

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Wednesday, the 19th December, 2018**

**\*Question No. 51 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 4/09/2018 at 9:15 AM) QID: 34875

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of persons working in Pakistan Railways with grade wise and province wise breakup; and*
- (b) the number of posts lying vacant in Pakistan Railways with grade wise and province wise break up indicating also the time by which the same will be filled in?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** (a) The total number of persons working in Pakistan Railways (BS-01 to BS-22) is 71863. Grade-Wise and Province wise break up is attached as Annexure-A.

(b) The total number of posts lying vacant in Pakistan Railway in BS-01 to BS-22 is 23748. Grade-wise and Province-Wise break up is attached as Annexure-B. Vacancies of essential categories will be filled on merit, in due course of time, as per approval of Establishment Division.

**\*Question No. 52 Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi:**

(Notice Received on 4/09/2018 at 9:15 AM) QID: 34874

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 80% railway tracks and bridges in the country have completed their life span, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for rehabilitation or replacement of the said tracks and bridges?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** (a) It is apprised that on an average 77.10% of track is overage. Following table represents that overage percentage of track on the system with respect to classification of track.

- i. Moreover there are 13959 Nos. Major & Minor bridges over the system the design life of which varies for different years. Although, 86% of Railways Bridges are more than 100 years old but regular process of maintenance, rehabilitation & strengthening of these bridges continues according to prescribed scheduled and at present all Pakistan Railways bridges are considered to be safe for train operation due to effective maintenance.
  - ii. The SOPs for inspection of bridges in accordance with the different schedules i.e monthly, quarterly, biannually and annually are followed.
- (b) i. Pakistan Railways has planned to upgrade Main Line-1 (except Khanewal-Shor Kot-Faisalabad-Shahdara Section) from Karachi to Peshawar via Lahore under CPEC, which includes up-gradation of the entire railway line, and dualization of track between Lahore to Peshawar via Rawalpindi, during next five years. However, 730 kilometer track has been rehabilitated/ partially rehabilitated through Complete Track Renewal, Sleeper Renewal and Rail Renewal under different PSDP Projects. PC-I for rehabilitation of Track and Bridges in Sukkur Division is in process.
- ii. Furthermore all the bridges are inspected annually as per schedule & minor repair are carried out departmentally in routine to ensure safety.
  - iii. Recently 230 bridges have been rehabilitated / reconstructed under various development projects.

**\*Question No. 53 Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 10/09/2018 at 10:30 AM) QID: 34962

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the acreage of Pakistan Railways land leased out at present with city wise and location wise breakup indicating also the name of leasee, nature of lease (commercial or residential) and the annual rent being received from the same in each case?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** An area of **15025.44** acres has been licensed/leased out for various purpose (premium shops, stacking, agriculture, parking stands & petrol pumps etc) during last ten years from January, 2008 to December, 2017. Province wise details are as under:-

Year wise details containing location, purpose, and revenue generation so far is enclosed as Annexure-A and B.

**Revenue generated during last 10 years through leasing.**

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

**\*Question No. 54 Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 10/09/2018 at 10:30 AM) QID: 34964

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of stolen goods recovered by the FIA during the last five years with case-wise break up;*
- (b) *the details of the said goods disposed off and procedure adopted for the same; and*
- (c) *the details of those goods still in the custody of FIA with case wise break up?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi: (a) 1.** As per FIA Act 1974 recovery of stolen property is not the mandate of FIA. However, following stolen material has been recovered by FIA. FIR No. 06/2018 dated 23-1-2018 & FIR No. 19/2018 dated 10-5-2018:-

**Details of WAPDA / PESCO stolen material recovered by FIA:**

- i. H.T Steel structures/poles (45 ft).....12 Nos.
  - ii. H.T Steel After structures/poles (36 ft).....04 Nos.
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  - ix. Brass patti.....22 Nos.
  - x. Gate Pass PESCO Peshawar.
- (b) Case under investigation.
- (c) As above.

**\*Question No. 55 Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**  
(Notice Received on 13/09/2018 at 10:30 AM) QID: 33866

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of manned and unmanned railways crossings in the country with location wise break up; and*
- (b) *the mechanism devised for repairing and maintenance of the said railway crossings, indicating also the period after which their maintenance is carried out?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** (a) There are 2777 Level Crossings on operational sections of Pakistan Railways (Manned = 1295 & Un-manned =1482). The division wise details are given below:- I

The location wise (Track KM No.) details of Manned & Un-manned Level Crossings are given in Annexure-A & B respectively.

(b) The inspection of Level Crossings (Track Portion & Road Portion) is carried out regularly, by the field Engineers & Supervisor, to maintain the Level Crossings as per prescribed standard. The track parameters are kept fully maintained as per standards for safe running of trains all the time. However, complete overhauling of all level crossings is carried out annually. In case of level crossings provided as deposit work, the road owning authorities are responsible to bear the cost for operation and maintenance of Level Crossings. The maintenance is carried out on the receipt of maintenance charges from the sponsoring agencies.

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**\*Question No. 56 Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**  
(Notice Received on 14/09/2018 at 2:15 PM) QID: 34986

*Will the Minister Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that restaurants in Islamabad Capital Territory usually charge high rates for eatables items, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Government has neither fixed rates for the said items in those restaurants nor has devised any mechanism for quality checking, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to fix rates and ensure quality of those items in the said restaurants?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** i. The prices of essential food items like roti, milk, yogurt, vegetable, fruits, meat, etc, listed in the schedule of “Prices Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act 1977” are fixed by the Islamabad Administration within its jurisdiction.

- ii. Other eatable items (Non-essential ones) are provided by the Restaurants. The law does not authorize the Islamabad Administration to fix the prices of edible items, served at the Restaurants.

(b) Quality Control is being strictly enforced through vigorous campaign on the spot physical checking and inspections of the Restaurants by the authorized officers of the concerned ICT Department, along with food Inspectors accompanying the magistrates and Assistant Commissioners. Samples of food and edible are collected for laboratory tests to determine their suitability for human consumption.

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- i. General hygienic and cleanliness of the restaurants is also checked and in case of deficiencies, such restaurants are fined by the magistrate.
- ii. ICT Health and Livestock Departments also carry out inspection in their respective areas of jurisdictions / responsibility.

The above mentioned administrative action are taken by the ICT Administration under “Pure Food Ordinance 1960” and “Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977” Summary of last one year inspection is given as under:-

(c) As explained above, fixing of prices of the edibles sold in the Restaurants is beyond the legal mandate of Islamabad Administration.

As for as the quality of edible items is concerned, an adequate mechanism is already in place and is fully operational under the given legal framework. All possible efforts are being made to ensure that the quality of edible items and food products is maintained by the Restaurants strictly in accordance with the prescribed standard.

This is being ensured through regular and strict inspection and legal action against the violators.

Further some, Islamabad Administration has also drafted “ICT Food Safety Act, 2018” for food security, which is under consideration of the Parliament at Committee stage.

\*Question No. 57 **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice Received on 18/09/2018 at 1:45 PM) QID: 34992

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the ground water level in Islamabad is lowering rapidly, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the decrease observed in the underground water level in Islamabad during the last five years wise year wise break up; and*
- (c) *the measures taken by the Government to control the lowering ground water level in Islamabad during the said period?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) Yes, it is fact that ground water level is lowering in Islamabad due to extensive pumping of ground water both by the Department & Residents to meet water requirement and less rainfall than normal.

(b) The year-wise average decrease of ground water level observed in Islamabad during last five year is as under:

Year	2013 Up to	6'-0
Year	2014 Up to	10'-0
Year	2015 Up to	16'-0
Year	2016 Up to	23'-0
Year	2017 Up to	30'-0

(c) In past no concrete measures were taken to facilitate recharging of aquifer. However, there is necessity to construct small reservoirs / ponding in existing natural streams, installation of recharging well to maintain the ground water level.

**\*Question No. 58 Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice Received on 18/09/2018 at 1:45 PM) QID: 34991

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of public parks in Islamabad specifically dedicated for men, women and families, separately; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that due to lack of security, public parks are not safe for women, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide proper security in the same?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) There are 213 Parks in Islamabad. These include 6 major parks, while all others are sectoral parks. All parks in Islamabad are public parks i.e. free of age and gender discrimination.

(b) No, it is not a fact. Capital Development Authority (CDA) is taking all steps within available resources to tighten the security of these public parks. In this regard, security staff is deputed in 4 shifts round the clock for strict watch and ward especially in major parks. However, due to shortage of security staff, some OGM's (Malies) are also deputed as security guards for security duties. Moreover, there is also presence of Police and Rangers around some major parks.

**\*Question No. 59 Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice Received on 19/09/2018 at 5:00 PM) QID: 35004

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the sentence of Dr. Shakeel Afridi, who has been convicted of treason in Pakistan has been reduced, if so, the details and reasons?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** Since, NACTA neither dealing with the treason cases nor relevant information is available with this office, therefore the said information is obtained from the office of Deputy Commissioner, District Khyber which is enclosed at **Annex- A**.

**\*Question No. 63 Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi:**

(Notice Received on 4/10/2018 at 3:35 PM) QID: 35058

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no passenger trains are being operated on the Sargodha-Kundian section; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to operate passenger trains on the said section, if so, when?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** (a) At present there is no passenger train being operated on Sargodha – Kundian section.

(b) We will consider the proposal of running a passenger train on Kundian-Sargodha Section when passenger coaches become available with Pakistan Railways. At present, there is acute shortage of passenger coaches.

**\*Question No. 64 Senator Kalsoom Perveen:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2018 at 2:00 PM) QID: 35063

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the rules, education qualifications and experience prescribed for recruitment of labour inspectors in the labour department, ICT Administration;*
- (b) *the names, date and mode of appointment of the labour inspectors working in the said department at present indicating also their educational qualifications and experience at the time of their appointment in each case; and*

- (c) *the number of challans submitted by the said labour inspectors during the last three years?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) As per recruitment rules of 31st March 1988, the post of Labour Inspector is required to be filled by promotion. If no official is eligible for promotion, the post shall be filled by initial appointment and failing that by transfer.

For initial appointment, a candidate should be F.A. F.S.c or equivalent and possess two years experience in the relevant field.

Appointment by transfer as Labour Inspector is made from amongst the persons holding appointment on regular basis under the Federal / Provincial Government in the same pay scale in which the post to be filled exists provided that the person concerned possess the qualification / experience for direct recruitment to the said post.

(c) The above mentioned Labour Inspectors have submitted 6102 Challans during last three years.

**\*Question No. 65 Senator Kalsoom Perveen:**

(Notice Received on 5/10/2018 at 2:00 PM) QID: 35062

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the educational qualifications and experience prescribed for recruitment of weight and measurement inspectors in the ICT Administration;*
- (b) *the names, educational qualifications, experience and date of appointment of the said inspectors working in that Administration at present; and*
- (c) *the details of challans submitted by those inspectors during the last six months?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) According to the Punjab Weights and Measures (International System) Enforcement Rules, 1976, a person can be appointed as Inspector, who is a Graduate in Physics and Mathematics from a recognized University. After selection as Inspector the candidate has to complete training in weights and measures the formal appointment is made. However, the condition of education is not applicable to a person who is promoted from the post of Assistant Inspector with the service of atleast 10 years in Grade - 9 or cumulatively in Grade - 9, 10 and 11.

(b) The Labour Welfare Department, Islamabad has not been provided separate post of Inspectors to be appointed under rules *ibid*. Since there is acute shortage of staff, the powers of Inspector, as mentioned in the said rules have been delegated / assigned to the existing Labour Inspector in the public interest. A notification to this effect, issued by the Chief Commissioner, ICT by exercising powers of the Provincial Government under President's Order No.18 of 1980.

The names and educational qualification etc. of the Labour Inspectors, who have been assigned powers under the Punjab Weights and Measures (International System) Enforcement Rules, 1976, are given below:-

(c) 250 challans submitted.

**\*Question No. 66 Senator Fida Muhammad:**

(Notice Received on 10/10/2018 at 10:05 AM) QID: 35072

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of the losses suffered by Pakistan Railways during the last five years and the steps being taken by the Government to make it a profitable organization?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** The year wise break up of losses suffered by Pakistan Railways during the last 5 years is given as under:-

**The Government is taking the following steps to make it a profitable organization:**

- (1) Will increase the Freight trains from 08 to 12 per day.
- (2) 10 new passenger trains introduced with available resources.
- (3) Installing prepaid meters in Railways Colonies.
- (4) Installing tracking system for efficient use of fuel, which would save approximately 1 billion of fuel.
- (5) Focus on earning through branding & marketing.
- (6) Dry ports system would be upgraded for better financial gains.
- (7) Pakistan Railways has earned 2 billions in the past three months than pervious year.
- (8) Our passengers have increased by 300000/= in last four months than previous years.

**\*Question No. 67 Senator Khushbakht Shujat:**

(Notice Received on 11/10/2018 at 1:00 PM) QID: 35076

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that all PTV Channels are running in loss, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the steps taken / being taken by the Government make the same profitable?*

**Mr. Fawad Ahmed:** Yes, all the TV channels of PTV are running in loss except PTV Home. Steps taken/Being taken to make PTV a profitable organization are appended below;

- i. Re-composition of PTV BOD with induction of members from private and corporate sector.
- ii. Strengthening of marketing department with clear bifurcation between sales and marketing.

- iii. 3rd party HR audit to determine rationalization HR requirements in accordance with modern broadcasting requirements.
- iv. Plugging of leakages and curtailing unnecessary expenditure.
- v. Procurement/production of popular marketing based programming.
- vi. Conversion of PTV network to HD from analogue.
- vii. Up-gradation of equipment for which allocation has been made in PSDP.

**\*Question No. 68 Senator Khushbakht Shujat:**

(Notice Received on 11/10/2018 at 1:00 PM) QID: 35077

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of officers and officials working in PTV at present; and*
- (b) the number of posts presently lying vacant in PTV with quota wise break up?*

**Mr. Fawad Ahmed:** (a) 4906 number of employees are working in PTVC in the following manner:

Regular employees	=	3979
Resource Person	=	0157
Daily wages	=	0238
Contract	=	0398
Professionals/Anchor	=	0134
Total		4906

(b) In PTVC 370 numbers of posts are lying vacant at induction level in pay group-1 to 4 due to promotions, retirements, resignation and termination. Present Quota position is attached **Annexe-A**.

**\*Question No. 69 Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot:**

(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:05 PM) QID: 35094

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down for issuance of arms licenses to general public;*
- (b) the details of persons who have been issued prohibited and non prohibited bore arms licenses during the last two years; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the prohibited bore arms licenses are not being renewed by NADRA at present, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be renewed?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) As per procedure, applicants, residents of ICT, AJ&K and GB, submit their applications alongwith copies of CNIC for NPB Arms License to Ministry of Interior. Ministry of Interior, after obtaining police verification and completion of codal formalities, conveys directives to NADRA for issuance of computerized arms license.

(b) During last two years i.e from 1st January 2017 to 7th November, 2018 a total of 5486 licenses of Non Prohibited Bore and four (04) licenses of Prohibited Bore have been issued to individuals.

(c) Yes the prohibited bore arms licenses are not being renewed by NADRA at present as per instructions of Ministry of Interior vide Notification, dated 26th December, 2017. However, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 18th October, 2018 has decided to constitute a committee, under the Minister of State for Interior, with representation from the provinces and public to deliberate upon the issuance, validity, extent and mode of issuing Prohibited Bore Licenses, in future, and suggest a way forward. The names of provincial and public representatives shall be finalized with the approval of the Prime Minister.

**\*Question No. 70 Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot:**  
(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:05 PM) QID: 35093

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of cases under process in NAB against illegal housing societies in Islamabad, with zone wise break up; and*
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy to regularized the said housing societies, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

**\*Question No. 71 Senator Rana Mahmood UI Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:30 PM) QID: 35097

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make the Pakistan Railways counter in the Parliament House Building functional on daily / regular basis, if so, the details thereof?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** There is Reservation Office in the Parliament House for the Honourable Parliamentarians. It get functional two days before the start of the session and work two days after the session as well. There is special quota for the respectable members of Parliament.

**\*Question No. 72 Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**  
(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:50 PM) QID: 35111

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the acreage and value of Railway land encroached upon during the last five years with year wise and district wise break up?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** A detailed survey was carried out in the context of Suo Moto case No.18/2011 to identify the details of encroached land un-authorizedly occupied by the individual encroachers Govt. & Defence Departments. An area of 5662.667 acres Railway land was found encroached on entire Railway system. Division wise detail is as under:-

- As a result of successful anti encroachment operations Pakistan Railway managed to retrieve/ regularize **3429.21** acres land from encroachers with the assistance of Railway Police & District Administration. Division wise detail of retrieved land till June 2015 is as under:-

\*Question No. 73 **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**  
(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:50 PM) QID: 35110

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that besides lack of facilities, like availability of water and light, the bogies are also insufficient in the trains operating between Quetta and Chaman, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the same?*

**Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:** It is not a fact that the trains are operating between Quetta & Chaman with insufficient facilities. Details are as under;

- Only one train, i.e., Chaman Passenger is being operated between Quetta and Chaman on daily basis and it completes its round trip from Quetta to Chaman and back in daylight. In summer season, actual rake composition of the train consists of 06-coaches (bogies) whereas; in winter season the train is running with 4-coaches due to less than 30% occupancy which is considered quite sufficient to meet the present requirement.
- All the coaches are intact with all public amenities like availability of water and electric lighting arrangements which are checked before departure of the train on daily basis and any deficiency is recouped accordingly.
- In the summer season, due to availability of sufficient day light, electric lights are rarely used. However, arrangements have been made to illuminate the coaches in case train runs after sunset. After the beginning of winter season, electric fans have been switch off since not needed.

\*Question No. 74 **Senator Khushbakht Shujat:**  
(Notice Received on 15/10/2018 at 9:35 AM) QID: 35100

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that development work has not been started in Sector I-12, Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the same will be started and completed?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** The development work of 05 Major Roads in Sector 1-12 was awarded in 2015. So far, the progress achieved at site is 76%. The Planning Wing, CDA is in process of revising the 'layout plan' of Sector I -12. However, the commencement of development work of entire sector would be possible in the current financial year (2018-19), subject to issuance of revised 'layout plan' and 'design' by the Planning Wing of CDA.

**\*Question No. 75 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 15/10/2018 at 11:05 AM) QID: 35107

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of complaints submitted in the cybercrime branch of FIA on account of illegal and unauthorized bank transactions through ATMs or other means in the country since January 1, 2018 with month wise break up indicating also the action taken on the same in each case;*
- (b) the details of persons apprehended in the said cases during that period;*
- (c) the number of the said complaints which are still pending in that branch; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to curb the menace of illegal transactions with collaboration of banks in the country?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a)The number of complaints submitted in the cybercrime Wing of FIA on account of illegal and unauthorized bank transactions through ATMs or other means in the country since January 1, 2018 with month wise break up indicating also the action taken on the same in each case is as under:

Total 1244 complaints have been received regarding unauthorized transactions through ATMs and Internet Banking Fund Transfer (IBFT) till 08-11-2018. Out of 1244 complaints, 524 have been converted into regular enquiries, 35 converted into FIRs and 463 are at verification stage in the Cybercrime Wing FIA.

- (b) 76 persons have been apprehended in the above said cases during the subject period.
- (c) 222 complaints are still pending in the Cybercrime Wing FIA.
- (d) State Bank of Pakistan is the regulatory body of all commercial/national banks as well as international banks in Pakistan with regard to any sort of transaction either cash or interbank. Therefore, State Bank of Pakistan is in better position to apprise about the measures taken in this regard. However, FIA is an investigation Agency and takes legal action on the receipts of complaints from customers of different banks involved in such illegal transactions from their bank accounts.

**\*Question No. 76 Senator Kalsoom Perveen:**  
(Notice Received on 16/10/2018 at 11:40 AM) QID: 35120

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of housing societies which have illegally occupied Government land in zone-4, Islamabad, indicating also the acreage of land occupied, action taken against the illegal occupants and land recovered from them so far in each case?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** There is only one housing society viz Farming Society Islamabad functioning in Zone IV Islamabad. No land is occupied illegally by the said Society.

**\*Question No. 77 Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**  
(Notice Received on 16/10/2018 at 11:45 AM) QID: 35149

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names, designations or professions of the persons whose names have been included in or removed from the Exit Control List during the last three years with province wise break up?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** Detail of placement /deletion of the individuals on/from ECL during the last three years as under:

Placement	1082
Deletion	3049

Province wise available detail are as under:

Punjab	451	Annex-I
Sindh	317	Annex-II
KPK	96	Annex-III
Balochistan	24	Annex-IV
AJ&K	14	Annex-V
GB	04	Annex-VI
ICT	38	Annex-VII
Not Known	138	Annex-VIII

**Placement:**

Province wise available detail are as under:

**Deletion:**

Punjab	1103	Annex-I
Sindh	613	Annex-II
KPK	179	Annex-III
Balochistan	92	Annex-IV
AJ&K	56	Annex-V

GB	13	Annex-VI
ICT	133	Annex-VII
Not Known	860	Annex-VIII

Further detail regarding designation /profession of the available individual may kindly be seen at above said flags annexed.

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

**\*Question No. 79 Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot:**

(Notice Received on 17/10/2018 at 3:45 PM) QID: 35140

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that foreigners working in Pakistan are facing unnecessary delays in extension of their visas, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the concerned agencies take too much time for verification in cases of extension of visas of foreign workers, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make the said procedure easy and smooth for those foreign workers?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) Visa extension to foreign nationals is granted after clearance from security agencies. However, if clearance is not received within six weeks stipulated time, then Ministry of interior grants visa extension after the approval of the Competent Authority. In case any observation is raised by any security agency, its clarification is obtained from the foreigner and conveyed to Security Agency. In such case extra time is consumed in the final disposal of the case.

(b) In some of the cases the agencies sends their response within stipulated six weeks / time. However, in some cases responses are received much later than six weeks. Further as explained against (a) above.

(c) Ministry of Interior is already in process of shifting to on-line visa application system which will ensure efficiency, simplify application procedures and will eliminate any irregularities in visa processing which will expedite the process of visa extension of foreigners in Pakistan.

**\*Question No. 80 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 19/10/2018 at 10:15 AM) QID: 35179

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a journalist was killed in Haripur on 16th October, 2018 on a account of a news item against the drug mafia, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in collaboration of*

*the Provincial Government to provide security / protection to the journalists in the country?*

**Mr. Fawad Ahmed:** This Ministry requested DPO Haripur to provide an update on the murder of journalist Sohail Khan.

In response, DPO Haripur vide his letter dated 6-11-2018 has informed that the journalist Sohail Khan has been murdered on 16-10-2018 allegedly by his cousin namely Ali Sher and Humayun Iqbal .

Motive behind the offence seems to be the deceased Sohail Khan admonishing Mr. Mussarat Iqbal father of the accused Ali Sher and Humayun Iqbal, on social media for drug selling. Ali Sher and Humayun Iqbal apparently felt insulted for publishing a news of his father arrest in drug case in media. Sohail Khan also had a history of animosity with his cousins.

DPO has further informed that a JIT has been constituted which in addition to other police officers also includes Mr. Zakar Khan Tanoli, President Press Club Haripur to ensure transparency in the investigation. Both the accused Ali Sher and Humayun Iqbal have been arrested and investigation is under process. (Annex-I)

## **STEPS BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO JOURNALISTS**

A high level Ministerial Media Security Committee was constituted in Ministry of I&B (**Notification is at annex-II**) which was maintained to undertake effective coordination with the respective provincial government (it is mandate of Provincial Government as far as security is concerned) along with media representative bodies (**APNS, CPNE, PBA and National press Club**) to provide necessary security cover to the journalist and media houses. The following steps were taken by the Committee:—

- The Police have been ordered to conduct a complete security Audit of all Media Houses in Pakistan.
- The Media Houses have been asked to install security equipment as per the recommendation of the local Police.
- The security guards of the media houses will be trained by the police.
- Panic Alert Button System has been installed in all media outlets in Islamabad.
- The Provincial Governments have been directed to replicate the Panic Alert Button System, devised by the Islamabad Police.
- In order to ensure security of media houses, the Federal Government has asked the provinces to constitute their own media security committees.

2. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has also established a Journalist Welfare Fund under the Journalists Welfare Fund Regulation, 2013 to provide financial relief to media persons who are wounded, crippled or killed in the line of duty during an act of terrorism.

3. The government is in the process of finalizing Journalists Welfare and Protection Bill -2017 at **Annex-III** which will ensure protection and security of the journalists and their families. As per directions of the Prime Minister, this Ministry is seeking input from the stakeholders e.g. M/o Interior, M/o Finance for further improvement in the Draft Bill. Once draft is finalized, it will be presented before the Cabinet for approval before submission in the Parliament.

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

**\*Question No. 82 Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 22/10/2018 at 2:50 PM) QID: 35161

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that heavy tuition fees are being charged from students in Federal Government Cantonment Garrison Educational Institution in violation of Article 25-A of the Constitution which provides for provision of free and compulsory education is all children between the age of five to sixteen, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the education will be provided free by those institutions?*

**Mr. Pervez Khattak:** The tuition fee being charged from the student> of FGEI (C/G) schools is as under: —

2. The above tuition fee is being deposited in Govt. treasury regularly. As for as provision of free education is concerned the same can only be provided if the Government provides sufficient funds in this regard.

**\*Question No. 83 Senator Muhammad Akram:**  
(Notice Received on 25/10/2018 at 10:15 AM) QID: 35183

*Will the Minister Interior be pleased to state the number of personnel of Frontier Corps and Frontier Constabulary posted in Balochistan separately with district wise break up indicating also the budget allocated for each of those forces during the fiscal year 2018-19?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** The number of personnel posted in Frontier Corps Balochistan (North & South) with district wise break up is at **Annex-A & B.**

Budget allocated during the fiscal year 2018-19 is at **Annex-C & D.**  
It is also pointed out that Frontier Constabulary is not present in Balochistan Province.

**\*Question No. 84 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**  
(Notice Received on 29/10/2018 at 3:35 PM) QID: 35192

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court of Pakistan has banned the telecasting of Indian programmes on Pakistani TV channels, if so, the steps taken by the Government so far to implement that decision and stop telecasting of those programmes?*

**Mr. Fawad Ahmed:**

Shalimar Recording & Broadcasting Company Limited (SRBC) and PT:VC Being National Broadcaster does not broadcast any Indian programming content.

**Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA)**

It is admitted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court while hearing H.R.C. No. 22753-S/2018 C.P. No.4267/2017 on 27.10.2018 has directed immediate stoppage of Indian content in the following terms:

***H.R. C No.22753-S/2018:***

Let PEMRA take strict action against the airing of Indian channels as per the law and a compliance report be accordingly filed.

***C.P.No.4267/2017:***

2. After hearing the learned Additional Attorney General, the operation of the impugned judgment /order is suspended.

2. Foregoing in view, all Satellite TV Channel Licensees, all FM Radio Station Licensees, all Distribution Service Licensees and all Landing Rights Permission Holders were directed vide letter dated 30.10.2018 to comply with the above decision of the Authority, as upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and immediately stop airing Indian channels / content. Copy of letter is placed at Annex-I.

3. Subsequently, all Satellite TV channels are being monitored round the clock and it has been observed that Indian content has been stopped by all TV channels.

**Background:**

The Authority, in its 120<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 19.10.2016, while reviewing the Programming Mix clauses of Satellite TV Broadcast Station Licence, FM Radio Broadcast Station Licence and Landing Rights Permission had unanimously decided **that in future no Indian content shall be allowed.** However, the channels were allowed to air 10 percent foreign content **except Indian content.** The same was communicated to all licensees, vide PEMRA circular No. 13(89)/OPS/015/1983 dated 19.10.2016.

2. The said decision of the Authority dated 19.10.2016, was assailed by M/s Leo Communications (Pvt.) Ltd. before the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, Lahore through Writ Petition No.2581/2017. The Hon'ble Lahore High Court, Lahore while allowing the Writ Petition through judgment dated 18.07.2017, had set aside the Circular issued by PEMRA and subsequently, the airing of Indian content was permitted.

3. The judgment dated 18.07.2017 of the Hon'ble Lahore High Court was assailed by PEMRA before the Hon'ble Supreme Court through C.P. No.4267/2017. The Hon'ble Supreme Court while hearing H.R.C. No.22753-S/2018 & C.P. No.4267/2017 on 27.10.2018 has suspended the operation of impugned judgment of Hon'ble Lahore High Court.

**Annex-I**

**\*Question No. 85 Senator Samina Saeed:**

(Notice Received on 7/11/2018 at 4:30 PM) QID: 35237

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of cases of honour killings of women registered in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) during the last five years; and*
- (b) the number of cases of acid throwing on women registered in the ICT during the said period indicating also the number of persons arrested in the same and present status of their cases?*

**Mr. Shehryar Afridi:** (a) During the last five years (01-01-2014 to 30-11-2018), no case of honor killing has been registered within Federal Capital. Report may be treated as Nil.

(b) During the last five years (01-01-2018 to 31-11-2018), a total number of two (02) cases u/s 336-B PPC of Acid Throwing has been registered within Federal Capital. In these cases, two (02) accused persons were arrested and sent to judicial custody. After completion of investigation, challan against them has been submitted in the concerned trial court where they are facing trial.

**\*Question No. 86 Senator Atta Ur Rehman:**

(Notice Received on 13/11/2018 at 3:30 PM) QID: 35261

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the details of reforms made in FATA after its merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions:** The details of Reforms made in FATA after its merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are annexed.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 18th December, 2018.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 19th December, 2018

Question No. 4 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:**  
(Notice Received on 12/10/2018 at 12:30 PM) QID: 35095

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the NADRA e-Sahulat centre established in the Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi has been closed, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reopen the said centre, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

Question No. 5 **Senator Samina Saeed:**  
(Notice Received on 16/11/2018 at 2:25 AM) QID: 35293

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of official accommodations of category-II in Sector I-8/1, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the number of applications received to CDA inquiry office in I-8/1 for whitewash and maintenance of the said accommodations indicating also the name of applicant, number/ addresses of the accommodation and action taken on the application in each case?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 18th December, 2018.*

AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*