

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 19th February, 2010

(Originally Starred Question No. 113 was set down for answer during the 18th Session)

113. ***Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the government to provide speedy and inexpensive justice to citizens in the country during the current fiscal year 2009-10 till-date?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan): Following steps have been taken by the government to provide speedy and inexpensive justice to citizen in the country during fiscal year 2009-10 till date:—

- i. In compliance with the National Judicial Policy Making Committee (NJPMC) decision all judicial officers working against the executive posts in the government offices have been repatriated to their respective provincial judiciary.
- ii. For providing the speedy justice to the citizens, seventy two (72) Judges in Superior Courts (Eight (8) in Supreme Court, thirty four (34) in Lahore High Court, eighteen (18) in High Court of Sindh, seven (7) in Peshawar High Court and five (5) in High Court of Balochistan) have been appointed during the year 2009-10.
- iii. Sixteen (16) judges in Banking Courts were appointed during the fiscal year 2009-10.
- iv. Eleven (11) Judges were appointed in the Accountability Courts which were lying vacant due to repatriation/superannuation of their incumbents.

- v. Four (4) Members in Federal Service Tribunal (FST) were appointed against vacant posts of Members during the fiscal year 2009-10.
- vi. The inexpensive and speedy justice can be provided to the peoples if the Bar Councils/Associations would be fully equipped. To achieve the required goal, Grant-in-Aid amounting to Rs. 17.2 million out of Rs.18 million budget have been granted to different Bar Councils/Associations for office accommodation, strengthening of libraries, maintenance of office, canteen facilities and other miscellaneous expenditure. In addition Technical Supplementary Grant amounting to Rs.39 million and supplementary grant of Rs.400 million has been got approved from Finance Division for betterment of Bar Councils/Associations.
- vii. For the purpose of speedy justice, the strength of Central Law Officers *i.e.* Deputy Attorneys General and Standing Counsel were increased from thirty one to fifty eight. Against vacant slots the Deputy Attorneys General and Standing Counsel were appointed during 2009-10 in order to discharge their duties in the public interest. Due to increase in the strength of Law Officers the work load has been divided proportionately and as a result the cases are now quickly being disposed of.
- viii. A bill titled “**Public Defender and Legal Aid Office Act, 2010**” has been submitted to the Parliament. Consequent upon the passage of the bill by the Parliament, the scheme will be launched to provide free legal aid services to the poor and vulnerable citizens of Pakistan.
- ix. Under Access to Justice Program financed by Asian Development Bank, 18 development schemes at Federal level and 84 development schemes at Provincial level are under implementation.
- x. An Act titled “**Criminal Law (Amendment Act, 2010)**” has been passed by the Parliament to provide protection to the women working in public places.

53. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of completion of dual carriage way of national highway from Lahore to Rawalpindi alongwith the date of the work started thereupon;*

- (b) *the name of the contractor whom the contract of said project was awarded;*
- (c) *the funds allocated for the said project; and*
- (d) *the reasons of delay in the completion of said project?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) The Lahore - Rawalpindi Section (N-5) was dualized in phases. Lahore - Kharian Section was completed in 1994 and Kharian - Rawalpindi in 2000. Currently only **two** rehabilitation /improvement projects under National Highway Improvement Program are ongoing. Details are at **Annex-A**.

- (b) Contractor for the two ongoing projects is M/s. Husnain Cotex Ltd. (HCL).
- (c) Requisite info is given in **Annex-A**.
- (d) Reasons for delay are at **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

ONGOING PROJECTS

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Km</u>	<u>Rs in M</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Completion</u>
C-8	Lahore -Gujranwala ⁽¹⁾	100 ⁽²⁾	5067	Feb-06	Jun-10
C-13	Kharian-Rawalpindi	83 ⁽²⁾	853	Jun-06	Jun-10

⁽¹⁾ Being upgraded to 6-lanes.

⁽²⁾ Both northbound and southbound carriageways.

REASONS FOR DELAY /SLOW PROGRESS

1. Removal of undesirable material from median (C-8).
2. Refilling it in layers as per the pavement design (C-8).
3. 'Time consumed in removal/relocation of utilities lines/services particularly in urban segments.
4. Abnormal rainfall during Jun-Aug 2006 and Jan-Mar 2007.
5. Inadequate resources for structures in initial stage (C-8).

6. Traffic of about 1 lac vehicles per day requires proper traffic management and diversions slowing down construction activity (C-8).
7. Irregular supply of bitumen by local refineries at various stages.
8. Abnormal increase in cost of road construction material.
9. Inadequate provision of price escalation adjustment.
10. Significant project length traverses urban areas entailing additional complications.
11. Import & transfer of advanced technology for Kharian-Rawalpindi Project entailing cold recycling (C-13).
12. Inadequate/belated PSDP releases incommensurate to project implementation schedule.
13. Contractor's cash flow hiccups resulting in insufficient resources,
14. Repeated change In the contractor's management.

54. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of projects for re-construction/repair of National Highways in Punjab launched at present;*
- (b) *the names of companies/contractors to whom the contracts of those projects awarded;*
- (c) *the total number of projects completed during the last 3 years; and*
- (d) *the total number of roads, fly over and under passes completed by NHA during the said period?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) *Development.*—Total 15 projects are ongoing. Details including location, contractors and cost are at **Annex-A.**

Repair.—Total 181 contracts are ongoing. Requisite details are at **Annex-B.**

(b) As above.

(c) *Development.*—Total 9 projects were completed. Requisite details are at **Annex-C**.

Repair.—Total 521 repair/ maintenance works were completed (**Annex-D**):-

<u>F/Year</u>	<u>Schemes</u>
2006-07	205
2007-08	188
2008-09	128
Total	521

(d) Total 9 development projects besides 24 underpasses and 3 flyovers were completed.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

55. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Postal Service be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Post Office has increased the postal charges in recent post;*
- (b) *if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *the category-wise percentage of increase made therein?*

Minister for Postal Services (Mir Israrullah Zehri): (a) Yes.

(b) The increase in the tariff was due to the following reasons;

- (i) Increase of operating expenses.
- (ii) Increase in operational cost for transmission of mail due to following factors:

S. No.	Factors	Year 2001	Year 2009	Percentage Increase
(a)	Pay/Pension	Rs.2.071 Million	Rs.5.312 Million	156%
(b)	Utilities (electricity)/unit	Rs.1.46	Rs.3.16	116%
(c)	Fuel per liter	Rs.17	Rs.62	265%
	Inflationary Trend (CPI)	4.4	22.35	408%

- (iii) Increase of employees related expenses.
- (iv) Expansion of postal net work.
- (v) Introduction of mail on new lines.
- (vi) To compete with the private sector.

(c) Category-wise percentage increase;

Category	% Increase
◆ Letters	100%
◆ Post Cards	100%
◆ Parcels	100%
◆ Printed Papers	
Other than Text Books	31%
Text Books	94%
◆ Small Packets	77%
◆ Registered Newspapers	100%
◆ Literature for the Blind (Upto 10 kg)	Free

56. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the ADE-651 Bomb Detector installed at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi at present is not useful and suitable for the required purpose;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal to replace the said device?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) and (b) No such equipment by the name of ADE-651 is installed or held at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi.

57. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *the location-wise total number of interchanges to be constructed on Motorways in the country during the year 2009-10; and*

(b) *the head-wise total cost involved on each interchange, separately?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) Requisite information regarding construction of 9 Interchanges on Motorways M-1, M-2 and M-4 is at **Annex-A**.

(b) As above.

Annex-A

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

**CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGES
ON MOTORWAYS 2009-10**

	<u>Interchanges/Motorways</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rs in M</u>	<u>Status/Remarks</u>
	<u>Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway, (M-1)</u>			
1.	Ghazi	km 47	164	Mobilization stage.
2.	Chach	km 53	152	Progress 37%.
3.	Misri Banda (Wali)	km 101	107	Progress 15%.
4.	N-5/Northern Bypass	km 152	976	Progress 32%.
	<u>Lahore - Islamabad Motorway, (M-2)</u>			
5.	Kot Abdul Malik	Km 21	188	Progress is 95%.
6.	Hiran Minar	Km 52	234	Mobilization stage.

Faisalabad - Gojra Section (M-4)				
7.	Faisalabad- Amccnpur	km 12	1138	Commencement of work on Interchanges planned in Jun 2010.
8.	Faisalabad- Jhang	km 35		
9.	Gojra-Jhang	km 35		

58. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the per liter price of diesel and petrol in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to increase the indigenous production of diesel and petrol?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) The current ex-depot sale prices of diesel and petrol are Rs.71.86 and Rs.71.21 per litre respectively *w.e.f.* 1st February 2010.

(b) The indigenous refinery production of diesel and petrol during 2008-09 was 3.26 million tons and 1.3 million tons respectively. The production of diesel and petrol will be enhanced to 5.9 and 2.29 million tons per annum respectively after setting up of Bosicor Oil Refinery project, planned to be completed by 3rd quarter, 2010. The diesel production will further increase to 11.3 million tons per annum after commissioning of Khalifa Coastal Refinery Project.

59. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total percentage of line losses of gas occurred in the country during the year 2008-09 till-date;*
- (b) *the reasons of those losses; and*

(c) *the steps being taken to control the said losses?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on next Rota Day.

60. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether any survey has been conducted to find the total number of Petrol Pump/CNG Stations installed in residential areas in the country; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to shift those pumps and stations from the residential areas; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on next Rota Day.

61. ***Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that due to shortage in supply of natural gas to IPPs, those companies are not producing electricity adequately;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to supply natural gas to those IPPs regularly?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) No.

(b) Not applicable in view of above.

62. ***Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that compressors have not been installed at Qadir Pur Natural Gas Field by SNGPL and ENAR so far; if so, the reason thereof;*

- (b) *the steps taken for installation of those compressors; and*
- (c) *whether any subsidy/benefit will be provided to the residents of the said area; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) The installation of compressors at Qadirpur gas field by OGDCL is in progress. The said project was delayed due to ongoing litigation before the hon'ble Sindh High Court.

(b) OGDCL has engaged M/s. Enar Petrotech for detailed engineering, procurement, construction supervision services (including commissioning/start up assistance) and SNGPL as construction contractor respectively. It is expected that 10 compressors shall be commissioned by June 2010 which will be sufficient to maintain the requisite gas pressure while the remaining 04 compressors will be commissioned by mid September 2010.

(c) OGDCL is operating Qadirpur Gas field since 1995 and the subsidy/benefits due under the Petroleum Concession Agreement are being provided to the residents of the said area. OGDCL has so far incurred capital expenditure of Rs. 45.572 million in social sector such as education, water supply, health care and other public infrastructure. In addition OGDCL is spending an amount of Rs. 3.468 million annually as recurring expenditure on health care and water supply schemes in the area, which has cumulated to Rs. 31.176 million so far.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that port charges of KPT and Port Qasim have been reduced recently; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to establish "Tariff Authority of Ports and Terminals" to regulate the tariff of Ports; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to unify the tariff of all Ports in the country?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri): (a) Yes. As announced by the Prime Minister, Port Charges have been reduced by 10 % to make the Pakistani ports attractive / competitive in the region.

(b) No.

(c) It is not feasible to have a uniform tariff of all ports in the country due to the following reasons:—

- Free market economy.
- Location, physical contours, ecology and ambiances of ports.
- To encourage competition amongst the three ports.

64. ***S. A. Iqbal Quadri:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the project launched during the last two years to create human rights awareness amongst the public; and*
- (b) *the date of said project alongwith the location thereof?*

Minister for Human Rights (Syed Mumtaz Alam Gilani): (a) In this regard, it is submitted that Ministry of Human Rights was created on 3rd November, 2008. The Ministry was totally in its infancy stage which continues to some extent till today. However, a number of activities for creating awareness and promoting Human Rights a number of activities have been organized throughout the country in the year 2009. As per detail given below:—

Islamabad

A week long activities/functions/events were organized by this Ministry to commemorate Universal Human Rights day on 10 December, 2009 (from 10-17 December, 2009):

- (i) Speeches by P.M and other dignitaries highlighting the importance of Human Rights day in the modern's days of life.
- (ii) Awards distributed to NGO's for their zealous work in the field of Human Rights.
- (iii) Play on child affected by armed conflict in the respective zone depicting Human Rights and its violations.
- (iv) Plays, Speech, theater, painting competitions and seminars were organized in educational institutes in Islamabad.

Regional Office Lahore

- (i) A debate competition on the topic “The Role of Parents, Teachers, Civil Society and the state in promotion and protection of child rights in the country” among school children was held on December 11, 2009
- (ii) Drama Competition on the topic “Domestic violence against women” among Women Colleges/Universities was arranged on December 12, 2009.
- (iii) A Group discussion/Dialogue on Human Rights issues was arranged on 14-12-2009 among the renowned personalities belonging to various walks of life, *i.e.* the Retired Judges, Lawyers, Journalists, MNAs and MPAs etc.
- (iv) In order to promote leisure rights of vulnerable groups a variety show was organized on dated December 15, 2009.
- (v) National Song Competition among school children was organized dated 16, Dec. 2009.
- (vi) Puppet Show in Camp District Jail, Lahore, dated December 16, 2009.
- (vii) A Seminar on present situation of Human Rights in Pakistan and our role/responsibilities as citizens was held on dated on 17-12-2009.

Regional Office Quetta

- (i) Celebrated H.R Day on December 10, 2009.
- (ii) Programs were arranged at District Jail Quetta and March on 11 and December 12, 2009 with Juveniles and female prisoners.
- (iii) To show the solidarity with Christian Community on awareness programme was arranged on dated December 13, 2009.
- (iv) A programme was arranged with working / Street children dated December 14, 2009.
- (v) Workshop on “Role of Media” regarding Protection of Human Rights in Balochistan on December 16, 2009.
- (vi) Workshop on role of political parties for protection of H.R dated 18, Dec, 2009.

Regional office Karachi

- (i) Celebrated Human Rights, Day on December 16, 2009.
- (ii) Walk up to Mazar-e- Quaid December 16, 2009.
- (iii) Talk Show on H.R on 12-13 December, 2009.
- (iv) Seminar on Karo kari was arranged at Nawab Shah dated 15 Dec, 2009.
- (v) Visited juvenile and Women Central Jail on Hyderabad 16 December, 2009.

Regional office Peshawar

- (i) Celebrated Human Rights Day on 10th December, 2009.
- (ii) Meeting held at Police Child Protection Centre with stakeholders regarding Juvenile Rights on 11-12-2009.
- (iii) Focus group discussion held at Women Protection Centre on 12th December, 2010.
- (iv) Meeting held with representative of media at Press Information Department to highlight programmes and activity of the Ministry on 14 December, 2009.
- (v) Workshop held with DOST, SPARC on the rehabilitation of Street Children and Drug Addicts dated 15-12-2009.
- (vi) Meeting held at Camp Khwendo Kor, Noor Education Trust on issues of Women Rights at Police Protection Centre Peshawar.
- (vii) Programme for Juveniles in Central Jail Haripur presided by the Secretary, Human Rights December 17, 2009.

(b) Not applicable.

65. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the criteria for checking the standard of food items being served*

in the Business classes of PIA flights;

- (b) *whether is a fact that the services of cabin crew of the said Airline is sub-standard; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to impart training for the said staff?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) The criteria for checking the standard of the food items being served in the Business Class is based on Hazard Analysis of Critical Check Points (HACCP) standard *i.e* assurance of quality control from the point of supply to the point of delivery.

(b) The services of the cabin crew of PIA are of high standard like other world class airlines. The in-flight service standards are appreciated at highest level within the country and internationally.

(c) PIAC have a comprehensive training programme of 13th weeks for their cabin crew, which starts soon after their recruitment. Moreover, annual refresher course consisting of safety knowledge, first aid, fire fighting drill, wet ditching and dangerous goods regulations for one week, is also imparted to the cabin crew to qualify for revalidation of their flying approval.

66. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is a ban on manufacturing and use of plastic bags in the country; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that those bags cause environmental pollution?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) The position in each Province is as follows:—

- (i) Government of Punjab promulgated Ordinance on 18th February, 2002 to prohibit manufacture, sale, use and import of black polythene bags or any other polythene bag below fifteen micron thickness in the Province.
- (ii) Government of Sindh promulgated Ordinance on 1st February, 2006 to prohibit, manufacture, sale and use of black polythene bags including polythene bags below thirty micron thickness in the Province.
- (iii) Government of NWFP has not imposed ban on polythene bags so far.

- (iv) Government of Balochistan promulgated Ordinance on 17th March, 2001 to prohibit the sale and use of polythene bags in the Province.
- (v) Ministry of Environment has also proposed legislation to ban non-biodegradable bags and encourage oxo -biodegradable bags. The private and public sector organizations including utility stores have been asked to introduce biodegradable bags.
- (vi) Ministry of Environment has also recommended FBR for reduction of duty from 6% to 0% on import of oxo-biodegradable additive for the manufacturing of biodegradable bags (Ref. letter No. 14(5)/07/08/plastic dated 7-9-2009).

(b) The polythene bags cause environmental pollution if solid waste containing these bags is not collected and disposed of properly. Leftover used plastic shoppers cause choking of drainage system, and create an unaesthetic view of environment. The practice of burning them produces dioxins and furans, which are Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), extremely harmful to human and animal health.

67. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date by which the load shedding/load management of natural gas observed for the 1st time in the country;*
- (b) *the reasons of observing the said load shedding at present; and*
- (c) *the time by which the load shedding of natural gas will be ended permanently?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Load management of natural gas in the country was formally observed for the first time *w.e.f.* 1st December, 1982.

(b) Gas demand outstrips supplies more than three times during the winter months, particularly on SNGPL's system, which necessitate load management.

(c) Load management of natural gas can only be ended permanently when gas supplies match the gas demand of the country for which efforts are underway.

68. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state whether it is a fact that large quantity of industrial waste is flushed into the sea; if so, the steps being taken to control the said pollution?

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): According to a recent study conducted by Karachi Water & Sewerage Board (KW&SB), the quantity of industrial wastewater generation is as follows:—

S.I.T.E-Translyari	=	46.0 MGD
Korangi-Landhi	=	26.0 MGD
F.B.Area/N.Karachi	=	07.9 MGD
Total	=	79.9 MGD

At present only one large combined effluent treatment plant in Korangi industrial estate having capacity of 26.0 MGD is operating. Besides, some individual industries have also installed treatment plants in the textile, tanneries, sugar, paper and pulp sectors.

The City District Government Karachi has planned a project S-III at a cost of Rs. 13.4 billion, which includes up-gradation of existing three wastewater treatment plants and installation of two new treatment plants at Lyari and malair streams.

69. ***Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of new commercial Aeroplanes purchased by PIA during the year, 2009-10;*
- (b) *the price of each plane; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for the purchase of those Aeroplanes?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) (b) and (c) No aircraft has been purchased by PIA during the year 2009-2010.

70. ***Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has allowed oil refineries to charge 7.5% deemed duty on High Speed Diesel; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): Yes.

The reason was that the GoP withdrew Guaranteed Rate of Return of 10-40% and brought the refineries on self-financing basis w.e.f. 1-7-2002.

71. ***Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the country/organization which provided funds for the development of environmental projects in the country during the last five years; and

(b) the details of funds expended so far on those projects?

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) The details of countries/organizations which provided funds for the development of environmental projects in the country are as under:—

Sr.No	Name of Project	Name of countries/ organizations	Duration	Total funds spent
1.	Pakistan Wetland Programme	GEF through UNDP, Royal Netherlands Embassy, W.W.F	2005 to 2012	US\$ 7.748 million
2.	GEF-Protected Areas Management Project (PAMP)	Global Environment Facility (GEF) through World Bank	2003 to 2009	US\$ 9,000 million
3.	Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Environment Facility (GEF) 	2005 to 2009	US\$ 1.153 million
4.	Establishment of Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) Project.	Government of Japan (JICA)	July, 2004-June 2010	¥ 976.923 million
5.	Pakistan Environmental Programme (PEP), Extension	Royal Netherland Emooassy (RNE) funded through IUCN	2002-2007	C \$ 0.370 million Pak Rs. 25.353 million (closed on January, 2007)
6.	National Environment Action Plan – Support Programme (NEAP-SP)	United Nation Development Programme (UNDP)	2001-2006	US\$ 19,000 (closed on January, 2007)
7.	Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)	Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNDP	March, 2003 to 1 st January, 2008	US \$ 0.537 (closed on January, 2007)
8.	Extension of Institutional Strengthening of Montreal Protocol Project for the Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances	Montreal Fund Secretariat, Montreal Canada-UNDP	2005 to 2007	US \$ 0.224 million

	Institutional Strengthening of Montreal Protocol Project (Ozone Cell)	Montreal Fund Secretariat, Montreal Canada-UNDP	2007 to 2009	US\$ 0.224 million
	CFC Phase out project (Refrigeration and Foam Industry)	Montreal Fund Secretariat, Montreal Canada-World Bank	-do-	US\$ 8.600 million
	CTC Phase out projects (Metal Cleaning Industry)	Montreal Fund Secretariat, Montreal Canada-UNIDO	-do-	US\$ 3.609 million
	Refrigeration Management Plan (Training of Refrigeration Servicing Technicians and Custom Officers)	Montreal Fund Secretariat, Montreal Canada-World Bank	-do-	US\$ 1.139 million
9.	Mercury Inventory Pilot Project in Pakistan (Case study project - completed in 2008)	UNEP Chemical Branch, Geneva - Switzerland	April, 2008 to February, 2009	US\$ 0.029 million
	Mercury Waste Project in Pakistan (Case study project - on going)	UNEP Chemical Branch, Geneva - Switzerland	March, 2008 to August, 2010	US\$ 0.047 million
10	Support to National Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM) Implementation	United Nations Institute for Training & Research (UNITAR) Geneva- Switzerland	March, 2009 to February, 2010	US\$ 0.048 million
11.	National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA)	GEF (UNDP)	2007-09	US\$ 0.120 million
12.	Japanese Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) grant through World Bank for implementation of National Environment Policy	Japan through World Bank	2009-2010	US\$ 0.253 million
13.	Japanese Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) grant through World Bank for Development of Carbon Finance	Japan through World Bank	2008 to 2010	US\$ 0.219 million

b) The details of funds expended are as under:-

Name of project	Activities undertaken / Achievement
Pakistan Wetland Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey and assessment of wetlands conducted. • Public awareness, education programmes launched. • Community motivated for sustainable management of wetlands. • Training of government staff conducted.
GEF-Protected Areas Management Project (PAMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and management of three National viz. • Chitral Gol NP, NWFP, Hingol NP, Balochistan and Machiara NP improved. • Institutional and community infrastructure built. • Management Plans prepared. • At National Level, a Fund for Protected Areas established.
Sustainable Land Management Project (SLMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These funds were utilized for the feasibility studies and designing of a full-scale national project through a consultative process. • These funds were utilized for implementation of 9 pilot projects in all four provinces of Pakistan, including 2 in Punjab, 2 Sindh, 2 NWFP and 3 in Balochistan. The focus of these projects is on combating land degradation and desertification through integrated management of natural resources.
Establishment of Environmental Monitoring System (EMS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 fixed air quality monitoring station established and operating in Karachi (2) Lahore (2), Peshawar (1), Quetta (1) and Islamabad (1). Three mobile air quality monitoring van handed over to EPAs Punjab EPA (1), Sindh EPA (1) and Pak-EPA (1). Five mobile industrial emission testing laboratories handed over to each Federal and Provincial EPAs. Existing Laboratory of Provincial EPAs have been upgraded. A new Pak-EPAs "Central Laboratory for Environmental Analysis and Networking (CLEAN)" established at Islamabad.
Pakistan Environmental Programme (PEP) Extension	<p>Objectives of the project were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicular Emission Testing System (VETS). • Trainings & Workshops. • World Environment Day.

<p>National Environment Action Plan - Support Programme (NEAP-SP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental studies • Monitoring activities. • Printing of awareness material. <p>All objective / Targets achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Policies like National Environmental Policy, National Sanitation Policy, Clean Development Mechanism Strategy, draft National Forest Policy, guidelines for Solid waste disposal, management of electronic wastes, Mercury assessment in coal, and Guidelines/Rules/State of Environment Report and Mid-Term Development Framework. • Development and Resource mobilization for the projects • Preparation of projects for Public Sector Development Programme
<p>Persistent Organic Pollution (POPs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of more than 1000 Professionals of stakeholder and community • National Implementation Plan developed • Pakistan became party to the Stockholm Convention.
<p>Extension of Institutional Strengthening of Montreal Protocol Project for the Phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared & disseminated leaflets, booklets, brochures, handbills, posters, calendars, diaries and documentary (DVD) for creating mass awareness. • Brought out special newspaper supplements on the eve of International Ozone Day (IODs) in 2005 to 2009. • Brought out special newspaper supplements on the eve of international Ozone Days 2005-09 carrying messages of the dignitaries/high ups and articles and pictorial publicity material. • Held stakeholders workshops on Methyl Bromide, CTC, CFC and HCFC in 2006, 2007 & 2008. Also held a workshop of national & international stakeholders on CFC-Metered Dose Inhalers (MDIs) for the treatment of the asthma patients in 2009. • Prepared/published reports on the proceedings of International Ozone Days seminars and workshops and disseminated among all national / international stakeholders as well as members of civil society. • Attended the 27-29th DEWG meetings and 18-21st MOP and presented Pakistan's view point on different ODS issues. Pakistan was elected as Vice President of the Bureau of the Implementation Committee of the Ozone Secretariat for 2007 by the 18th Meeting of the Parties held at New Delhi in October, 2006. Besides, Pakistan performed as Co-chair at the 29th Open Ended Working Group Meeting of the Montreal Protocol held at Geneva, Switzerland in July, 2009 and 21st Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol. It was for the first time since signing the Montreal

<p>Protocol that Pakistan was elected as Co-Chair of these high level for a of the Montreal Protocol's Secretariat. Pakistan has also been elected as Vice President of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties for the second time. By virtue of this distinctive position, we succeeded to muster support of the Parties on Essential Use Nominations of CFC for MDIs production till conversion of industry into CFC free technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodical field visits carried out to ensure conversion of the OOS based industry into ozone friendly technology. • Ozone Cell in Collaboration with World Bank converted all 21 CFC based industry in foam and refrigeration sectors through their consultants/technicians in coordination with the Ozone Cell in 2008. • Ozone Cell in collaboration with UNIDO completed 36 projects in the metal cleaning sector through their consultant / technicians in coordination with the Ozone Cell in 2009. • Ozone Cell in collaboration with UNIDO established Halons Banking & Recycling System at the premises of Haseen Habib Corp, Lahore (a leading eligible Halons importer) in 2006 through their consultants / technicians. • Ozone Cell in collaboration with UNIDO trained 350 Customs Officers, in collaboration with Directorate of Customs Training & Research. • Identified 10,000 potential refrigeration servicing workshops in the country. However, due to budgetary constraints UNIDO was able to impart training to 3000 servicing technicians through three national institutions namely NISTE, SBTE and TEVTA in collaboration with Ozone Cell to build up their capacity in the retrofitting of CFC based refrigerator/air conditioners. • Mercury areas exposed and identified • Mercury and Mercury products data collected • Conducted three technical working groups and one national consultative meeting. • Analyzed Mercury in Waste water and soil • Prepared baseline data of Mercury Inventory in the country 	<p>Protocol that Pakistan was elected as Co-Chair of these high level for a of the Montreal Protocol's Secretariat. Pakistan has also been elected as Vice President of the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties for the second time. By virtue of this distinctive position, we succeeded to muster support of the Parties on Essential Use Nominations of CFC for MDIs production till conversion of industry into CFC free technology.</p>
<p>Mercury Inventory Pilot Project in Pakistan (Case study project – completed in 2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspected Chlor alkali Industries i.e. Ittehad and Sitara Chemicals with UNEP Expert • Hair samples of mercury expose people collected • Data of mercury expose people compiled 	<p>Mercury Inventory Pilot Project in Pakistan (Case study project – completed in 2008)</p>
<p>Mercury Waste Project in Pakistan</p>	<p>Mercury Waste Project in Pakistan</p>

<p>Support to National Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM) Implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter Ministerial Coordination Mechanism has been developed • Initial draft of National Chemicals Profile has been prepared. • Round table Consultation with Stakeholders for preparation of National Chemicals Profile has been organized • Subsequent to the roundtable, a series of consultation with individual experts and organizations identified during the roundtable. Basic purpose of these meetings was to collect the data, information to discuss the issue and requirement for the development of National Chemicals Profile. • Meetings held with NGO's/Interest Groups
<p>National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funds were utilized on hiring consultant for the project, meetings of three thematic working groups on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Desertification, consultative workshop with the provinces, meetings of Project Steering Committee for conducting the above study and preparation of action plan and final report.
<p>Japanese Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) grant through World Bank for implementation of National Environment Policy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No activity has been undertaken so far as funds amounting to US\$ 253,221 against US\$ 500,000 have been transferred by World Bank to Government of Pakistan account in January, 2010 and case is now under process for obtaining Rupees cover amounting to Rs. 21,429,206.96 equivalent to US\$ 253,221 to undertake project activities as per approved PC-I.
<p>Japanese Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) grant through World Bank for Development of Carbon Finance</p>	<p>The consultant (M/S Winrock International) has completed the following tasks till to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception report is submitted by Winrock international in January, 2009. • Conducted the following 1 PIN and 6 PDD Development Trainings and trained 156 CDM Project Developers in Pakistan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Organized a Project Idea Note (PIN) Training at Islamabad on 22nd January, 2009 organized by Winrock International under PHRD Project. ii. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Energy Efficiency for Industrial and Power Sectors in Lahore on 17th March, 2009. iii. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Solid Waste Management Sector in Lahore on 18th March, 2009.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Renewable Energies Sector in Karachi on 19th March, 2009 v. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Energy Efficiency Sector in Karachi on 20th March, 2009. vi. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Renewable Energy Sector in Islamabad on 16th October 2009. vii. Project Design Document (PDD) Training on Forestry Sector in Islamabad on 17th October 2009. <p>The consultant has completed the above mentioned activities of the PHRD Project No further activity has been undertaken so far as funds amounting to Rs. 9,300,000 equivalent to US\$ 132,746 against US\$ 570,000 has not been provided in the assignment account so far of the project to undertake project activities as per approved PC-1.</p>
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72. ***Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the ratio of increase made in the prices of sui gas during the year 2008-09 for domestic consumers alongwith the justification thereof?

Transferred to the Cabinet Division for answer on next Rota Day.

73. ***Mrs. Bushra Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the detail of achievements made by National Council for Preservation of Wild Life in the country during the year 2008-09; and*
- (b) the steps taken for the preservation of animals in the country?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) The National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW) an attached department of Ministry of Environment perform the function of formulation of appropriate policy for conservation of Wildlife, coordination between Provinces and liaison with international agencies regarding wildlife conservation. The main activities carried out by this Council during 2008-2009 are as under:—

- (1) As Secretariat of Advisory Council, Chaired by Federal Minister for Environment, two meetings of NCCW were organized to take policy decisions which are being implemented through provincial wildlife authorities. Some of the key decisions are given below;

Allocation of trophy hunting quota of the following species of animals:

- (i) Markhor 12 permits, minimum fee US\$ 40,000 per Markhor.
- (ii) Urial 36 permits, minimum fee US\$ 10,000 per Urial.
- (iii) Blue Sheep 8 permits, minimum fee US\$ 6,250 per Blue Sheep.
- (iv) Himalayan and Sindh Ibex 87 permits, minimum fee US\$ 2,500 per Ibex.

- (2) The Council suspended import of big cats in view of reports of illegal sale of these endangered species in the provinces. The Council decided to draft standards on the basis of which import of big cats will be regulated.
- (3) Composition of the Council is being expanded to include new members.
- (4) NCCW supervised the community based trophy hunting programme of ungulates like Markhor, Urial, Ibex and Blue sheep, being implemented in the four provinces and Gilgit-Baltistan. Local communities were awarded 80% share of this income for their conservation efforts and social uplift. Under the decision of the Council, Ministry of Environment have planned to monitor the success and of this programme and utilization of income by the communities.
- (5) NCCW also regulates import and export of wildlife under the provisions of Conservation on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to which Government of Pakistan is signatory. During the year 2008-2009 an amount of Rs. 5.188 million realized on account of prescribed regulatory fee for permits of import and export of wildlife.
- (6) NCCW in consultation with provincial authorities and other stakeholders has drafted bill entitled "Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora 2009" for effective implementation of CITES. This bill has been approved by the Federal Cabinet and now submitted to Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs for approval by the Parliament.
- (7) On reports of illegal trade, two traders of wildlife were blacklisted.

(b) Under the Constitution, protection, conservation and management of wildlife is a provincial subject. However, policy formulation, and coordination with international agencies, Conventions and Provincial / Territorial authorities, is carried out at Federal level. Advisory Council regularly meets and decides policy issues under the chairmanship of Federal Minister for Environment. Some of the steps/ achievements are given below:—

- (i) Continuation of ban on commercial export of wild mammals and reptiles.
- (ii) Ban on export of parrots/parakeets.
- (iii) For the protection, conservation and promotion of wildlife, new protected areas have been established. Following three (03) new National Parks have been notified during 2008-2009, in Pakistan.

1. Deva Vatala, AJK (2,000 Acres)
2. Kala Chitta, Punjab (91,342 Acres)
3. Murree Kahuta, Kotli Satian, Punjab (Efforts are in progress to extend Maragalla Hills National Park in NWFP)
4. Implementation of GEF/World Bank funded “Protected Areas Management Project”.
5. Implementation of “Habitat and Species Conservation Project” in Balochistan.
6. Implementation of Programme for Mountain Areas Conservation.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th February, 2010.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 19th February, 2010**

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 262, 123, 268, 272, 274, 276, 278, 282 and 288 were set down for answer during the 18th Session)

262. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names and addresses of the persons against whom the cases are pending in NAB in the country at present alongwith the details of the charges against them?

Reply not received.

123. **Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the total amount of profit earned by PIA from Hajj Flights of the Hajj 2009?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): PIA earned a profit of Rs. 92 million from the Hajj-2009. The details are as under:—

Revenue	Rs. 8,153 million
Expenses	Rs. 8,061 million
Profit	Rs. 92 million

268. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) the total income earned by Karachi Port Trust since 1st July, 2009 till date alongwith the head-wise details thereof; and*
- (b) the head-wise total amount expended by KPT during the said period?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri): (a)

(Rs. In Million)

(a)	Total income (Earned from 1st July, 2009 to 31st January, 2010)	10,224.70
	Head wise details of income	
	Cargo Handling	2,541.88
	Cargo Storage	548.94
	Ship Movement & Services	2,489.93
	Property Management	737.26
	Total Operating Income	6,318.01
	Add: Misc. Income (General)	126.69
	Add: Misc. Income (Investments)	3,780.00
	Total Income	10,224.70
(b)	Expenditures	
	Labour Cost	1,822.13
	Operating Material & Expenses	560.69
	Repair & Maintenance	243.74
	Administration & Overhead	69.36
	Depreciation	525.00
	Amortization Cost	89.25
	Total Operating Expenditures	3,310.16
	Add: Interest on Long Term Loans	30.00
	Total Expenditures	3,340.16
	Net Reserves for Development	6,884.54

272. **Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of those persons who were charged with the offence for taking commission in the purchase of French Submarines during the year 1994; and*
- (b) *whether the amount of said commission has been recovered from those persons; if so, the amount thereof?*

Reply not received.

274. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the perks and privileges admissible to the Directors of PIA at present?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): Requisite details regarding perks and privileges admissible to the Directors of PIA at present are as under:—

	PAYMENT HEAD	ENTITLEMENT
Perquisites	Car	1300cc Toyota Corolla Car
	Fuel	Rs.17,500/- (per month)
	Car Maintenance	Rs.5,000/- (per month)
	Mobile Phone Allowance	Rs.30,000/- (one time)
	Mobile Phone Ceiling	Rs.10,000/- (per month)
	Residential Telephone Allowance	Rs.2,455/- (per month)
	Benefits & Facilities	Passage facility
Medical facility		For self, spouse, dependent children and parents as per applicable rules.
Leave Entitlement		Privilege leaves 30 days for each completed year of service. Casual leave 10 days per calendar year. Sick leave 12 days per calendar year.
Group Insurance		Admissible as per rules.
Provident Fund		Admissible as per rules.
Pension/Gratuity		Admissible as per rules.

276. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Cantonment Boards in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of illegal occupants of the land of those Boards at present alongwith the steps taken to get those land vacated from those occupants?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar): (a) Total number of Cantonment Boards in the country. 43 Nos.

(b) S. No.	Name of Cantonment Board	Total Number of Illegal Occupants of the Land at present.	Steps taken to get those lands vacated from those occupants.
1.	Risalpur	14	Reportedly the encroachment has been found, in pieces of various quarters bearing No. 65 to 87 situated at Risalpur Cantt. Notices have been issued to the grantees / lessees.
2.	Lahore	808	Notices have been issued to the illegal occupants and the Army Authorities have been requested to assist in vacation of land in question.
3.	Sialkot	461	Reportedly the encroachment has been found in the shape of Parada Walls, Platforms and G.I. Shades etc. Notices for removal of the same have already been served upon the encroachers.
4.	Hyderabad	33	Reportedly the encroachment has been found in the shape of buildings, boundary wall, stairs, shops and cabin etc. Notices for removal of the same have already been served upon the encroachers.
5.	Malir	2	The land in question has been occupied illegally by the land grabbers. Notices have been served to the illegal occupants.
6.	Peshawar	149	Reportedly the encroachment has been found in the shape of Parada Walls, Platforms and G.I. Shades etc. Notices for removal of the same have already been served upon the encroachers.
7.	Rawalpindi	5	Reportedly the encroachment has been found in the shape of Parada Walls, Platforms and G.I. Shades etc. Notices for removal of the same have already been served upon the encroachers.

S. No.	Name of Cantonment Board	Total Number of Illegal Occupants of the Land at present.	Steps taken to get those lands vacated from those occupants.
8.	Karachi	2	<p>1. Survey No. 36/16, known as slaughter house, which is occupied by Mr. Sadiq Hussain and the case is in the honorable Sindh High Court through Civil appeal No. 106/2003.</p> <p>2. Survey No. 198 has been occupied by the Hockey Club of Pakistan and the case is under process for the completion of lease in favor of Hockey Club of Pakistan on 23-11-2009.</p>

*It is confirmed that no case of illegal occupation of the land in question has been detected in remaining 35 Cantonment Boards.

278. Mrs. Anusha Rahman Khan Advocate:

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons apprehended by NAB on the charges of financial irregularities/embezzlements since its inception alongwith the total amount of those irregularities/embezzlement in each case;*
- (b) *the total number of persons amongst them who have been acquitted under NRO, 2007 so far; and*
- (c) *the total expenditure incurred by NAB for prosecuting the cases of those acquitted persons?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan): (a) National Accountability Bureau arrested 1470 persons since its inception till date. The apprehended persons include politicians, Govt. Servants, Bankers and other individuals, involved in corruption and corrupt practices and cheating public at large. The total amount involved in these cases is Rs.149,969.645 million and US\$ 772.421 million (Summary is attached as **Annex-A**).

(b) Out of 1470 persons apprehended by NAB so far, cases against 108 public office holders were terminated under NRO 2007. However, NRO has been declared void *ab-initio* by the Supreme Court of Pakistan and cases terminated under the said ordinance have been re-initiated.

(c) NAB engaged prosecutors on lump-sum contract to prosecute the accused persons. No separate payments were Made to the Prosecutors for the conduct of NRO cases. They prosecuted these cases as part of their duty to prosecute all accused persons in the Accountability Courts. Therefore, payments can not be bifurcated for NRO cases.

Annex-A

SUMMARY

	Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balo-chistan	Rawal-pindi	NAB HQ	Total
the total number of persons apprehended by NAB on the charges of financial irregularities/ embezzlements since its inception along with the total amount of those irregularities/ embezzlements in each cases:	463	268	118	265	355	1	1470
Amount involved (Rs in Million)	95524.46	12848.26	1145.301	3836.91	34606.71 + US\$ 772.421 (M)	2008	149,969.66 + US \$ 772.421
the total number of persons amongst them who have been acquitted under NRO, 2007 so far:	34	31	8	6	29	0	108

282. **Khawaja Muhammad Khan Hoti:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the name of the persons who are being prosecuted in Accountability Courts and High Courts at present referred by Accountability Bureau alongwith the nature of those cases?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan): (a) At present 715 cases are pending trials in the Accountability Courts all over the Country. The break-up of these cases is attached as Annex-A. The total number of persons who are facing trials in these cases is 2999.

(b) The number of writs / appeals pending in the High Courts at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta is 926. Region-Wise break-up of appeals / writs is also reflected at Annex-A.

(c) The accused persons are being prosecuted for misusing their authority, corruption criminal breach of trust defrauding public at large and bank loans default as defined in Section 9 of the National Accountability Ordinance 1999.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

288. **Mian Javed Latif:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names of Ministers and Ministers of State who have been issued with Notices to appear before NAB Courts alongwith the dates thereof?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan): Following Federal Ministers / Provincial Ministers and Ministers of State have been issued with notice to appear before Accountability Courts:—

1. *Mr. A. Rehman Malik, Federal Interior Minister.*—(a) Accountability Court No.4 Karachi has issued notice in Ref No.2/2004 for appearance in Court on 30-1-2010.
- (b) Accountability Court No. IV Rawalpindi/Islamabad has also issued notices for appearance in Ref No.91/2004 & 92/2004 on 3-2-2010.
2. *Agha Siraj Ahmed Khan Durrani, Provincial Minister.*— Local Government, Sindh. Has been issued notice in Ref No.8/2000 for appearance in Accountability Court No.4, Karachi on 3-2-2010.
3. *Mr. Zamark Khan, Provincial Minister Revenue.*— Revenue, Balochistan has been issued notice in Ref No.9/2007 for appearance in Accountability Court, Quetta on 2-2- 2010.

65. **Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total Budget provided to the Ministry during the year, 2008-09 and 2009-10;*
- (b) *the total amount utilized by the Ministry during the said period; and*
- (c) *the total amount to be required by the Ministry during the year 2010-11?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a)**(i) Total Budget for the year 2008-09.**

Development Rs.10.890 Million

(P, M&E Cell-One line Budget)

Non-Development Rs.38.741/- Million

(Annexure-I).

(Budget 37.741 Million + Discretionary Grant Rs.1.000 Million).

(ii) Total Budget for the year 2009-10

Development Rs.10.900 Million

(P, M&E Cell-One line Budget)

Non-Development Rs.50.000/- Million

(Annexure-II).

(Budget Rs.49.000/- Million + Discretionary Grant Rs.1.000 Million).

(b) (i) Expenditure for the year 2008-09

Development Rs. 5.911 Million

(P, M&E Cell-One line Budget)

Non-Development Rs.37.948 Million

(Annexure-III).**(ii) Expenditure for the year 2009-10****(upto December 2009)**

Development Rs.2.877 Million.

(P, M&E Cell-One line Budget)

Non-Development Rs.21.207 Million

(Annexure-IV).**(c) Proposed Budget required for the year 2010-11**

Development Rs.10.000 Million

Non-Development Rs.55.000 Million.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)***66. Ms. Khalida Mansoor:***Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the special pay scales have been prescribed for the employees of scientific/technical government departments in the country;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that scientific/technical employees of Pakistan Meteorological Department, Ministry of Defence have not been granted special pay scales; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to grant the special pay scales to those employees like other scientific/technical departments; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Transferred to the Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division for answer on next Rota Day.

67. **Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state whether dredging conducted at Port Qasim recently has caused loss to fishermen of Rehri and Ibrahim Hyderi, Karachi?

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Babar Khan Ghouri): No. The local fishermen are navigating through the adjoining creeks leading to the main channel without any hurdle/obstruction and loss.

68. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of Oil Exploration Companies presently working in the country indicating also the details of the shares of the government in the said companies?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): Presently there are 56 E&P (27 operators & 29 non-operators) companies presently working in the country. The Government has share-holding in the following companies:—

	<u>Govt's share-holding</u>
OGDCL (Public sector)	74.82%
PPL(Public sector)	78.40%
MGCL	20 %

69. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of environmental projects launched by the Ministry in Sindh Province since March, 2008 till date; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal to launch new environmental projects in the said area; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameedullah Jan Afridi): (a) The following two pilot project have been launched in Sindh Province under the Sustainable Land Management project (SLMP) during 2009.

- ◆ Water harvesting and Agriculture development in Kacho Area, Taluka Johi, District Dadu, Sindh.
- ◆ Participatory Natural Resources Management (NRM) for Drought Mitigation and Food Security in District Tharparkar, Sindh.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to launch any new project in Sindh Province.

70. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that retired Managing Director of SNGPL has been appointed on the same post since 15th March, 2009; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the liabilities of SNGPL have been increased to its present assets;*
- (c) *the quantum of natural gas of SNGPL pilfered and line losses occurred during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that despite financial constraints, SNGPL has donated rupees 10 crore to a private University in Lahore during recent past; if so, the justification thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Syed Naveed Qamar): (a) Yes, a retired Managing Director of SNGPL has been appointed on the same post since 15th March, 2009 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister (the major share holder).

Justification:

The present Managing Director has been considered as the most suitable by the Government of Pakistan.

(b) No, in view of the fact that total assets of company exceeded total liabilities by Rs.16,147/- million as on 30 June 2009.

(c) The quantum of pilfered gas of SNGPL during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows:—

<u>Total Volumetric Pilferage (MMCF)</u>	
<u>For the Period</u>	
2007-08	2008-09
1276	3533

The line losses occurred on SNGPL system during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows:—

<u>Total Volumetric Loss MMCF</u>	
<u>For the Period</u>	
2007-08	2008-09
52,288	52,539

(d) Yes, SNGPL donated Rs.100 Million to a private University in Lahore during the year 2007-2008 out of its profits.

71. **Engineer Usman Khan Tarakai:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of contractual employees presently working in NHA;*
- (b) *the tenure of their employment; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to regularize the services of those employees; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan): (a) A total of 562 employees are presently working on contract basis against project vacancies, List indicating particulars/ tenure is at Annex-A.

(b) As above.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration as contract employees have been appointed against temporary project posts authorized in the PC-Is.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

72. **Engineer Usman Khan Tarakai:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the employees of NHA who were sacked from services during the calendar years, 1996-97 and 1997-98; and*
- (b) the reasons for not re-instating them in services so far in accordance with the Government policy?*

Reply not received.

73. **Mrs. Bushra Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of registered and un-registered private courier companies presently working in the country; and*
- (b) the steps being taken to improve the performance of Pakistan Post?*

Minister for Postal Services (Mir Israr Ullah Zehri): (a) In Pakistan, private courier services are operating without any regulatory frame work, hence, no information is forthcoming with the Ministry of Postal Services about total number of registered and un-registered private courier companies working in the country.

(b) The detail of steps taken by Pakistan Post to improve its performance is enclosed as Annexure-"A".

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th February, 2010.