Amjad	Section Officer UN-III- Secretary FTC	Punjab	BS-18

(c) Details of the particulars of the nominated officers/officials by the present committee is placed at Annex-1

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

***Question No. 30. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate :**

(Notice received on 30-07-2015 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that bids were floated for privatization of OGDCL during the last year but the process was pended, if so, whether the same has been restarted?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: GOP did not float any bids for privatisation of OGDCL. GOP only initiated process for divestment of 10% of GOP's shareholding in OGDCL through International and Domestic Capital Markets in 2014. However, due to delay caused by PTI Dharna, volatility in the International Capital Markets and significant drop in oil prices, GOP decided to postpone the OGDCL offering.

GOP has not reinitiated the divestment through capital markets process as yet.

***Question No. 31. Senator Saeed Ghani :**

(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 11:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of assets of National Power Construction Company which has recently been privatized indicating also the market price thereof at the time of privatization;*
- (b) the amount get by the Government from privatization of said Company; and*
- (c) the details of terms and conditions of privatization of that Company?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The Audited Accounts for FY 2014-15 is in process. In the meantime, un-audited accounts for FY 2014-15 has been prepared and shared by the NPCC management.

NPCC has Net Assets amounting to Rs. 1,904 million.
(Net Assets = Total Assets — Total Liabilities)
(Rs. 1,904 million = Rs. 4,188 — 2,284 million)

NPCC is an unlisted company and is not tradable in stock exchanges of Pakistan. Therefore, market price for NPCC is not available. However, NPCC's Book value per share as per unaudited accounts of 30th June 2015 is PKR 952/- per share and the sale price of NPCC obtained through privatisation is PKR 1,420/-per share, which is 26.9% higher than the CCOP approved Reference Price *i.e.* 1,119/- per share, and 49% higher than the break-up value.

(b) GOP shall receive PKR 2,499,200,000/- for the sale of shares representing 88% shares of NPCC through privatisation.

(c) The detailed terms and conditions of NPCC are set out in the Share Purchase Agreement executed between the Seller (MoW&P), Purchaser and the Privatisation Commission as of August 21, 2015 (SPA). In terms of the SPA, the Purchaser has agreed to acquire the Sale Shares (representing 88% of the Sale Shares) from the Seller. Before affecting the transfer of Sale Shares and management control in the name of the Purchaser (Completion), the Purchaser is required to ensure that approvals from the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) and the existing lenders of NPCC (providing NOC for the transaction and releasing GOP from all its comfort letters/guarantees etc.) have been procured.

The Purchaser is required to make payment of the agreed sale consideration (less Earnest Money PKR 100 million already received) on the date of Completion or 30 working days of issuance of LOA. The LOA has been issued to the purchaser on August 12, 2015.

***Question No. 32. Senator Saeed Ghani :**

(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 11:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) the titles of laws / rules / regulations relating to transfer of foreign exchange out of Pakistan for investment purpose;*
- (b) the persons / organizations authorized to issue NOCs or grant permission to transfer the foreign exchange for the said purpose; and*
- (c) the details of NOCs issued or permissions granted by the concerned authority for transfer of foreign exchange from Pakistan for the said purpose exceeding to \$ 5 Million during the last five years?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Under the existing foreign exchange rules and regulations as contained in Foreign Exchange Circular No.12 of September 01, 2001, private firms and companies are required to seek prior approval of SBP before making equity based investment (other than portfolio investment) in companies (whether incorporated or not)/Joint ventures abroad on repatriable basis subject to guidelines contained therein. The aforesaid guidelines were implemented after approval of ECC and the Cabinet *vide* Case No. ECC-86/09/2001 dated July 31, 2001 and Case No. 67/9/2001, dated May 16, 2001, respectively.

(b) In terms of ECC decision (Case No.ECC143/13/2002) dated 29-08-2002, SBP has been authorized to approve the proposals of equity based investment abroad by resident Pakistanis (private sector), costing up to US\$ 5.00 Million. Proposals exceeding US\$ 5 Million require approval of ECC. However, proposals emanating from public sector corporations are dealt by the concerned ministry and decided by the ECC.

(c) Detail is annexed.

***Question No. 33. Senator Saeed Ghani :**

(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 11:25 a.m.)

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

(a) *the details of suspicious financial transactions reported by State Bank of Pakistan to FIA / NAB during the last 10 years with year-wise breakup; and*

(b) *the details of actions taken on those reported transactions by FIA / NAB?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The relevant institution is Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) and not State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The details of suspicious financial transactions reported by FMU to FIA/NAB since 2008 are as under:—

										Sr.	LEAS*	
Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year		
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015			
1.	FIA	27	51	104	80	81	71	49	48			
2.	NAB	11	2	15	26	21	20	19	11			

(b) **Action taken by FIA**

FIA has registered 97 cases. Out of these 97 cases, 15 cases are under investigation, in 31 cases conviction have been made, in 7 cases acquittal have been made whereas 44 cases are under-trial. Furthermore, 177 cases are in inquiry process and 224 cases have been closed due to non-violation of law.

Action taken by NAB

NAB has authorized 46 inquiries and 8 investigations while references in 5 cases have been filed in the courts. NAB has also recovered an amount of Rs. 714.112 million on Financial Monitoring Unit's referrals.

*Law Enforcement Agencies

***Question No. 34. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**
(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 03:31 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount of foreign remittances sent by the overseas Pakistani during the last two years with year-wise and country-wise break-up?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The amount of foreign remittances sent by the overseas Pakistani during the last two years is as under:

In Billion US Dollars	
2013-14	2014-15
15.83	18.45

Year and country-wise break up is attached as Annexure-A.

***Question No. 35. Senator Sardar Mohammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 17-08-2015 at 04:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 40, replied on 9th July, 2015 and state the names, place of domicile and place of present posting of the Deputy Superintendents in Customs Department whose promotion is overdue or who are otherwise eligible for promotion to the post of Superintendent Customs and the time by which they will be promoted?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: A combined list of Deputy Superintendents /Senior Intelligence Officers in the Customs Department and the Inland Revenue Department is enclosed at **Annex-1**. The ACRs / other required service particulars of the senior-most officials due for promotion are being collected from the concerned field formations. On receipt of the required record their cases will be considered by the DPC. It is expected that next DPC will be held in month of October, 2015.

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

***Question No. 36. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 18-08-2015 at 12:31 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms be pleased to state the names, designations and grades of employees of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics and PIDE University who have given extension in service more than once?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal : Mr. Muhammad Hussain, Additional Registrar (BPS--19) retired from service of the Institute on attaining the age of superannuation on July 03, 2014 was granted extension in service thrice.

Firstly, his services were retained by PIDE for a period of 06 months *w.e.f.* July 04, 2014. Secondly, his services were retained for 06 months *w.e.f.* January 04, 2015. His last extension was granted for a period of 03 months *w.e.f.* July 04, 2015.

***Question No. 37. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 19-08-2015 at 01.20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the details of implementation upon agreements of projects related to Pak-China Economic Corridor so far indicating also the locations of those projects; and*
- (b) the time by which the funds for the said projects will be obtained?*

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal : (a) Proposed Reply:—

Since the signing of the MOU in July 2013, four meetings of Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC), three meetings of each Planning Working/ expert Group and Transport Infrastructure Group and five relating to Energy Working / expert group and two relating to Gwadar Working Group have been held aside from other subsidiary visits and meetings. Many high level visits have also been exchanged in order to speed up the progress of implementation. Significant progress has been achieved in developing greater understanding of each others priorities, policy co-ordination, identification of early harvest projects, processing projects for implementation and long term planning.

During the 3rd Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC) meeting held on August 27, 2014 a list of Early Harvest Projects (EHPs) of Energy, Transport Infrastructure, other and Gwadar Port were identified and approved for implementation. A large number of agreements, memorandum of understanding, framework agreements, term sheets have been signed or soon to be signed for the implementation of these projects. List of EHPs along with implementation progress and location is attached at Annex-1.

(b) The Projects of CPEC valuing \$46 Billion will be implemented and financed through cooperative mechanism established under the CPEC framework. Negotiations for funding have also begun. However financing agreements shall be entered after awarding of EPC contracts. All energy projects are being developed in Independent Power Producers (IPP) mode

***Question No. 39. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-08-2015 at 11.00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that raw material for paper is being levied, if so, its reasons and the rate of tax imposed on same?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar:

CUSTOMS

It is stated that no new duty is being imposed on raw material for paper. However, the present tariff duty rate on raw material for paper is 2% which is the lowest duty slab.

INLAND REVENUE POLICY

No new tax has been levied on the raw-material for paper. However, sales tax has been levied at a reduced rate of 5% on waste paper falling under PCT heading 47.07 by inserting S.No.19 in the Eighth Schedule of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 through Finance Act, 2015. Prior to this, the local supply of waste paper was exempt under Entry No.14 of Table-2 of the Sixth Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1990.

***Question No. 41. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 25-08-2015 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount recovered on account of withholding tax (WHT) on mobile phone cards / recharges and other sources connected thereto during the last five years?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The amount recovered on account of withholding tax (WHT) on mobile phone card/recharges and other sources connected thereto during the last five year is Rs. 174.457 billion, as detailed below:

Tax Year	Amount recovered	(Rs. In million)	S.#
1.	2010-11	21,294.170	
2.	2011-12	31,885.543	
3.	2012-13	27,076.310	
4.	2013-14	51,119.235	
5.	2014-15	43,082.634	
	Total	174,457.892	

ISLAMABAD :
The 15th September, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

