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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Friday, the 22nd January, 2010

(Originally Starred Question Nos. 17, 40, 41, 45, 49 and 59 were set down for answer on 14-01-2010)

17. *Sheikh Salahuddin:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that increase in the price of LPG has been made during the recent past; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal to take back the said increase; and*
- (c) the number of time prices increased alongwith the amount of increase made in the petroleum products during the year 2008-09?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) As per prevailing policy of the government, the Prices of LPG are de-regulated and as such no increase in price of LPG has been made during the recent past.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Detail of revision in prices of petroleum product: since July 2008 is annexed.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library).

40. *Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:

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

- (a) the location of construction of Toll Plazas constructed by CDA on entry and exit points in Islamabad alongwith the dates thereof;*
- (b) head-wise total cost incurred on the construction of those Toll Plazas; and*

(c) *the name of the construction companies who constructed those plazas?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Toll Plazas in Islamabad are located at the following three sites:

- (i) Islamabad Express Way near Rawat.
- (ii) I.J.P. Road near Railway Carriage Factory in I-11 Sector.
- (iii) Kashmir Highway near Golra More.

(b) Head-wise total cost incurred by the private companies as per their financial bids is given below. The contract had been awarded by CDA to two private companies on BOT (Built-Operate-Transfer) basis for a term of five years:—

(Rupees in Million)

S. #	Description	Islamabad Expressway and IJP Road	Kashmir Highway (Golra More)
(i)	Building and Road Works	176.667	147.825
(ii)	Installation of Equipment	6.000	17.381
(iii)	Security System	4.286	3.410
Total		186.953	168.616
Grant total		355.569	

(c) Name of construction companies are as under:—

(Rupees in Million)

S.#	Toll Plaza	Name of Company
(i)	Islamabad Expressway	(i) M/s. Tollink (Pvt.) Ltd.
(ii)	IJP Road	-do-
(iii)	Kashmir Highway	(ii) M/s. Signage Security Systems (Pvt.) Ltd.

41. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that Brick Kilns in Islamabad are causing environmental pollution;*

- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to control said pollution; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to devise a policy to shift brick kilns from populated areas in the country to open places if so, the details thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Yes.

(b) Under Pakistan Environment Protection Act, 1997, Pakistan Environmental Protection Authority, Ministry of Environment is a regulatory body and the pollution control authority for the Federal Area. They have initiated some actions and issued Environmental Protection Order (EPO) against some of the brick kilns and also held a number of meetings under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Islamabad. CDA provides possible assistance in enforcement measures to Pak EPA and ICT, whenever requested.

(c) A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Commissioner, Islamabad. A number of meetings have been held with the owners of the brick kilns and they agreed to shift their brick kilns from the populated areas to the open places in Islamabad if the government provides compensation. It was decided in the meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Commissioner, Islamabad send the case to the Ministry of Interior for arranging the funds for payment of compensation. As far as the action on national level is concerned, it is the concern of Ministry of Environment is pursuing it with the Provincial/Local Governments.

45. ***Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

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

- (a) *the land allocated to private sector by the Federal Land Commission during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 after resolving the land dispute alongwith locations thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of land cases under consideration by the Commission at present?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Federal Land Commission has not allocated any land to the private sector in the years 2007-08 and 2008 -09.

(b) At present 125 cases of Land Reforms are under consideration of the Federal Land Commission.

49. ***Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

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

- (a) the total number of agriculture farms given on lease in Islamabad during the last six months;*
- (b) the total number of farms amongst them which were given on lease without auction alongwith the reason thereof;*
- (c) the names and the addresses of allottees of those farms; and*
- (d) the authority which approved the said lease?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Three agriculture farms have been given on lease in Islamabad during the last six months.

(b) All the above mentioned farms have been given on lease without auction. They were allotted to the Affectees of Islamabad under the Rehabilitation Policy, 1996.

(c) The names and addresses of the allottees of these farms are at **Annex 'A'**.

(d) The authority which approves such leases is CDA Board. The case for such lease is scrutinized by the Allotment Scrutiny Committee and recommended to the Board for approval

Annex-A

**A LIST OF AGRICULTURE FARMS GIVEN ON LEASE
IN ISLAMABAD DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS.**

S.No.	Plot No.	Board Approved on	Date of allotment	Name of Allottees
1.	61-C 2.50 acres	28-10-2008	30-3-2009	Mr. Kamran Yaseen S/o Muhammad Yaseen, legal heir of Ghulam Jellani, Affectee of Village Pindori, Islamabad.
2	78 2.50 acres	28-10-2008	14-10-2009	Mr. Najam Yaseen S/o Muhammad Yaseen, legal heir of Ghulam Jellani, Affectee of Village Pindori, Islamabad.
3.	64-A 2.50 acres	28-10-2008	28-09-2009	Malik Shahzada Noon & others, Legal heirs of Foujdar S/o Muhammad Fazal, affectees of Village Noon, Tehsil and District, Islamabad.

59. ***Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

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

- (a) the prescribed criteria for checking the quality of construction and maintenance of roads in Islamabad;*
- (b) whether any fine has been imposed on those contractors during the last five years who failed to observe the said criteria; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) the contractors amongst the above who have been black listed during the said period?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) CDA has its own mechanism for quality control of roads construction and maintenance projects through a well equipped Central Engineering Laboratory. A team of engineers and experienced professionals takes care of the quality of materials being used in the development projects as well as their execution as per standards of quality. CDA has constituted a "Quality Control Committee" comprising competent and experienced engineers.

(b) As per standard practice, the contractors are allowed to use only the material which conforms to the required standards as per specifications laid down in the contract. Any sub-standard material or work which does not fulfill the prescribed specifications gets removed from the site and the work is redone according to the set standard on the expense of the contractor. Payment is only made for the work conforming to the quality and as such imposition of fine is not required.

(c) As explained above, sub-standard works performed by the contractors have been rectified by them and therefore, none of the contractors has been black-listed on account of sub-standard work.

147. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

148. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day*

149. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

150. ***Ms.. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure and the authority who issues licence to the bottlers of potable water in the country alongwith the fee thereof;*

- (b) *the procedure of checking quality and standard of the said water;*
- (c) *whether any company has been black listed; if so, the names of those companies; and*
- (d) *the minimum standards of potable water in mineral composition?*

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati): (a) The licence issuing authority is Director General, Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), under section 14 of PSQCA Act VI of 1996. The procedure for issuing licence is as under:

- (1) The PSQCA in terms of PSQCA Act is to regulate the article notified by the Federal Govt. for their quality.
- (2) Manufacturers applies for Grant/Renewal of Certification Mark (C.M) licence alongwith application fee of Rs. 1000/- and licence fee of Rs. 5,000/- for each brand, in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft:
 - (a) The regional office then deposes Field Officer for inspection of the unit.
 - (b) Field Officer checks their manufacturing capability and Quality Control infrastructure.
 - (c) Three random samples are collected from the unit and sealed. The sample No.1 is sent for testing to an Independent lab, the second is retained in the unit and the third is kept by the authority.
 - (d) During the inspection, Field Officer also tests the sample in unit Laboratory as per relevant Pakistan Standards. If the sample fails, the unit is advised to remove the defects and inform this office for re-sampling.
 - (e) Upon receipt of test report from independent lab and after analysis, if it conforms to Pakistan Standards, the case for C.M licence is submitted to Director (CA) for further necessary action.
 - (f) The Director (CA) office re-examine the case and forward to the Director General, PSQCA for approval. On approval from Director General PSQCA, the C.M licence is issued to the unit.

(b) The licence holders of PSQCA are being monitored through quarterly inspection, sampling programme and testing of open market samples. The PSQCA has formulated Pakistan Standard for Bottled Drinking Water e, g PS: 4639/2004(R).

(c) Nil

(d) The mineral composition in potable water as prescribed in PS: 4639/2004(R) are as under:

S. No.	Mineral	Limit
i	Chloride (Cl)	250 ppm, max.
ii.	Sulphate (SO ₄)	250 ppm, max.
iii.	Potassium (K)	10 ppm, max.
iv.	Sodium (Na)	50 ppm, max.
v.	Magnesium (Mg)	50 ppm, max
vi.	Calcium (Ca)	100 ppm, max.

151. ***Rana Mahmood -ul- Hassan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to provide financial assistance to the victims of terrorism in the country under BISP with the collaboration of foreign countries and national/international charity organizations;*
- (b) *if so, names of the those countries/organizations with whom negotiation for funds raising for the said Programme is under progress alongwith its status at present: and*
- (c) *the time by which the said Programme will be launched?.*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Benazir Income Support Programme (BISF) has already launched the programme, Emergency Relief Package (ERP) for bomb blast victims /incidents of terrorism. No proposal is under process to collaborate with any foreign country and national/international charity organization.

(b) No negotiation is under process.

(c) The programme has already been launched from 28th March, 2009.

152. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to send manpower abroad for employment through Overseas Employment Promoters;*
- (b) *if so, the total number of persons to be sent for said employment alongwith the name of countries thereof; and*
- (c) *the total number of manpower already sent abroad for employment the during last five years alongwith the name of countries thereof?*

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):

(a) Ministry of Labour and Manpower issue the licences to Overseas Employment Promoters to conduct manpower export business and secure demands for employment abroad. Recruitment against the specific demands received from abroad is a continuous process.

(b) It is the policy of the government to take measures for increasing/promotion of the manpower export. The number of workers depends upon the requirement of foreign employers and government of that country. It is therefore, not possible to quote a particular figure for any particular country.

(c) 1446201 workers were registered for employment abroad with the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment and 5,405 persons were sent by the Overseas Employment Corporation during the last five years for different countries. The country wise detail of workers is annexed as Annex-A &B.

Annex-A

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF WORKERS REGISTERED FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION & OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD 2005-2009 (COUNTRY-WISE)

S.#	Countries	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
1	U.A.E.	73642	106207	139405	221765	140888	675908
2	Algeria.	0	1	5	37	73	116
3	Angola.	0	10	70	68	379	527
4	Bahrain.	1612	1630	2615	5332	7087	18876
5	Brunei.	71	77	56	66	74	344
6	Gaben.	0	6	1	0	1	8

7	Gen-Island.	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Greece.	30	36	6	12	14	98
9	Guinea.	2	12	5	5	2	26
10	Hong Kong.	12	16	16	22	20	86
11	Iran.	6	3	3	3	3	18
12	Iraq.	0	0	0	0	1	1
13	Jordan.	102	43	67	106	55	373
14	Kenya	1	7	0	7	6	21
15	Kuwait	7185	10545	14544	6250	1542	40066
16	Libya.	261	67	450	940	1293	3011
17	Lebanon.	4	4	8	18	16	50
18	Malaysia.	7690	4757	1150	1756	2435	17828
19	Nigeria.	25	55	57	105	125	367
20	Oman.	8019	12614	32474	37441	34089	124637
21	Qatar.	2175	2247	5006	10171	4061	23660
22	Saudi Arabia.	35177	45594	84587	138283	201816	505457
23	Sierra Leone	0	7	3	4	0	14
24	Sudan.	360	140	128	60	109	797
25	Singapore.	6	8	11	16	39	80
26	Somalia.	1	1	4	2	4	12
27	Spain.	290	183	176	85	16	750
28	Tanzania.	65	39	41	65	75	285
29	Tunisia.	0	0	3	7	0	10
30	Uganda.	1	0	0	12	4	17
31	U.K.	1611	1741	1111	756	555	5775
32	U.S.A.	238	202	297	232	184	1153
33	Yemen.	81	127	163	151	241	763
34	West Africa.	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	South Africa.	38	65	45	93	314	555
36	Zambia.	5	1	4	11	30	51
37	Japan.	22	53	33	45	48	201
38	South Korea.	1970	1082	434	1534	985	6005
39	Croatia.	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Turkmenistan.	109	10	5	97	20	241
41	Cyprus.	32	111	206	129	144	622
42	Turkey.	0	2	7	3	2	14
43	China.	154	435	300	172	312	1373
44	Cameroon.	0	0	1	0	0	1
45	Morocco.	0	0	4	1	1	6
46	Italy.	551	431	2765	2876	5416	12039
47	Sweden.	19	3	3	8	21	50
48	Switzerland	2	4	9	15	15	45
49	Syria	4	80	1	3	7	95
50	Germany	2	8	5	6	9	30
51	Azerbaijan	2	4	3	10	10	29
52	Others	562	523	709	934	965	3710
	Total:	142135	183191	287033	430314	403528	1446201

Annexure "B"

OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CORPORATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SENT ABROAD COUNTRY-WISE
DURING LAST FIVE YEARS BY OEC

S.No.	Country	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
1	Angola	-	1	-	-	-	1
2	Bahrain	-	1	-	8	-	9

3	Eritrea	-	17	-	-	-	17
4	Ethiopia	1	20	-	-	-	21
5	Ghana	-	1	-	-	-	1
6	Indonesia	-	-	-	-	1	1
7	Kuwait	-	-	4	1	-	5
8	Libya	26	1	-	13	4	44
9	Malaysia	17	80	8	53	27	185
10	Oman	20	46	96	139	226	527
11	Qatar	1	27	8	-	-	36
12	Saudi Arabia	621	485	179	212	80	1577
13	South Korea	-	-	-	770	480	1250
14	U.A.E.	508	404	379	332	108	1731
Grand Total:		1194	1083	674	1528	926	5405

153. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

154. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti;**

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

- (a) *the total number and names of private TV channels whom licences have been issued by PEMRA; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that certain private TV channels are functioning in the country at present without licenses; if so, the names of those channels?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting: (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira): (a) At present PEMRA has issued 83 licences to private TV channels out which 62 channels are operational. List is attached at **Annexure — I**. PEMRA has also granted Landing Rights Permission to 28 Foreign Channels through their subsidiary company established in Pakistan. List is attached at **Annexure — II**.

(b) There are a few private TV channels that have not so far been granted licences, however, they are functioning in the country at present

without licences. List of such channels alongwith comments is attached at **Annexure — III.**

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library).

155. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

156. ***Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CDA has invested a huge amount in Islamabad Stock Exchange; if so, the amount thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that CDA has suffered loss in the said investment; and*
- (c) the reasons for making the said investment?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) (b) and (c) CDA has not made any investment in Islamabad Stock Exchange.

157. ***Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that complaints against U-fone, Mobilink, Telenor and Wand Mobile Phone Companies for substandard services were received during the last 5 years; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) the action taken against those companies alongwith the relief given to the subscribers?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) PTA's Consumer Complaint Cell received 4737 number of complaints on poor quality of mobile services from the consumers for the period under review.

Details of the same are enclosed at **Annex-A** please.

(b) (i) All the above stated complaints were taken up with the concerned operator promptly on case to case basis. The same were redressed and the subscribers were intimated with the redressal measures to seek their satisfaction on the matter.

(ii) Where ever it was deemed necessary by the Authority, the operators were directed to enhance coverage quality by installing additional infrastructure for the said areas ensuring QoS as per license conditions.

(iii) On the basis of complaints a comprehensive Quality of Service survey was conducted through out the country and PTA has recently issued show cause notices to all such companies accordingly and in case the allegations are proved, action under provisions of the Act will be taken.

Annex A

Year wise breakdown of Complaints against CMTOs on QoS Issues

COMPANY/YEAR	MOBILINK	UFONE	WARID	TELENOR	Total
2005	250	105	77	33	465
2006	540	400	200	196	1336
2007	500	395	397	280	1572
2008	150	170	100	115	535
2009	180	225	77	105	587
Total	1680	1355	913	789	4737

158. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

159. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

160. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the construction of new Housing Colonies for Overseas Pakistanis;*
- (b) the amount received so far from those Pakistanis alongwith total number of those Pakistanis; and*
- (c) the break-up of development and non-development expenditure of the said amount?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis (Dr. Muhammad Farooq Sattar):

(a) Presently, the development work on 02 Housing Colonies for overseas Pakistanis is in progress, as given below:

(i) OPF Valley Zone-V, Islamabad.

Development work of Package-I, comprising the following is in progress by M/s. FWO and 35% of work has been completed.

- Roads & Retaining Structures.
- Sewerage.
- Water supply.
- Dam & Bridges.
- Soft and Hard landscaping.

The development works of Package-II consisting of external electrification, water source development, sewage treatment plant will be taken in hand shortly.

(ii) OPF Housing Scheme, Chittarpari, Mirpur (AJK) Phase-I

Infrastructure development work except electrification is in progress and 80% works have been completed. The external electrification works will be got executed through AJK Electricity Department.

(Rs. In million)

(b) Name of Schemes	No. of Ops	Amount Received
OPF Valley Zone-V, lbd.	1948	805.024
Chittarpari (Phase-III), Mirpur (AJK)	Nil	—

(Rs. In million)

(c) Dev. Exp. (Rs.)	Non-dev. Exp. (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
678.595	397.480	*1076.075

* Rs. 271.051 million in excess of receipts from overseas Pakistanis has been incurred out of OPF's funds, to be recouped.

161. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

162. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister in-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that drinking water is supplied to the residents of Islamabad from Simly Dam and Khanpur Dam; and*
 (b) *whether it is also a fact that any filtration plant has been installed for supplying of clean drinking water to those residents; if so, the location thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Yes, drinking water is being supplied to the residents of Islamabad from Simly Dam and Khanpur Dam.

(b) Yes. In addition to main filtration plant at Simly Dam and sangjani 37 (smaller) Filtration Plants for supply of clean drinking water to the residents of Islamabad have been installed at different locations as per list placed at annexure 'A'.

Annexure-A

LIST OF EXISTING SMALL WATER FILTRATION PLANTS.

S/NO	FILTERTION PLANTS	CAPACITY
1	Near T/W NO 193 F-6	1000 Gallon Per Hour
2	Near Tw#168 F-10/1	do
3	Near OHT G-6/2	do
4	Near OHT G-7/4	do
5	Near TW # 210 G/8-1	do
6	Near OHT G-9/2	do
7	Near TW#196 G-9/3-1	do
8	Near TW # 151G-10/3	do
9	Near TWE # 99 G-11/3	do
10	Near OHT I-8/3	do
11	Near OHT I-10/M	do
12	Near TW # 71 I-10/4	do
13	Minister's Enclave F-5	do
14	Presidential Estate Colony, G-5	do
15	Parliament House parking area G-5	do

16	Parliament Lodges G-5	do
17	Near OHT G-6/1-2	do
18	Near Aabpara Market G-6/1-4	do
19	Near OHT G-7/3-1	do
20	Near Sitara Market G-7/2	do
21	Near TW # 236 G-8/2	do
22	Near TW # 100 G-11/3	do
23	Near TW # 140 I-9/1	do
24	Green belt I-10/2 & I-10/3d	do
25	Green belt I-10/1 in front Market, I-11/4	do
26	Near Fruit & Vegetable Market I-11/4	do
27	Near TW # 220 Margalla Town.	do
28	G-10/ Markaz	do
29	G-6 Bazaar	do
30	H-9/3 Bazar	do
31	A/K I -9 Near T/W No 116	do
32	A/K I/10-2 Near OHT	do
33	Sport Culture Complex	2000 Gallon Per hour
34	I-8/1 Near tube well no 119	1000 Gallon Per hour
35	F.I.A Building	do
36	F-10/ Markaz	do
37	G-7/2 Near Ali Mosque	do

163. *Transferred to the Prime Minister Secretariat for answer on next Rota Day.*
164. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*
165. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*
166. ***Maulvi Asmatullah:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that quite a few residents of Balochistan province were sent abroad for employment during the last three years;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal to send more manpower abroad from the said area for employment during the year 2009-10;*
- (c) *whether any provincial quota has been allocated for sending employment abroad from each province; if so, the criteria adopted thereof; and*

(d) *the name of countries where people hailing from Balochistan have been sent for employment during the last three years?*

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):

(a) 14253 persons hailing from Balochistan province 'were registered/sent aboard for employment during the last three years.

(b) The foreign employer recruit workers himself or through his authorized representative on the basis of open advertisement and with criteria of right man for right job.

(c) There is no provincial quota allocated for sending for employment abroad. Selection for Overseas employment is purely made by the foreign employers according to their own requirement and criteria.

(d) The persons belonging to Balochistan were sent for employment to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar, Libya, South Korea and United Kingdom during the last three years.

167. *Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.*

@195. ***Rana Mahmood -ul- Hassan**

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under Consideration to set up mobile phone sets, and its accessories manufacturing industry in the country to save foreign exchange in import of those items;*

(b) *if so, whether any incentive will be given to the said industry alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication: (a) No specific projects are being implemented for establishment of such new plants; however, at present, following initiatives are being undertaken;

1. M/s ZTE Corporation of China have recently submitted a proposal for manufacturing of initially low cost handsets to be scaled to full range of sets in phases.

2. Telephone Industries of Pakistan (TIP), which has historically been a renowned manufacturer of telecom equipment, is currently short of work and may be used to set up a joint venture with M/s ZTE.
3. Total amount of investment as indicated by ZTE will be around US\$9 Million.
4. M/s. ZTE have requested for a range of incentives e.g. Zero Tax on Import of all relevant materials, tax waiver on locally manufactured handsets and substantial local procurement by operators, Changes in duty structure to discourage import of handsets and Tax Holidays to make local manufacturing viable against imports.

(b): Matter is under discussion with FBR, BOI and EDB on the above mentioned lines, as per the following: -

FBR/Ministry of Finance will play a substantial role in devising GoP incentive package.

ISLAMABAD:
The 21st January, 2010.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 22nd January, 2010***(Originally Starred Question Nos.143, 199 40 and 57 were set down for answer on 14-1-2010)***@93. Mrs. Belum Husnain:***Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total amount incurred on the construction of overhead/underpass in Sector F-8, Islamabad;*
- (b) the the date on which the construction of Under Pass at Faisal Avenue/Jinnah Avenue at F-8, Islamabad started alongwith the date of its completion; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that delay occurred on the completion of the said bridge; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) CDA has spent Rs.1153.859 million on the construction of Overhead / Under-pass at Intersection of Jinnah and Faisal Avenue, Islamabad.

(b) The project was taken up on 15-3-2007 and completed on 15-3-2009.

(c) Yes. Completion of project was delayed by 12 (twelve) months. Main reasons of delay are as under:

- i. Change in design as per recommendations of the consultant, M/s Engineering Associates (Pvt) Limited.
- ii. Delay in shifting of services by the other agencies such as SNGPL, IESCO & PTCL etc.

- iii. Political instability during the execution period.
- iv. Abnormal price hike of the construction materials.
- v. Assassination of Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto.
- vi. The ICT did not permit the supply of construction materials during day time after the incident of Marriot Hotel.
- vii. Islamabad Traffic Police did not allow movement of construction machinery during peak hours.

143. **Mr. Wasim Akhter Sheikh:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total monthly salary of the present Chief of LESCO; and*
- (b) *the number of times extension in service were given to the said Chief alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power (Raja Pervaiz Ashraf): (a) The total monthly salary of present Chief of LESCO is Rs. 93,555/- per month.

- (b) No extension has been given in service to the present CEO LESCO.

199. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state

- (a) *the total amount expended out of Discretionary Grants of Federal Minister and Minister of State from the budget for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09; and*
- (b) *the location/area where the said amount expended?*

Reply not received.

40. **Syed Amir Ali Shah:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Junior Engineers (BPS-17) of Electricity Distribution Companies, Generation Companies and NTDC in the country who have been promoted as Senior Engineers (BPS-18) and up-graded to BPS-18;*

- (b) *the names, father's name, date of appointment as Junior Engineer, domicile, seniority number as per combined seniority list on Pakistan level, seniority number in the respective companies, date of promotion or up-gradation of the above Engineers;*
- (c) *the terms and conditions for the said promotion or up-gradations; and*
- (d) *the names of the Junior Engineers in those companies who have not been promoted as Senior Engineers (BPS-18) or up-graded to BPS-18 for the last 10 years alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

57. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the statutory audit of electricity supply companies was conducted;*
- (b) *if so, whether any irregularity was found during the last 5 years; if so, the detail thereof alongwith action taken against the delinquents; and*
- (c) *the name of the organization/department which conducted the above said audit?*

Reply not received.

176. *Transferred to the Health Division for answer on next Rota Day.*

177. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state the total number of child labour in the country at present?

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):

According to the National Child Labour Survey conducted in 1996, the total number of child labour is 3.313 million. After that, no survey has been carried out. Therefore, the total number of child labour in the country at present is not known.

178. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the total number of Grid Stations installed in Faisalabad during the last three years alongwith the locations thereof?

Reply not received.

179. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the location-wise Rest Houses of WAPDA in the country at present;*
- (b) the year-wise total expenditure incurred on the maintenance and renovation of those Rest Houses during the last five years; and*
- (c) whether any income earned by those Rest Houses during the said period; if so, the year-wise amount thereof?*

Reply not received.

180. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) the names and addresses of advertising companies registered in the country to whom official advertisements were given during the last five years till-date; and*
- (b) the total value of each advertisement given to those companies, separately alongwith the criteria adopted thereof?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira): (a) The names and addresses of registered advertising agencies who carried out the Government advertising business during the last five years till-date, are as per list at Annexure-I.

(b) The total value of Government advertisements released through each advertising agency during the last five years till-date, is as per statement at Annexure-II.

The advertisements of sponsoring Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments and Autonomous/Semi-autonomous Organizations are released through their appointed

advertising agencies. The appointment of advertising agency for release of classified advertisements is made by PID, while for release of display advertisements; selection of advertising agency is made primarily by the sponsoring Department/Ministry on the basis of open competition in consultation with PID.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

181. **Mr. Jamshaid Ahmad Dasti:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that excessive use of oil in the Thermal Power Station, GINCO, Muzaffar Garh has been causing environmental pollution in the said area;*
- (b) if so, the steps taken to control the said pollution; and*
- (c) the total number of local persons employed in the said Power Station at present?*

Reply not received.

182. **Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the contract of the Kachhi Canal Phase-I project has been awarded; if so, the procedure adopted therefor;*
- (b) the name and addresses of the contractors of the said project;*
- (c) the name of the Chief Executive and Board of Directors of the said project; and*
- (d) the experience of the company/firm to whom the contract of the said project has been awarded?*

Reply not received.

183. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of funds granted to employees old age benefit institutions and Worker Welfare Fund during the year 2009-10; and*

(b) *the utilization of those funds during the said period?*

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):

(a) No funds have been transferred to the Employees, Old-Age Benefits Institution and Worker Welfare Fund till 2nd quarter (Jul to Dec) of current financial year 2009-10.

(b) Since no funds have been granted during the current financial year, therefore, utilization against the said funds stands nil.

184. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

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

(a) *the grade-wise number of persons recruited on permanent basis in PTV during the last three years alongwith the province-wise break-up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal to make further recruitment in PTV during the year 2009-10; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

185. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the name of mobile companies which have been allowed to provide the service of T.V. transmission through mobile phone during the last two years; and*

(b) *the terms and conditions of the said service?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Following two (02) mobile companies have been allowed by PEMRA to provide the service of T.V. transmission through mobile phone:—

1. M/s. Brand Promotions Services Private Limited (Telenor).
2. M/s. Cellelevision Private Limited (Mobilink).

(b) The terms and conditions of the service are **Annexed**.

AnnexureTERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SERVICE FOR
MOBILE COMPANIES

- i. This Licence shall be issued for **one (01) year**, on non-exclusive basis, from the date of its issuance which can be extended for further four (4) years subject to the performance of the licensee on the terms and conditions set at that time.
- ii. The Licensee shall commence its service within 03 months of the issuance of the Licence.
- iii. The Licensee shall provide a copy of agreement with MNO(s) signed between the licensee and MNO(s) to the Authority for its approval before commencement of the service. Any modification or alteration in such agreements shall be made with prior approval of the Authority.
- iv. The Licensee shall obtain commencement letter from the Authority before start of the Mobile TV services by the MNO(s).
- v. In case of suspension/cancellation of Cellular Mobile licence by PTA, the licensee will immediately suspend/terminate its services to the MNO.
- vi. The Licensee shalli [be] assign, transfer, subcontract, dispose of, or in any manner alienate this Licence or any part thereof, or any benefit or interest therein or there under without the prior written consent of the Authority.
- vii. The Licensee shall only provide TV channels of the National Broadcaster (PTVC) and satellite channels licensed by the Authority.
- viii. The Licensee shall provide only those foreign satellite TV channels which have obtained Landing Rights Permission from the Authority.
- ix. The Licensee shall intimate at least 15 days prior to the Authority, if it intends to terminate its agreement with Mobile Network Operator.
- x. The Licensee shall not provide pornographic content of any type and shall be liable to install such equipment and make arrangements to suppress any obscenity/pornography from satellite television channels.

- xi. The Licensee shall not alter, inject or delete any of the programmes or advertisements being provided as required in compliance under any condition of this Licence or the Regulations and Code of Conduct enshrined in the Rules.
- xii. The Licensee shall observe sensitivity and respect to all ethnic groups/ minorities.
- xiii. The Licensee shall under no circumstances provide any content against any particular religious/ethnic community.
- xiv. The content shall conform to the provisions of the laws relating to motion pictures copyrights, intellectual property rights, censorship and all other laws in force in Pakistan and the Rules and Code of Conduct framed there under.
- xv. The Accounts will be reconciled b/w the licensee and PEMRA on quarterly basis (after every 3 months).
- xvi. The licensee shall provide details of tariff for Mobile TV service levied by the MNO(s) as and when required by the Authority.
- xvii. The licensee shall provide the list of channels provided to MNO as and when required by the Authority.

186. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Federal Secretaries who were re-employed after reaching the age of superannuation during the year, 2007-08 and 2008-09 alongwith the period of their re-employment; and*
- (b) *whether the required NOC was obtained from concerned departments where re-employed?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Total 11 Federal Secretaries were re-employed during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09. The requisite list of re-employed officers is attached at Annex-I.

(b) All the officers indicated at Annex-I were re-employed with the approval of the competent authority.

(Annex-I)

**LIST OF FEDERAL SECRETARIES RE-EMPLOYED SINCE 2007-08 AND
2008-09 INDICATING THE PERIOD OF RE-EMPLOYMENT**

2007-08 (01-07-2007 TO 30-06-2008)

S. No.	Name of the officer	Re-employed as	Period	
			From	To
1.	Syed Kamal Shah	Secretary, Interior Division	18-08-2007	04-09-2009
2.	Mr.Kanran Rasool	Secretary, Defence Division	09-04-2008	10-11-2008
3.	Mr.Siraj S. Shamsuddin	Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister	27-07-2008	15-12-2008
4.	Mr.Ashfaq Ahmad Gondal	Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Division	28-10-2008	27-10-2009
5.	Mr.Ahmad Jawad	Secretary, Privatization Division	16-11-2008	05-09-2009

2008-09 (01-07-2008 TO 30-06-2009)

6.	Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Athar Ali	Secretary, Defence Division	11-11-2008	10-11-2010
7.	Mr.Muhammad Ahmed Mian	Director General, Pakistan Post Office Department/ Secretary, Postal Services Division	06-02-2009	05-02-2011
8.	Raja Raza Arshad	Secretary, Women Development Division	12-02-2009	26-06-2009
9.	Mr.Muhammad Ismail Qureshi	Secretary, Establishment Division	04-03-2009	03-03-2011
10.	Mr.Muhammad Ali Afridi	Secretary, Livestock and Dairy Development Division	18-03-2009	17-03-2010
11.	Lt. Gen. (Retd) Israr Ahmad Ghuman	Secretary, Defence Production Division	09-06-2009	08-06-2011

187. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechohu:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to establish a media city in the country; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira): Establishment of state-of-the-art media city would require huge space and investment. This was not possible for Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to initiate such scheme due to financial constraints. However the Ministry is in the planning stage for construction of a multi-storey information house on an available plot in Sector F-6/G-6, Islamabad.

As a first step, a PC-II (estimated cost of Rs. 20 million), for feasibility study/preliminary architectural design/financial pattern of the proposed information house has been approved by the Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP) on 21st April, 2009 at a cost of Rs. 20 million.

Due to financial constraints the allocation of Rs. 20 million could not be made by the Planning Commission/Finance Division during the Current Financial Year 2009-10. For the required allocation of Rs. 20 million, the request for allocation of funds is being included in the Budget Estimates of 2010-11. On allocation of funds in 2010-11, the feasibility study will be completed and PC-I of the project will be submitted to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

The proposed information house will accommodate offices of the Main Ministry and its attached departments located in the vicinity of Zero Point, Islamabad. The information house would also facilitate the private media houses in Islamabad.

188. **Dr. Darshan:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that retired Section Officers are being appointed on contract basis in the Ministries/Divisions against the vacant posts;*
- (b) *if so, the pay and allowances admissible to those Section Officers; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to appoint Section Officers against vacant posts by conducting test/interview through FPSC under*

the prescribed Section Officer Departmental promotion Examination; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Yes, Retired Section Officers and Deputy Secretaries are being appointed on contract basis as Section Officers as stop-gap arrangements for one year.

(b) Fixed pay package @ Rs.31,500/- per month is being offered to these Section Officers.

(c) Yes, the proposal for conducting Section Officers Promotional Examination through FPSC is under process in Establishment Division.

189. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) *the total number of directives issued by the Prime Minister since March, 2008 till date; and*

(b) *the present status of those directives, separately?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The total number of directives received by Cabinet Division from Prime Minister's Secretariat since March, 2008 till date is 555.

(b) Out of these 194 have been implemented and 361 directives are under various stages of implementation.

190. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

(a) *the names and father's names of the employees presently working in District Mansehra under Worker Welfare Funds Programme;*

(b) *the category-wise total number of posts lying vacant in said District under the said programme; and*

(c) *the time by which those vacant posts will be filled?*

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):
(a) List attached. (Annex-I).

(b) No post is lying vacant.

(c) Since no post is lying vacant, therefore, no time frame can be given.

Annex-I

**NAMES AND FATHERS NAME OF EMPLOYEES
APPOINTED IN WORKERS CITY, KASHTARA, MANSEHRA**

Sr.No.	Name	Father's name	Designation
1	M. Saeen Khan	Faqir Muhammad Khan	Security Supervisor
2	M. Imtiaz	Malik Aman	Supervisor
3	M. Rafique	Abdul Latif	Plumber
4	M. Rafique	Mukarab Khan	Security Guard
5	M. Safeer	Khushal Khan	Security Guard
6	Abid Hussain	Khushal Khan	Security Guard
7	M. Pervez	Abdul Rehman	Security Guard
8	M. Manzoor	Ghulam Ali	Security Guard
9	Nauman	Muhammad Saeen	Security Guard

191. Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no work on the Bio-technology has so far been done by Bio-technology Commission in the country; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati): It is not true that no work on the Bio-technology has so far been done in the country. The work done on the Bio-technology by the National Commission on Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology since its establishment in 2001 is given as under:

- a. A draft of National Biotechnology Policy and Action Plan has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST).
- b. NCB compiled a list of Indices and Publications of Scientists working in the field of Bio technology.

- c. Most relevant and recent books on Biotechnology have been added to the libraries of various Institutes / Universities / Organizations.
- d. National Commission on Biotechnology also assisted in formulating the Directory of Life Scientists (national Core group on Life Sciences, HEC).
- e. The Commission funded eleven R&D projects for the promotion of Biotechnology.
- f. A CD and a booklet for awareness of Biotechnology among younger generation has been prepared and distributed to private and public schools and colleges.
- g. Periodical National meeting on various themes are being organized to enable scientists to present their work and to facilitate interaction among various groups.
- h. NCB funded 34 International and National Seminars / conferences / Workshops at various Universities and Institutes in the country.
- i. NCB has been providing travel grants to Scientists and PhD Students for attending International conferences/ Workshops.
- j. NCB funded 18 Capacity Building proposals for Biotechnology
- k. NCB planed a series of awareness seminars on “Biotechnology in Pakistan” for entrepreneurs and the media.
- l. A web portal www.ncb.gov.pk was developed in collaboration with COMSATS, aimed at being central repository of all scientific manpower, research institutes and projects in the field of Bio technology.
- m. A book in Urdu was published to high lighten the benefits of Biotechnology to Farmers.
- n. A list of products viable for commercialization was compiled and submitted to MoST.
- o. A consultant was hired to formulate strategy to commercialize biotech products.

- p. An Urdu Booklet for young school children was published to create awareness and excitement among children.
- q. National Commission on Biotechnology (NCB) recently arranged a Conference entitled “Development and Commercialization of Biotechnology Products” from 19-20 June, 2009 at National Institute for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad.

192. **Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:**

Will the Minister in-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of CDA to introduce a Municipal Bonds scheme to over come its financial losses; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the expected earning from the said scheme?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a)CDA, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, is looking the possibility of a Municipal Bonds Scheme which has, however, not yet been firmed up.

(b) Since the proposal is at conceptual stage, therefore, the details of the proposed scheme have not been worked out.

193. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualification, relevant experience and salary package of officers appointed in PTA during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for their recruitment thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Total number of officers appointed during the last two years is twenty four (24). Details are at Annex “A”.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

(b) As per rules/regulations all posts of officers are filled on merit and by observing provincial/regional quota. The posts are advertised in the prominent newspapers. Same procedure was adopted in case of recruitment of the above mentioned officers.

194. **Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that development package for Gilgit-Baltistan was announced by the Prime Minister during recent past;*
- (b) *if so, head-wise amount allocated in the said package?*

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan (Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo): (a) The Prime Minister of Pakistan in the recent past has announced an economic package of Rs.15 billion spread over a medium term frame (over and above annual development grant). It is a part of the Transition Plan for Gilgit Baltistan. The Gilgit-Baltistan (Empowerment and self-Governance) Order, 2009 recently promulgated by the government will, get impetus with this financial package and benefit the social and economic development of the area. The said package will complement the political reforms initiated through the self Governance Order 2009 for Gilgit Baltistan.

(b) No specific allocations for projects have been made in the current financial (2009-10) because the package is to be implemented with effect from next financial year. Projects worth over Rs.15 billion will be included in the PSDP 2010-11 over and above the normal development budget of Gilgit Baltistan. The information can then be submitted to the honorable house if so desired.

195. **Mr. Mohammad Kamran Khan:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the per-month amount of maintenance allowance being paid to the ex-Rulers and their dependants of all the former princely States in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the said allowance is also paid to the dependants and legal heirs of deceased Nawab of Dir Mohammad Shah Khusro; if so, the amount thereof?*

Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Mr. Najmuddin Khan):

(a) Detail of Maintenance allowance per month paid to the ex-rulers/Nawabs/their dependents of merged/acceding states is as under:

Merged States:

S.No.	Name of Ruler/ Dependent	Amount per month
1.	Ameer of Bahawalpur	Rs.133,333/-
2.	Ex-Mir of Khairpur	Rs.83,333/-
3.	Ex-Wali of Swat	Rs.79,167/-
4.	Ex-Mehtar of Chitral	Rs.7,167/-
5.	Dependents of Ex-Nawab of Dir	Rs.1,900/-
6.	Dependents of late Khan of Qalat	Rs.3,383/-
7.	Dependents of late Nawab of Mekran	Rs.4,050/-
Total:		Rs.312,332/-

Acceding States:

S.No.	Name of Ruler/ Dependent	Amount per month
1.	Widow of late Nawab of Junagadh	Rs.50,000/-
2.	Nawab of Junagadh	Rs.16,200/-
3.	Sheikh Sahib of Mangrol	Rs.6,300/-
4.	Talukdar of Sultanabad	Rs.600/-
5.	Dependents of late Nawab of Junagadh	Rs.300/-
6.	Shahreholder of Bantva Taluka	Rs.128/-
7.	Khan of Manavadar	Rs.7,000/-
Total:		Rs.80,528/-

(b) Dependents of ex-Nawab of Dir are also receiving imaintenance allowance of Rs.23,000/- per annum, whereas Summary for transfer of maintenance allowance @ Rs.337,000/- per annum and other privileges to the legal heir *i.e.* widow of late Mohammad Shah Khusro, late Nawab of Dir has already been approved and issuance of its Notification is under process.

196. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) the names of publications/journals/newspapers registered with Audit Bureau of Circulation at present alongwith their circulation at Rawalpindi/Islamabad; and*
- (b) the prescribed procedure for registration for ABC?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira): (a) The names of publications/journals/newspapers registered with Audit Bureau of Circulation at present alongwith their circulation at Rawalpindi/Islamabad are placed at Annex-I.

(b) The prescribed procedure for registration for ABC is placed at Annex-II.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

197. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the name-wise newspapers in the country to which ABC certificates have been awarded by the government at present?

Reply not received.

198. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that persons have been employed in PTVC on special package during the calendar year 2008 and 2009; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact those employees regularly participate in the Current Affairs Programme being telecast by PTV at present; if so, the justification thereof?*

Reply not received.

199. **Dr. Attiya Inayatullah:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration for appointment of the National Security Advisor to the Prime minister;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the said Advisor will be appointed?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) No.

(b) Not applicable.

200. **Dr. Abdul Wahid Soomro:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number and name of retired officers of APUG in B-17 and above who were appointed on contract basis in Federal Government Ministries and Divisions since July, 2009 till-date; and*
- (b) *the justification of said appointment?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) The names of two APUG officers (PSP) in BS-22 and BS-20 appointed on contract basis in Federal Government Ministries and Divisions since July 2009 till date are mentioned below:—

S.No.	Name of the officer/BS	Period from to
1.	Maj. (Retd) Malik Asif Hayat, (BS-22) President's Sectt.	18-08-09 to till further orders.
2.	Mian Akhtar Hayat SSP (Railways)(BS-20) Pak Railways Police	01-10-2009 to 30-09-2010

(b) The appointments have been made by the Competent Authority after due consideration.

201. **Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a transformer installed at village Karmang, Union Council Batel District Mansehra (NA-20) was stolen during recent past; if so, the action taken against the responsables?

Minister for Water and Power (Raja Pervaiz Ashraf): It is a fact that transformer installed at village Karmang Union Council Batel District Mansehra (NA-20) has been stolen during recent past, and the FIR has been registered on 25-09-2009 at Police Station Batel against unknown culprits. The supply has been restored through alternate arrangement.

202. **Maulvi Asmatullah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Wage Board Award has been pending since long; and*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to solve the said issue?*

Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira): (a) Yes it is a fact that 7th Wage Award is pending since 2000-01.

(b) **STEPS TAKEN**

- (a) Parliamentary Committee under the Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain was formed on 18-08-2004 to resolve the issue but matter remains unresolved.
- (b) The Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 31st March, 2008 decided to formulate Tripartite Commission comprising representatives of the Government, Newspapers owners and Working Journalists, to work out amicable ways of implementation of the Wage Board Award.
- (c) The Federal Minister for I&B approved the following composition of the commission:—
 - i. Secretary Information and Broadcasting
 - ii. Secretary M/o Labour
 - iii. Two members of APNS
 - iv. Two members from PFUJ

- (d) The meeting of tripartite commission was held on January 06, 2009 in which a working group to discuss the threadbare and core issues of the problem.
2. As the Wage Board Award was announced in 2001, effective from 01-07-2000, APNS and others challenged the 7th Wage Board Award and newspapers Employees (Condition of service) Act 1973 in Sindh High Court.
 3. The case is subjudice in Sindh High Court, Karachi, so the 7th Wage Board Award cannot be implemented till its Fate is decided by the court.
 4. Labour Ministry will constitute the 8th Wage Board Award once the decision comes from Sindh High Court.

203. **Mr. Naseer Bhutta:**

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of emigrants registered with the Protector of Emigrants Office, Peshawar during the period from 1-7-2007 to 31-7-2009 for direct employment abroad and through OEP, separately; and*
- (b) *the total amount collected by NBP, Peshawar under the head of fee and by HBL, Peshawar under the had of social security from those persons?*

Minister for Labour and Manpower (Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah):

(a) 119,737 workers for direct employment and 22,205 workers through OEPs were registered with the Protectorate of Emigrants, Peshawar during the period from 1-7-2007 to 31-7-2009

(b) An amount of Rs. 299,342,500/- @ Rs. 2500/- per person and Rs. 2,220,500/- @ Rs. 100/- per head was deposited on account of Registration fee by the direct employment visa holders and Overseas Employment Promoters respectively in the concerned branch of National Bank of Pakistan, Peshawar during the period under report. No fee is deposited in the Habib Bank Limited under the head of Social Security.

204. **Ms. Bushra Gohar:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the steps taken to ensure the implementation of 10% quota allocated for employment of women in the Government offices in letter and spirit?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Instructions regarding reservation of 10% quota for employment of women across the board in the Federal Government Services were issued on 22nd May, 2007(Annex). Ministries/Divisions have been advised for compliance of those instructions while making future recruitment.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Islamabad:
The 21st January, 2010.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.