

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 5th July, 2024

***(Def.) Question No. 5 Senator Falak Naz:**
(Notice Received on 8/05/2024 at 10:00 AM) QID: 41996

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of machines for the railway tracks available with Railway construction Pakistan, Ltd. (Railcop) indicating also the number of functional and non-functional machines out of the same?

Minister for Railways: No track maintenance machine is owned by M/s RAILCOP. However, being a subsidiary of Ministry of Railways, M/s RAILCOP under an agreement with Pakistan Railways operates and maintains track maintenance machines owned by Pakistan Railways.

***Question No. 8 Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri:**
(Notice Received on 29/05/2024 at 2:15 PM) QID: 42098

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to resume operation of Istanbul-Tehran-Islamabad railway/train, if so, when;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said train will use two tracks i.e. Rawalpindi-Rohri track and Rohri-Quetta-Taftan track, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) the present status of development work on Rohri-Quetta-Taftan track indicating also the names of districts of Balochistan which would be connected through the same?*

Minister for Railways: (a) The Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI) train service was initially operated in 2012 and lastly in 2020 for transportation of goods between the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) countries. The train is operated on the demand of the trading communities of the three countries. In this regard a high level working group (HLWG) regularly holds meetings for sustainable operation of ITI train and addresses any issue as per ECO direction. The next meeting of the HLWG is scheduled in September 2024 during which the agenda for the resumption of the ITI train will be discussed.

(b) The said train is operated on following route of Pakistan Railway network: Islamabad-Rohri-Quetta-Taftan.

(c) Following districts of Balochistan are already connected through existing railway line between Rohri-Quetta-Taftan Section:

- i. Sibbi
- ii. Kachi (Bolan)
- iii. Mastung
- iv. Quetta
- v. Chagai

Furthermore, the present status of Rohri-Quetta-Taftan Track is as under:

i. **Quetta-Taftan Section**

Ministry of Railways has already completed the feasibility study of Quetta-Taftan Section on 15-06-2019. Ministry of Transport, Russia has shown interest to finance the Upgradation of Quetta-Taftan Section for which a MoU was received in Ministry Railways in January 2024. After approval of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Railways shared the MoU with Ministry of Transport, Russian through MoFA on 22-02-2024 for their review and signatures. Embassy of Pakistan in Russian informed Ministry of Railways that the MoU has been signed on 07-06-2024 at Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum. After receiving the signed MoU the next steps will be taken accordingly.

ii. **Rohri-Sibi Section**

The PC-I of Rohri-Sibi section (212 Km) for track rehabilitation amounting to Rs.5,490 Million has been approved by CDWP on 07-06-2024.

***Question No. 9 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**
(Notice Received on 31/05/2024 at 9:53 AM) QID: 42108

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the CDA has not established depots for public transport buses to be received from China in upcoming months, if so, the reasons thereof, indicating also the time by which the same will be completed?

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: A bus depot with charging facility has been established at Jinnah Convention Center for charging of Electric buses received in 1st batch. Moreover, a charging facility at Bus Depot in Sector H-9 is also being developed to cater for the 2nd batch of 70x Electric-buses and would be made operational after one month of mandatory driver's training.

The bus depots at Taramri, I-9/H-9 and Zero Point were tendered twice, but unfortunately, the bids received were on a significantly higher than estimated cost and were therefore canceled. These depots will be tendered again shortly and are expected to be completed within a period of five (05) months.

***Question No. 10 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**
(Notice Received on 4/06/2024 at 3:40 PM) QID: 42120

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to complete the "Kurry Enclave" through joint venture, if so, the details thereof indicating also the expected time of its completion?

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: There is a proposal under consideration to develop "Kurry Enclave" through Joint Venture.

Expression of Interest (EOI) was called from interested parties through Advertisement on 11-02-2024. In response, 08 parties submitted their applications.

Amended draft of Joint Venture Rules has been prepared and forwarded to Ministry of Interior on 25-06-2024 for vetting by Law & Justice Division. Request for proposal (RFP) documents are under preparation.

After finalization of RFP document and approval of Joint Venture Rules by Cabinet, the process for selection of successful candidate for joint venture will be started.

Expected time of completion of project is two years.

***Question No. 11 Senator Fawzia Arshad:**
(Notice Received on 4/06/2024 at 3:41 PM) QID: 42119

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish NADRA offices at union council level in the country for issuance of CNICs to the people, if so, the details thereof?

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: NADRA has prepared a comprehensive phase-wise 34 months plan, starting from limited NADRA services at **1,150 UCs** in first **10 months**; aimed at augmenting citizen registration by extending its **operational footprint** to union councils (UCs) level throughout Pakistan. Following services will be extended;

- Child registration certificate (CRC) – **Form B**
- Cancellation of NIC due to death (CD)
- NIC reprint/lost

Due to prospective **limitation** of **equipment, HR** and **infrastructural** requirements across **NADRA** and **UCs**, approximately **34 months** are required to **extend NADRA** counters across **all UCs** in Pakistan.

PRE-PILOT DEPLOYMENT

To validate the proof of concept, NADRA has deployed Mobile registration van/Bike service at 45 UCs in various districts across Pakistan.

***Question No. 12 Senator Sarmad Ali:**
(Notice Received on 12/06/2024 at 5:44 PM) QID: 42141

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government to allocate advertisements to the newspapers and television channels; and*
- (b) the amount given by the Government to those newspapers and television channels separately during the last five years with year-wise breakup?*

Mr. Attaullah Tarar: Print Media (a) Federal Public Sector Advertisements are released in terms of regulatory book “Chapter-I (Advertisements), Volume-I, Common Services Manual published by Pakistan Public Administration Research Centre, Management Services Wing, Establishment Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad in 1997” and other policy letter on the subject as per following criteria:- **(Annex-‘A’)**.

- (a). while releasing advertisements to the press, the primary consideration is to obtain maximum publicity for the message contained in the advertisement. The advertisements are released in a judicious and transparent manner in accordance with the specific requirements of the sponsoring organizations and the disbursement of advertisements is ensured fairly to both the national and regional press under a broad-based comprehensive, objective and balanced policy. Factors like placement of any publication on Combined Media List (CML), circulation, standard, presentation, value, regularity and popularity of a publication forms an important yardstick for releasing the Federal Public Sector advertisements”.

The Federal Government Advertisement Policy 2021 (as amended in year 2022) is the guiding policy document while releasing the Federal Government Advertisement (**Annex-‘B’**).

Details of Federal Government advertisements amount released through Print / Electronic Media to the newspapers and Television Channels during the last five financial years is as under:-

| S. No. | Medium | Amount in PKR |
|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Print Media | 9,486,682,855/- |
| 2. | Electronic Media | 6,581,486,250/- |
| 3. | Total | 16,068,169,105/- |

Further Publication / TV Channel-Wise details are placed at **Annex-C&D**.

(Annexures have been placed in Library and on the Table of the Mover Concerned Member.)

***Question No. 13 Senator Sarmad Ali:**

(Notice Received on 12/06/2024 at 5:45 PM) QID: 42139

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the names of newspapers on the combined media list in the country?

Mr. Attaullah Tarar: The requisite details are placed at **Annex-I**.

(Annexures has been placed in Library and on the Table of the Mover Concerned Member.)

***Question No. 14 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 26/06/2024 at 3:08 PM) QID: 42149

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no pipe line has been laid for water supply to the residents of Sector I-14 despite the fact that pipes are laying in open and rusting for more than 5 years, if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide water supply to the said sector from the tube wells established in the adjoining Sector I-15, having no constructed houses by the allottees, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?*

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: (a) It is stated that internal water supply lines have already been laid in maximum areas of sub-sector A-4/I, I-14 Islamabad. Water supply lines have been laid and handed over to water supply Directorate, CDA, however, peripheral main lines have not been laid in Sector I-14 along side Service Road North, due to illegal land possession. Furthermore, work on main conduction line from Shah Allah Ditta Reservoir (main source of water) is also held up due to non-availability of safe land possession, in five pockets at different locations and the contractor of subject project has also filed a Civil Suit No.01/2016 in Civil Court. Efforts have been made by this office through the Land & Rehabilitation Directorate, CDA for arranging safe land possession enabling this office to complete the remaining work. However, as an alternate source, portable water to the residents of sector I-14 is being supplied through CDA water tankers.

(b) It is submitted that electrical resistivity survey (ERS) has been conducted in the respective sector from time to time. However, as per ERS report, conducted through geological expert, the underground water potential in the area is insufficient for installation of tube wells. It is further added that Sector Development Directorate, I-15 has called tender for installation of 03 tube wells in Sector I-15, which will be a test case and if its succeeded, water supply will be provided to the residents of said area.

***Question No. 15 Senator Shahadat Awan:**

(Notice Received on 26/06/2024 at 3:09 PM) QID: 42147

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that CDA has not handed over possession of plots to the allottees in Sector I-15, Islamabad despite a lapse of more than twenty years, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the allottees will be handed over possession of their plots in that sector?

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: CDA has started handing over possession in Sector I-15 since 1-7-2024.

In the first instance, the possession is being handed over in sub-sector I-15/3 and I-15/4, Islamabad.

***Question No. 16 Senator Shahadat Awan:**
(Notice Received on 26/06/2024 at 3:10 PM) QID: 42148

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that street lights have either not been installed or non-functional (where installed) in Sectors in I-14 and I-16, Islamabad, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the same will be installed there and to make functional those which are out of order or not operational?

Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi: It is stated that at Major roads of Sectors I-14, Islamabad, the street lights have been installed and are functioning properly except Service road West and Double road where infrastructure has been installed and cable network laid; only lights fixture are remaining which will be installed in 2-3 weeks *i.e.* upto 20th July 2024. Moreover, in rest of the area *i.e.* internal streets of I-14 & I-16, Islamabad a U plan is under process for approval. As and when U Plan is approved and funds are allocated, the work will be started after call of tenders.

ISLAMABAD,
the 4th July, 2024

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.

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Question No. 3 Senator Hidayatullah Khan:
(Notice Received on 31/05/2024 at 3:00 PM) QID: 42115

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether any action has been taken against those hotels situated on Faizabad Islamabad Club Road who have established parking areas on green belts during the last one year, if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 4th July, 2024

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Secretary.