

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 4th November, 2015

*Question No. 30. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 28-05-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Pakistani Missions abroad which have the facility to issue passports to overseas Pakistanis indicating also the number of passports issued by each of those Missions during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for issuance of the said passports?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Pakistani Missions abroad which have the facility to issue passports to overseas Pakistanis, alongwith the number of passports issued by each of those mission in the last five years, is as under:

Pakistan Missions No. of passports issued		Sr. No. List	of
Abroad	during 2010-2015		
01	Abu Dhabi	3,52,193	
02	Abuja	851	
03	Algiers	56	
04	Amman	7,513	
05	Ankara	938	
06	Astana	216	
07	Baghdad	1948	
08	Bahrain	62,410	

Pakistan Missions No. of passports issued		Sr. No. List	of
Abroad	during 2010-2015		
09	Baku	347	
10	Bangkok	1,513	

11	Barcelona	47,015
12	Brasilia	361
13	Brunei	1225
14	Brussels	9598
15	Bucharest	350
16	Budapest	105
17	Buenos Aires	428
18	Cairo	833
19	Chicago	8,249
20	Dakar	367
21	Damascus	987
22	Doha	93,822
23	Dushanbe	57
24	Frankfurt	25607
25	Harare	1590
26	Glasgow	2946
27	Houston	1833
28	Jakarta	641
29	Jalalabad	NIL
30	Jeddah	4,51,385
31	Kabul	NIL
32	Kandhar	NIL
33	Kathmandu	54
34	Kuwait	1,30,068
35	Kiev	548
36	Los Angeles	15,206
37	Madrid	36,628
38	Male	120
39	Manila	908
40	Milan	22,750
41	Moscow	371
42	Muscat	1,03,257
43	Nairobi	2,594
44	New York	39691
45	Ottawa	1443
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46	Prague	192
47	Phnom Penh	74
48	Pyongyang	01
49	Riyadh	681499
50	Sarajevo	19
51	Seoul	5666
52	Shanghai	789
53	Singapore	2118
54	Tehran	1330
55	Tokyo	5208

56	Tripoli	5047
57	Vienna	2561
58	Warsaw	698
59	Washington	15337
60	Yangon	66
61	Zahidan	137

(b) The passports are issued in accordance with the rules laid down in the “Visa and Passport Manual of 2006.

***Question No. 31. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 29-05-2015 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the normal period of posting of visa counsellors in Pakistan embassies abroad;*
- (b) *the names and date of present posting of the visa counsellors presently posted in China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan; and*
- (c) *the names of the said counsellors who have completed their tenure of posting but are still working there indicating also its reasons and the time by which they will be transferred back?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a) We do not have any designation with the name of Visa Counsellor in our Missions.

(b & c) The required details of the officers dealing with the visa matters are as under :

Name & Designation	Date of posting	Date of	Normal tenurt completion of tenure	of Posting	Mission
Beijing (China)	Mr. Asian Shafique, Counsellor (CA)	May, 2015	May, 2018	04 Years	
Guangzhou (China)	Mr. S.M. Hasan Akhtar, Vice Consul	09-08-2014	08-08-2017	03 Years	
Chengdu (China)	Syed Naveed Safdar Bukhari, Consul	23-06-2014	22-06-2017	03 Years	
Seoul (South Korea)	Asad Abbas Awan, Third Secretary	10-11-2014	09-11-2017	03 Years	
Dubai (UAE)	Mr. Javed Jalil Khattak, Consul General	09-09-2013	08-09-2016	03 Years	
	Mr. Noman Aziz, Counsellor	15-01-2015	14-01-2018	04 Years	
Abu Dhabi (UAE)	Ms. Faiza Haseeb, Second Secretary/Visa Officer	03-08-2014	02-08-2017	03 Years	
Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)	Mr. Shah Faisal Kakar, Counsellor	20-09-2014	19-09-2017	03 Years	
Jeddah (Saudi)	Majid Ali Awan, Consul (Visa)	Nov 2013	Nov 2016	04 Years	

Arabia)				
Tashkent (Uzbekistan)	Mr.Naveed Anjum, First Secretary	20-07-2012	01-09-2015 (relieving charge in mid November)	03 Years
Khartoum (Sudan)	Mr. Shahbaz Mustafa, Second Secretary	05-04-2012	03-04-2015 (replacement is under process)	03 Years

***Question No. 32. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 02-06-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications, experience, service group and place of domicile of the persons presently posted as visa counselors in Pakistan embassies in China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan; and*
- (b) *the details of complaints received against the said counselors, if any, during their present posting and the details of action taken thereon?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs : (a & b) We do not have any designation with the name of Visa Counsellor in our Missions. However, required information in respect of the officers who are dealing with visa matters is given at Annex-A:

***Question No. 33. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 30-06-2015 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the procedure laid down and educational qualifications prescribed for appointment of Chairman, Members, and other officers of the Drug Regulatory Authority?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: In accordance with the Section 14 of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 (1) the Authority , with approval of the Board, may create posts and appoint such officers, employees, experts and consultants, as it may consider necessary, for the performance of its functions in the prescribed manner. The criteria for recruitment and selection of employees and officers will be determined by the Board according to the rules as prescribed.

The DRAP Employees Service Regulations, 2015 containing the prescribed criteria for appointment of Chief Executive Officer, Directors and other officers in Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan have been notified *vide* SRO No. 49(KE)/2015 dated 21-04-2015.

An advertisement for filling up the vacant posts in DRAP has also been floated on 24-04-2015 in the leading Newspapers. The process of recruitment is under way.

***Question No. 34. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 27-07-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the office work of Pakistan Post has not been computerized so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for computerization of the said work and the time by which the same will be computerized; and*
- (c) the funds required for the said purpose?*

Minister for Communications : (a) The fact of the matter is that Pakistan Post has a large network of more than 12,000 Post offices including 83 GPOs both in the urban and rural areas in the country. Substantive efforts in this connection have been made to computerize counter services and shifting them on LAN based system in the General Post Offices (GPOs) in the country. Several of the financial services have also been shifted on Centralized architecture by using own budget. Presently, all of the General Post Offices (GPOs) are providing on line computerized services especially military pension payment, Provincial Taxes, Child Support Program, Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). Track and Trace System are working on LAN Based System. Moreover, Online system is also available for checking the delivery status of foreign articles as well as Express Post articles. Saving's Bank is about to be rolled out in all GPOs on Centralized Software.

(b) Computerization of all the Post Offices is a huge undertaking requiring development of hardware and software to be deployed at the gross root level. In this connection an extensive exercise is under way from this end to develop a viable and cost effective solution. A PC-I in this regard has already been submitted to Planning Commission through Ministry of Communications in the year 2015 which will help in the automation of all the Post Offices in phase wise manner.

(c) Rs. 7482.141 million.

***Question No. 35. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 30-07-2015 at 11:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount allocated for the National T.B. Control Programme during the fiscal year 2013-14 indicating also the amount spent out of the same; and*
- (b) the number of T.B patients in the country being treated under the said programme with city wise break up?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) A PC-I of Rs.44 Million has been approved by the DDWP but the Ministry/ P&D Division did not release funds for the year 2013-14.

(b) Summary at Annexure-A

*Question No. 36. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**

(Notice received on 20-08-2015 at 11.58 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether the Government has taken note of increasing incidences of illness due to changes in environment and climate in various parts of the country, and if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether the Government has conducted/supported any study/survey to ascertain the impact of climate change on human health in the country, if so, the details thereof indicating also the outcome of the same; and*
- (c) *the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) Yes, Government has taken note of increasing incidences of illness due to changes in environment and climate in various parts of the country. In this regard National Institute of Health (NIH) working under Ministry of NHS,R&C, regularly responds to food borne and waterborne outbreaks/epidemics all over the country and issues weekly reports (**Annex-I**) and Seasonal Awareness Alert Letter (SAAL) for every season in advance which shows the pattern of different infectious diseases (**Annex-II**).

(b) Ministry of Climate Change is the lead Ministry in this regard. However, international NGOs Sightsavers and Leeds conducted different studies of the effects of climate change on human health in Pakistan in collaboration with NIH. Outcomes of the studies have been shared with all the stakeholders including Ministries of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination and Agriculture & Climate Change. Salient recommendations of the studies are placed at (**Annex-III**).

The expert study and investigative report was prepared by the committee constituted by Ministry of Climate Change to investigate heatwave in Karachi. M/o NHS, R&C was represented by DG, NHEPRN in the committee.

(c) Steps taken by the M/o NHS, R&C are as under:—

- A National consultative meeting was held in Islamabad with all stakeholders to develop draft, National Action Plan for environmental health, (**Annex-IV**) and has been forwarded to provinces for their inputs.

- Punjab has developed provincial environmental health strategy whereas other provinces are in process of developing their respective strategies.
- NIH issues advisories/alerts /Guidelines to all stakeholders to frame effective and prompt mitigation plans to avoid its spread in the country for example during Climatic heat wave in Karachi, directions were issued to all the provincial health departments and specially Sindh province to declare emergency in all hospitals of Karachi and effected areas and to take prompt and appropriate measure to mitigate risk proposed by heatstroke advisory issued by M/o NHSR&C on heatwave was also shered with all provinces for strict compliance.

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

***Question No. 37. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**

(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:02 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased with reference to Starred Question No. 9, replied on 5th September, 2015 and state the steps being taken by the Government to ensure in letter and spirit implementation on guidelines of the Government of Pakistan for the use of injection safely in public and private hospitals in the country and the details of regulatory framework in this regard?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: The following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure/promote injection safety.

Steps Taken:

1. In public hospitals, provincial and federal government provides ample numbers of syringes for injections therefore chances of reuse of needles and syringes is negligible.
2. All EPI injections are given through auto-disable syringes making reuse impossible
3. Punjab health department has already implemented a program for infection control which covers safe injections.
4. In 25 high hepatitis risk districts of Pakistan, WHO is implementing infection control/injection safety campaign in collaboration with PMRC and Ministry of NHSRC.
5. Heavy duty WHO approved needle cutters and sharp containers have been supplied to all BHUs, RHCs, DHQ and THQ hospitals of these 25 districts along with infection control guidelines, handbook and posters on infection control.
6. Health care workers working on these facilities are also being trained on infection control and injection safety practices in these 25 districts.

7. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material including posters, brochures, pamphlets, and advocacy toolkit has been developed for raising the awareness on injection safety and shared with health staff.
8. Government of Sind has passed bill for use of auto-disable syringe in general use and other Provinces need to follow same after the 18th amendment.
9. Unsafe injections in private health settings and by quacks need to be tackled at the Provincial level and through anti-quackery act.

***Question No. 38. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 21-09-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps, taken by the government to promote biotech/GM crops in the agriculture sector as a means to bring food security in the country; and*
- (b) *the details, for fostering the crop improvement programs in the country?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: *(a) The Government of Pakistan through National Agricultural Research System (NARS) takes necessary steps to develop high yielding varieties of different crops through conventional breeding and biotech/GM technology in the country. Pakistan joined officially the club of Genetically Modified (GM) Crops growing countries in 2010. Among other crops Bt Cotton is the only GMO released in Pakistan.

*Thirty one Bt cotton varieties are approved for commercial cultivation so far.

*Biosafety Field trials for GM corn developed by Syngenta, Monsanto have been conducted, but the final approval for commercial release of GM corn is still awaited for clearance from Bio-Safety Commission.

(b) The Federal Government and Provincial Research Institutions are continuously making efforts for improvement of all crops including cereals, oilseeds, pulses, sugar crops and others through breeding and introduction of exotic germplasm and different hybrids in the country. The research institutions under NARS have developed 63 varieties/hybrids of different crops with high yield potential and tolerant/resistant to various biotic and a biotic stresses during last five years. The detail is as under:

Crops Varieties/hybrids Developed			S. No.
1	Wheat	23	
2	Sugarcane	2	
3	Sunflower	2	
4	Canola	7	
5	Rice	3	

6	Maize	5
7	Pulses	13
8	Fodder	8

***Question No. 39. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 21-09-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of HRD scholarships approved by the government, during the year 2013 to 2015; and*
 (b) *the percentage of the said scholarships allocated amongst the four provinces and federally administered areas of the country, during the said period separately?*

Mr. Muhammad Balighur Rehman: (a) During financial years 2013 to 2015, total 13 new development projects were approved at the cost of Rs. 13.48 billion. Out of this approved cost, an amount of **Rs. 1.067 billion** was approved for Human Resource Development for 113 PhD scholarship and 259 short term trainings.

(b) Region wise allocation of approved scholarships and trainings under these projects is as under:

HRD	Component approved		Region	
	PhD	Training	PhD	Trainings
Punjab	55	24	49%	9%
Sindh	10	10	9%	4%
KPK	33	0	29%	
Baluchistan	9	225	8%	87%
Gilgit Baltistan	2	0	2%	
Federal	4	0	4%	
Total	113	259	100%	100%

Project wise detail of allocation and scholarship is attached as Annexure-A.

***Question No. 40. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 22-09-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

(a) *the amount allocated by the government for annual recurring grant to public sector universities during the financial year 2013-2014; and*

(b) *the province-wise details of allocation of the above said grant?*

Mr. Muhammad Balighur Rehman: (a) For the financial year 2013-14, federal Government allocated an amount of **Rs. 39.000 billion** to Higher Education Commission on account of annual recurring grant to public sector universities and for National Research/Other programs. Out of the total allocation, **Rs. 32.435 billion** were allocated as annual recurring grant to all the public sector Universities/ Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and **Rs. 6.565 billion** for National Research/Other Programs.

(b) The province/region-wise allocation of annual recurring grant for the FY 2013-14 is as under:

Universities/HEIs of Province	Annual Allocation [Million Rupees]
Punjab	11,483.817
Sindh	8,348.770
KPK	5,119.049
Balochistan	1,440.900
sub-total (provinces)	26,392.536
AJK and GB	974.864
Federal Area	5,067.500
Total:	32,434.900

*Question No. 41. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**

(Notice received on 22-09-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps being taken by the government to ensure durability, sustainability and quality of the roads being constructed at present in the country at par with the international standards?

Minister for Communications: The steps being taken by the Government to ensure durability, sustainability and quality of roads being constructed at present in the country *at par* with the international standards are briefly given as under:—

- NHA has devised the general specifications to ensure material specifications are met promptly.
- In the General specification international standard has been introduced likely AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) and ASTM (American Society of Testing & Materials) which are the standards

setting bodies which publishes specifications, test, protocols and guideline which are being used in construction of all modes of transportations.

- NHA has a comprehensive system to ensure quality of work upto the specification/standard during construction. To ensure quality execution and to provide proper guidance to the contractor during construction, supervisory consultant (which are international/national well reputed firm) on each road project are being appointed whose primary responsibility is to ensure the execution of road construction work by the contractor as per specifications and standard and carry out checks and balance for quality controls issues. In spite of all above mentioned steps, NHA own management remains posted on each road project to monitor proper execution as per specification and standard.

***Question No. 42. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 22-09-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the details/ implementation status of the project of Havelian to Thakot section of the China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) indicating also the time by which work on the said project will be completed?

Minister for Communications: After technical the financial bid of the lowest bidder is under evaluation in P&CA Section of NHA. The project will be completed within three years from the date of commencement.

***Question No. 43. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 22-09-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Pakistani citizens killed by the Indian border forces during the last five years;*
- (b) whether any compensation has been paid by the government to the legal heirs of those killed in the said attacks; and*
- (c) the details of efforts made so far by Government of Pakistan to stop the violation of LOC?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) From 1 January 2010 till 22 October 2015, 87 civilians embraced shahadat and 407 were injured as a result of Indian ceasefire violations at LoC and the Working Boundary

(b) AJK government provides compensation to the shaheed and the injured under the 'Ceasefire Line Incidents Relief Act'. Family of the shaheed is provided Rs. 300,000 each, permanently disabled is provided Rs. 200,000 each and other injured Rs. 100,000 each.

(c) The Government has taken following actions:

- DG Pakistan Rangers held a meeting with DG Indian BSF in New Delhi from 9-12 September, 2015 to ensure peace and tranquillity along the Working Boundary. Both sides agreed to increase interaction for containing incidents of ceasefire violations.
- The Prime Minister of Pakistan proposed a four point peace initiative to establish peace with India in his address at 70th session of UN General Assembly. It included establishing ceasefire at the LoC and the Working Boundary. The Prime Minister raised the issue in his meeting with UN Secretary General on the sidelines of UNGA session and urged him to make UNMOGIP more active in observing ceasefire on LoC and Working boundary.
- Pakistan has raised the Indian ceasefire violations in the UN Security Council. Our Permanent Representative to the United Nations at New York has written a letter to the President of UN Security Council. It was emphasized that prolonged hostility at the LoC and the Working Boundary was vitiating the already tense atmosphere between India and Pakistan and was a matter of great concern. The UN Security Council was urged to impress upon India to restrain and refrain from such violations.
- The Indian High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner have been summoned several times to the Foreign Office and strong protests lodged.
- The Adviser to the Prime Minister on National Security and Foreign Affairs has briefed the Ambassadors of P-5 Countries about Indian ceasefire violations. The Adviser raised the issue in his meetings with Foreign Ministers of other countries during his visit to New York at the 70th session of UN General Assembly.
- Last year, the Adviser wrote a letter to the UN Secretary General urging him to play active role in impressing upon India to stop ceasefire violations at LoC and the Working boundary.

*Question No. 44. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 03:16 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the percentage of increase in the number of underage working children at various work places in ICT?

Reply not received.

*Question No. 46. **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a National Law University in the ICT with its campuses in the Provincial Head Quarters, if so, the amount spent so far on it;*

- (b) *the current status of the said University; and*
- (c) *the number of scholars who were sent for higher education in the field of Law for the purpose of their deployment in above said University?*

Mr. Muhammad Balighur Rehman: (a) Currently, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a National Law University in the ICT with its campuses in the Provincial Head Quarters.

(b) The project titled “Establishment of National Law University, Islamabad” was approved by CDWP in its meeting held on March 21, 2006 at a capital cost of Rs.415.00 million.

33 Scholars were sent abroad who have completed their study and returned back. Curriculum for 05 Years LLB degree course has been developed in consultation with the Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) and HEC. Rented infrastructure with allied facilities and managerial staff at Karachi, Lahore & Islamabad were fully equipped to initiate the activity of the university. However, the Project could not be continued due to non-issuance of charter by the Parliament. Hence, the project has been seized in accordance with the cabinet decision.

(c) A total of 33 (Thirty three) scholars have been sent for higher education in the field of Law for purpose of their development for the National Law University.

***Question No. 47. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 12:31 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government had announced various initiatives for EOBI's pensioners during the last three years; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the above said initiatives have not been implemented, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi : The Federal Government enhanced the amount of EOBI minimum pension from Rs 3,600/- per month to Rs. 5,250/- per month *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2015.

(b) The enhanced pension @ Rs.5,250/- per month is being paid to the EOBI's pensioners *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2015.

***Question No. 48. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 30-09-2015 at 09:13 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of diplomatic, legal and moral steps taken by Pakistan for the resolution of Kashmir dispute in accordance with the UN-Security Council's Resolutions and aspirations of the Kashmir on International Forums, during the last three years?

Minister for Foreign Affairs:

Efforts for the Resolution of Kashmir dispute

Pakistan's principled position on the settlement of Jammu and Kashmir dispute is consistent with the UN Security Council Resolutions, which provide for the final disposition of Jammu and Kashmir in accordance with the will of the Kashmiri people, to be determined through a free and impartial plebiscite under the UN auspices. Pakistan extends unflinching political, moral and diplomatic support to the just cause of the Kashmiri people for the achievement of their right to self-determination and shall continue to do so.

2. During the last three years, the Government of Pakistan has taken following actions for the resolution of the dispute in accordance with UN Resolutions on Kashmir:

Kashmir at UN

3. Prime Minister of Pakistan has made a strong case at the UN General Assembly sessions highlighting the Kashmir issue.

4. UN Human Rights Council Sessions are held thrice a year in Geneva. Pakistan has been availing the Council platform to highlight India's continued denial of the right to self-determination to the Kashmiri people, as well as, human rights violations being committed by the Indian security forces in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

5. In the 30th Session of UNHRC, held in September 2015, Pakistan underscored that it would continue to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiri people, in their just cause to achieve their right to self-determination and urged that the Kashmir dispute should be resolved in accordance with the relevant UNSC Resolutions.

Kashmir at the OIC

6. Pakistan sponsors a resolution on Kashmir every year, at the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) session. Similarly, resolutions on Kashmir dispute are adopted in at OIC Summits.

7. A Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir was formed in 1994 by the OIC. Pakistan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Niger and Azerbaijan are the members of the Contact Group. Its meetings are held on the sidelines of CFM and UNGA sessions.

8. The last meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu & Kashmir was held on the sidelines of the 70th session of UNGA in New York on 29 September 2015. The meeting was chaired by the OIC Secretary General.

Kashmir Black Day and Kashmir Solidarity Day

9. Kashmir Black Day is observed by Pakistan every year on 27th October and Kashmir Solidarity Day on 5 February, every year. We express our solidarity and moral, diplomatic and political support for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

10. In 2014, the Kashmir Million March was held in London on 26 October in which thousands of people participated, to express solidarity with the people of IOK. It started from the Trafalgar Square and concluded at 10 Downing Street and protested against the human rights violations by Indian security forces in IOK. It demanded the right to self-determination for the people of IOK. A petition was submitted asking the British government to impress upon India to resolve, the Kashmir dispute.

11. Diplomatic Corp based in Islamabad, particularly Ambassadors of P-5 Countries, is regularly briefed on the Kashmir issue. They are urged to play an active role in helping resolve this dispute in accordance with UN Resolutions.

***Question No. 49. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 01:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) the period of lease agreement of Gwadar Port made between the government and the Chinese company; and*
- (b) income and breakup of distribution of income between China, Pakistan and Balochistan province in respect of the said lease agreement?*

Mr. Kamran Michael : (a) The initial Concession Agreement was signed between GPA and Port Singapore Authority International (PSAI) On the 6th day of February, 2007 for forty (40) years. Later on 13th May, 2013 the Concessional Rights were transferred by PSAI to M/s China Overseas Ports Holding Company with the permission of Government of Pakistan.

(b) Gwadar Port Authority draws 9% of gross revenue each from Gwadar Port. International Terminal and Gwadar Port Marine Service and 15% of gross revenue from Free Zone Company when operational.

***Question No. 51. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja :**

(Notice received on 12-10-2015 at 05:27 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of road accidents took place in the country with province wise details of death caused and the number of persons injured due to the said accidents during the last five years?

Minister for Communications : Province wise details of accidents in the last five years is as under:

Province	Fatal	Non Fatal	TOTAL	Deaths	Injured
Punjab	249	197	446	349	949
Sindh	25	58	83	36	282
Khyber	27	8	35	38	132
Pakhtunkhwa					
Balochistan	3	8	11	5	20

2011

Province	Fatal	Non Fatal	TOTAL	Deaths	Injured
Punjab	192	171	363	310	925
Sindh	20	50	70	64	287
Khyber	19	7	26	29	91
Pakhtunkhwa					
Balochistan	8	4	12	14	22

2012

Province	Fatal	Non Fatal	TOTAL	Deaths	Injured
Punjab	218	187	405	363	904
Sindh	15	29	44	29	168
Khyber	11	10	21	22	76
Pakhtunkhwa					
Balochistan	12	7	19	23	63

2013

Province	Fatal	Non Fatal	TOTAL	Deaths	Injured
Punjab	165	166	331	234	711
Sindh	5	13	18	6	95
Khyber	17	9	26	23	54
Pakhtunkhwa					
Balochistan	20	11	31	45	62

2014

Province	Fatal	Non Fatal	TOTAL	Deaths	Injured
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Punjab	149	116	265	223	552
Sindh	61	11	72	195	296
Khyber	9	8	17	14	39
Pakhtunkhwa					
Balochistan	27	13	40	93	167

***Question No. 52. Senator Aurangzeb Khan:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:-

- (a) *whether the scope of NHA extends to FATA; and*
- (b) *the details of NHA projects completed in FATA during the last five years indicating also the cost of each project along with the details of future plans which the NHA intends to initiate in FATA?*

Minister for Communications : (a) Yes, the NHA has extended scope of work up to FATA

- (b) The detail of NHA project completed with cost of 8 billion Peshawar-Thorkham.

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd November, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 4th November, 2015

Question No. 1. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 29-09-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the government to improve the pricing mechanism of Agricultural yield for the farmers, during the last three years indicating also its details?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:

- Minimum Guaranteed Price of wheat is determined in consultation with the provinces.
- Agriculture Policy Institute works out cost of production of three major crops *i.e.* sugarcane, seed cotton and rice paddy and informs the provincial governments/relevant ministries for policy interventions.

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