

## 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 6th January, 2012**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 53, 15, 89, 92, 94, 95, 97, 98 and 99  
were set down for answer on 29-12-2011)*

**53. \*Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the smuggling of different items is increasing at the entering points of the country; if so, the names of institutions/forces working alongside the borders of the country to control the said smuggling at present;*
- (b) the steps taken to control the smuggling since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (c) the achievements gained therefrom so far?*

Reply not received.

**15. \*Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

*Will the Minister for National Disaster Management be pleased to state the year-wise total amount of funds received by the government from foreign countries/NGO/Charity/Organization as aid for flood affectees during the last three years till date alongwith the country-wise break-up thereof?*

Reply not received.

89. **\*Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that livestock being smuggled to Afghanistan and Iran;*
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to control it?*

Reply not received.

92. **\*Dr. Abdul Wahid Soomro:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the government has initiated several austerity measures during the last three years till date to reduce the government expenditures; if so, the total amount saved therefrom?*

Reply not received.

94. **\*Mr. Wasim Akhter Sheikh:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.10 replied on 21-7-2011 and to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is the line Ministry and the focal point is FIA for International Convention on Protection of Migrant Workers;*
- (b) if so, the reasons for not signing the convention by the Ministry so far; and*
- (c) the steps being taken to become signatory to the said Convention on Protection of Migrant Workers?*

Reply not received.

95. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to subsidize water charges, pests and fertilizer for farmers in order to meet the challenges of international market; if so, the detail thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** There is no proposal under consideration of the Federal Government to subsidize water charges and pesticides. Determination of rate of water charges is the domain of Provincial Governments. As for subsidy on pesticides, Federal Government is unable to provide the same due to fiscal constraints.

However, urea fertilizer is being subsidized to help farmers. Rupees 44.981 billion have been provisionally paid on 03-11-2011 to TCP for subsidy on imported urea due up to 30-06-2011. Currently, one million ton of urea is being imported by TCP, and the amount of subsidy to be paid by the Federal Government, on this count, is estimated at Rs.33 billion.

97. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

*Will the Minister for National Disaster Management be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Brazil has given food assistance of seven hundred thousand tons comprising five lac tons of rice, one lac ton of beans, one lac ton of maize and ten thousand tons of milk to Pakistan for flood affectees; if so, the utilization thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Brazil has also given cash assistance to Pakistan; if so, the distribution thereof?*

**Minister for National Disaster Management:** (a) and (b) The Government of Brazil has not given any food or cash assistance for the flood affectees of Pakistan. Hence, reply may please be treated as “Nil”.

98. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that more than 1800 metric ton flour is being smuggled to Afghanistan monthly via Tribal Areas; if so, the steps being taken by the government to control the said smuggling?*

Reply not received.

99. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for National Disaster Management be pleased to state the performances made during the last three years till date by the National Disaster Management Authority for the assistance and restoration of recent flood and rains affectees in the country?*

**Minister for National Disaster Management:** Detail brief is attached at **Annexure-A.**

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

194. **\*Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the year-wise rate of inflation registered during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the government to reduce it?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) and (b) The inflation rate during the last three years i.e. 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inflation rate</u>
2008-09	17.0
2009-10	10.1
2010-11	13.7

- (a) The government is keeping a close watch on the movement of the prices of essential items through fortnightly ECC meetings and suggests necessary steps for maintaining price stability.
- (b) The Cabinet also reviews inflationary trend and prices of \_ essential commodities in its meeting on fortnightly basis.
- (c) National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) is also monitoring prices of essential commodities in consultation with Provincial Governments and concerned Federal Ministries/ Divisions and Organizations.
- (d) To maintain fiscal discipline, the government has focused on prudent expenditure management.
- (e) The SBP under their tight Monetary Policy also control inflation through policy rate.

195. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the total number of illegal immigrants residing in Quetta, Peshawar, Lahore, Islamabad and Rawalpindi at present alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to control those immigrants?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Approximately 02 million Bangladeshis, 2.5 million Afghans and 05 lacs other nationals including Africans, Iranians, Iraqis and Myanmar are living in the country for more than three decades as illegal immigrants.

#### **Reasons**

- Partition of Pakistan in 1971.
- Cold war in Afghanistan in 1980s.
- Bad law and order situation in Iraq.

- Deteriorated economic and social conditions in the above countries.
- Safe haven available in Pakistan.
- Friendly policies and international obligations on Pakistan to accommodate Afghan refugees.

(b) The following steps have been taken to control the flow of illegal immigration in the country.

- Establishment of Anti Trafficking Units at Provincial Police HQs for combating internal human trafficking.
- Establishment of Inter Agency Task Force (IATF).
- Replacement of PISCES (Personal Identification Secure Comparison Evaluation System) by IBMS (Integrated Border Management System) having Biometric facility.
- MRP (Machine Readable Passports).
- Black-listing of traffickers.
- Installation of HUTIS (Human Trafficking Information system)
- Establishment of Immigration Check-post at zero point-250 in Balochistan.
- Promulgation of Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance (PACHTO) 2002.
- Effective coordination with NGOs/IGOs for public awareness campaign, through electronic/print media, by conducting meetings, seminars, documentary, walks, pamphlets, theater in rural/urban areas.
- Installation of Immigration Intelligence Unit at FIA HQ with the help of British High Commission.

Due to such efforts Pakistan has been upgraded from Tier-II Watch List to Tier-II in the annual Trafficking in Person Report (TIP) 2010, published by State Department of USA and this year we have maintained the same status of Tier-II in 2011 TIP Report.

196. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the burden of public debt of the country is increasing day by day; if so, the reasons, thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to increase the Income of the people?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) No. The debt burden of the country is measured in terms of debt to GDP ratio This ratio has improved from 60% of FY 2010 to 59.3% at the end of FY 2011. This ratio improved further to 55.7% during November 2011. It is expected that by the end of FY 12 this ratio will be around 58%

(b) Government has taken following steps to increase the income of the people:

- (i) It has focused on development of productive sector and created incentive environment for Agriculture through high prices, provision of better seed and inputs and increase of support price of wheat to Rs.1050/- during 2011-12.
- (ii) It has adopted new growth strategy to accelerate the pace of the GDP growth rate particularly focusing on productivity and skill development which is a step to increase income of the people.
- (iii) It launched National Internship Programme to support youths.
- (iv) It is focusing on creation of decent employment opportunities and human resource development. In this regard doubling of Lady Health Workers, establishment of National Vocational and Technical Education Commission, and Restoration of Trade Union.

- (v) Benazir Income Support Programme(BISP) envisages cash grant of Rs.1,000/- every month to the females of each qualifying household having a monthly income of less than Rs.6,000/-
- (vi) Minimum wage rates have been increased to Rs.7000/- from Rs.5000/- earlier.
- (vii) Salaries of the employees Federal Government/Provincial Govt. Autonomous bodies have been increased 100% during the last 3 years.

As a result per capita income of the people has been increased from US \$ 990 in 2008-9 to US \$ 1254 in 2010-11.

197. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to make a plan for the repayment of outstanding loans obtained by the Government so far; if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** The normal procedure for debt retirement is that on due maturities, repayment and servicing of debt are paid out of consolidated fund as charged expenditure. Budgets for the purpose are provided in Appropriations Servicing of Debt and “repayments of Debt” in the respective year.

As the government revenue are less than its expenditure, therefore borrowing of money from internal and external sources would be a continuous phenomenon. For domestic borrowing this is a normal practice. However Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act 2005 has fixed government limit of 60% of GDP. AT the end of FY 2010-11 this limit was 59.3% of GDP. Government is planning to decrease this ratio to 58% by the end of FY 2012 by taking following steps:

- Increase in Revenue collection through implementing reforms in the tax system.
- Retiring the IMF short term loan (SBA)during the coming years.

- As per the medium term macro economic framework, - government intends to reduce the total public debt to 45.9% of GDP by FY 2014.

198. **\*Ms. Kishwar Zehra:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- whether it is a fact that the government has borrowed heavy amount from the State Bank of Pakistan and other banks during the first quarter of the financial year 2011-12;*
- if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps taken to avoid such situation in the next financial years; and*
- the steps taken so far to abate the deficit in the shrinking resources of payments?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) The Government has borrowed Rs. 119 billion from the banking sector for the period July-September 2011. Borrowing from State Bank of Pakistan for this period was Rs. (-)104 billion.

(b) The level of borrowing was contained well within the target.

(c) The budget deficit of current financial year has been projected at 4.7% as against 5.9% of GDP during 2010-11. The budget deficit for the period July-September 2011 amounted to 1.2% of GDP as against 1.6% of GDP during the same period last year. This trend of budget deficit indicates a significant improvement in the level of deficit.

199. **\*Ms. Kishwar Zehra:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- whether it is a fact that the State Bank of Pakistan has failed to keep a balance between inflation and growth during the fiscal year 2010-11; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the steps taken to maintain balance between inflation and growth?*

Reply not received.

200. **\*Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *the total amount of domestic and foreign loans outstanding against Pakistan at present; and*

(b) *the total amount of domestic and foreign loans obtained during the current financial year separately alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) Total amount of domestic and foreign loans as of end October 2011 is a under:—

	<u>Rs. Billion</u>
<b>Domestic Loan</b>	<b>6232.9</b>
<b>Foreign Loan</b>	<b>4751.3</b>
(US \$ billion)	(54.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10984.2</b>

(b) Total amount of domestic and foreign loans obtained during current year as of end October 2011 is as under:—

	<u>Rs. Billion</u>
<b>Domestic Loan</b>	<b>217.66</b>
<b>Foreign Loan</b>	<b>57.45</b>
US \$ billion	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>275.11</b>

201. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Customs Computerized System introduced during the recent past has been abandoned; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the task for developing and automatic clearance system and management has been transferred to Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited (PRAL); if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that FBR has not implemented PPRA rules to award such contract to PRAL; and*
- (d) *whether third party audit of PRAL is not carried out; if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) The PaCCS was piloted on the outsourced microclear platform (software) in 2005 and was functioning at three containerized terminals. Recently, a team of Customs officers and PRAL's engineers developed an indigenous software on WeBOC platform which has been introduced at Port Qasim and PICT to replace PaCCS software.

The microclear platform as per original agreement was introduced as pilot project at KICT, where it has not yet been weaned off. Issues of ownership, system security and costs emerged as the major reasons for the introduction of WeBOC, which is a home grown system owned by FBR. M/s Agility threatened FBR thrice to close down its system and is demanding 100 million dollars for its software and 64 million dollars for its past services. FBR introduced its home-grown system to test its capability in a practical environment. A decision to fully introduce WeBOC or otherwise would be dependent on the demonstrated results.

(b) The task for developing WeBOC clearance system has been assigned to a team of Customs officers and PRAL which is a private limited company fully owned by FBR.

(c) WeBOC platform simply an automation of customs laws, rules & procedures. The system is developed indigenously by the Customs officers working on regular salaries and PRAL's engineers without incurring any extra expenditure. Moreover, it does not involve any cost in procurement of software or hardware. The question of PPR Rules therefore is not relevant.

(d) Every year PRAL goes through two audits, one conducted by the Auditor General of Pakistan and one by a chartered accountancy firm under the Companies Ordinance. For the past two years PRAL have also gone through a performance audit, in addition to the expenditure audit.

202. **\*Rana Mahmood -ul- Hassan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the year-wise details of projects envisaged during the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 under PSDP;*
- (b) *the year-wise details of the projects abandoned during the said period alongwith the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *the details of budget earmarked against each of the said projects during the said period alongwith the utilization thereof; and*
- (d) *whether such projects will be incorporated during the next financial year 2010-13; if so, the ratonalization thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) A total of 695 projects costing Rs 2874.7 billion were envisaged by the sponsoring Federal Ministries/Divisions which were processed for approval through Central Development Working Party (CDWP) and Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) during 2009-10 to December, 2011. (Year-wise details are at Annex-I).

(b) A total of 53 projects costing Rs. 590.5 billion were either returned to Federal Ministries/Divisions/ Provinces or deferred by. the CDWP/ECNEC due to various reasons mainly on technical, economic and engineering grounds. Details of these projects are placed at Annex-II.

(c) A total of 229 projects out of 695 projects costing Rs. 929.0 billion, approved by the CDWP/ECNEC, were budgeted in the federal PSDP during the said period. Project-wise list indicating cost, allocation and utilization against each project is placed at Annex III.

(d) The projects returned /deferred by the CDWP/ECNEC may be re-considered for approval once the conditions laid down by the competent forums are fulfilled and projects still fall in the development agenda of the Ministry concerned.

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

203. **\*Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the economy of the country in order to identify the disadvantages in comparison with the regional countries which are doing much better than Pakistan during the last four years; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) the steps taken upon the recommendations/findings of such study; and*
- (c) the reforms introduced to sustain growth rate for extended period in the country?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) Planning Commission has not initiated any study during the last four years to identify advantages/disadvantages in comparison with the regional countries.

(b) Not Related.

(c) Planning Commission has envisaged a Framework for Economic Growth, which postulates reforms in different sectors of the economy to sustain high growth rate.

204. **\*Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to revisit the guidelines issued by the State Bank of Pakistan under the provision of Section-33 (b) of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962;*
- (b) *if so, the detail thereof; if not, the reasons thereto;*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for monitoring Board of Directors of the Banks with regard to write off loan; and*
- (d) *the criteria adopted to appoint/nominate the Directors of Board of the Banks alongwith the role of government in such appointments/nominations?*

Reply not received.

205. **\*Mr. Wasim Akhter Sheikh:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Project Management Unit of Clean Drinking Water Initiative and Clean Drinking Water for All launched during the year 2004 to install Water Filtration Plants at Union Council level in the country has not been accomplished as per its schedule; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that embezzlement of million of rupees was unearthed in the said project; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to conduct an enquiry in order to probe the said embezzlement; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken to streamline the affairs of the project for its early completion?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) A Project “Clean Drinking Water Initiative” (CDWI) was launched by the Ministry of Environment in 2004-05 as an initiative of the Government of Pakistan to provide clean drinking water to the community. The project was almost completed by 30th June 2007 with installation of 406 plants, one at each Tehsil of the country.

In April 2005, Ministry of Environment and Science & Technology made a presentation to the Prime Minister where the issue of safe drinking water was highlighted. Similarly, presentations were made to the President on 19th May 2005 and 22nd August 2005 where a road map for provision of safe drinking water for all by 2007 was approved. The “Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) project” was therefore prepared in the light of these guidelines and instructions to install water filtration plants one in each union council of the country. The CDWA Project was implemented and executed by the Provinces/ Regions and up to 30th June 2011, it was completed about 20.5%.

While implementing the 18th amendment of the constitution, the subject to provide clean drinking water to masses has been transferred to Provinces. Now it is up to the provinces/regions to execute and complete the project or otherwise. The Federal Project Management Unit (PMU) of CDWA Project was handed over to Planning & Development Division and later on wound up/abolished on 30th June, 2011.

(b) In view of 18th amendment of constitution and after the devolution of Ministry of Special Initiatives in December 2010, the Federal PMU of CDWI/ CDWA Projects was handed over to Planning & Development Division. On the request of P&D Division, Special Audit of the accounts of the aforesaid projects was carried out by the Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) in February-March 2011. (Annex-A). In the draft audit report no embezzlement was pointed out by the audit however some observations have been raised which would be discussed in the Departmental Accounts Committee (DAC) and subsequently in Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

(c) During Special Audit, no embezzlement has been reported, however a committee headed by DG Project’s Wing Planning & Development Division has been constituted (Annex-B) in view of the observations raised by the DG Audit Federal Government to fix responsibilities.

(d) During implementation of the 18th amendment of the constitution, the subject to provide clean drinking water to masses has been transferred to Provinces. Now it is up to the provinces /regions to execute and complete the project or otherwise. The Federal PMU of CDWA Project has been wound up/abolished since 30th June, 2011

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

206. **\*Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the present status of the Karachi Mass Transit Project; and*
- (b) the time by which the construction work will be started on the said project?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) The Karachi Mass Transit Project for construction of 87.4 km priority corridors identified through feasibility study during 1987-91 to provide communication facilities to the local commuters is yet to be approved by the competent authority.

(b) After approval of project by the competent authority the construction work will start subject to availability of requisite funds.

207. **\*Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning, and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total amount of revenue collected by FBR under the head of sale tax during the last year; and*
- (b) the steps taken for collection of sale tax during the said period alongwith the benefits gained therefrom?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) The total amount of revenue collected by FBR under the head of sales tax during last year *i.e* 2010-11 has been Rs.633.4 billion

(b) That during the years 2010-11, following additional measures were taken for the collection of Sales Tax..

(i) Policy Measures

- Rate of sales tax was increased from 16% to 17% *vide* Finance Act, 2010.
- Concessions/Exemption from sugar, fertilizers, tractors, plants & machinery, pesticide etc. were withdrawn in March, 2011.
- Reduced rates of sales tax @ 4% and 6% were introduced in five major export oriented sectors in March, 2011, to collect sales tax on local supply.

(ii) Administrative Measures

- Centralized Audit
- Data mining and system based matching of transactions.

(iii) Enforcement Measures

- Disallowing illegal input adjustment claims.
- System based monitoring of issuance of Sales Tax refund.
- Taxpayer's education and facilitation.
- A close liaison with major stakeholder through Tax Bars and Representative Bodies.

208. **\*Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that government borrowed Rs.200 billion from Central Directorate of National Savings during the financial year 2010-11; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** An amount of Rs.235.0 billion(net) has been raised/ borrowed by Central Directorate of National Savings through various National Saving Schemes during the year 2010-2011.

These receipts are utilized for budgetary support by the Government. Moreover, main objectives of savings schemes are to promote savings of individual and to provide financial relief to specific segment of society like Senior Citizens, Widows and Pensioners.

209. **\*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state;*

- (a) the present status of Benzair Tractor Scheme;*
- (b) the terms and conditions being adopted for provision of tractors to the farmers under the said scheme at present; and*
- (c) the estimated cost of the said scheme?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) In the first phase, 10,000 tractors were provided under Benazir Tractor Scheme (BTS) to the eligible farmers at subsidized rates during 2009-10 through Zarai Taraqati Bank Ltd(ZTBL). For this purpose Government released Rs 2 billion as subsidy. For supply of the remaining 10,000 tractors under the said scheme in the second phase, Rs 2.00 billion have been allocated in the current financial year (2011-12).

(b) The terms and conditions/eligibility criteria of the scheme is as follows:—

<u>Name of Province</u>	<u>Requisite Land holding</u>
• Punjab Province	5-50 acres
• Sindh & Baluchistan	5-100 acres
• KPK/AJK/FATA/ Gilgit Baltistan & Islamabad	2-50 acres

- The applicant farmer should not be a defaulter of ZTBL, or any other Bank/Government institution.
- He should have not availed subsidy during the last 3 years.
- The successful applicant may purchase tractor either on cash or on credit from ZTBL.
- The tractor will be non-transferable for one year.

(c) The original cost of the scheme was Rs 4 billion in the shape of subsidy by the Government of Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 5th January, 2012.*

SYED MUNAWAR ABBAS,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Friday, the 6th January, 2012**

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119. **Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total amount of financial assistance given to each religious educational institution in the country by foreign countries/institutions during the last 5 years?*

Reply not received.

183. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of journalists to whom NOCs have been issued since 1-3-2010 to 1-3-2011 for visits abroad by the Ministry alongwith the names of countries?*

Reply not received.

22. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

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

- (a) the location-wise number of legal and illegal settlements in Islamabad at present; and*
- (b) the authority who granted the approval to maintain those illegal settlements for many years?*

Reply not received.

27. **Ch. Saud Majeed:**

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

- (a) *the year and district-wise total number of licences of prohibited bore issued by the Ministry during the last four years; and*
- (b) *the procedure and criteria adopted for issuance of those licences?*

Reply not received.

2. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the year-wise total number of persons/capitalists/landlords whose loans have been written off by the government during the year 2008-09 till date alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

3. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *the mechanism adopted by the immigration department to assess and identify malpractices of passengers particularly who either traveled on passports of more than one country or using more than one CNIC;*
- (b) *the particulars of such persons since 1st January, 2005 till date;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that certain government officials were involved in such malpractice during the said period; if so, names and designations alongwith department thereof; and*
- (d) *the action taken against the responsables?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Particulars of all passengers, who have obtained multiple passports and multiple CNICs by way of fraudulent means, are placed on "STOP PERSON'S LIST" in Personal Identification Secure Comparison & Evaluation System (PISCES) installed at Exit and Entry Check Posts of FIA, Immigration at Airports. At the time of Immigration, particulars of outgoing and incoming passengers in PISCES at Immigration Counter, the particulars of those passengers who have obtained multiple

passports and multiple CNICs are hit in the PISCES. Thereafter, said passengers are detained and then sent to FIA, Anti Human Trafficking Circles (AHTCs) for taking further necessary legal action in accordance with the relevant rules/law.

(b) Directorate General, Immigration & Passports has declared all such persons who have obtained multiple Passports and CNICs as blacklisted and placed their particulars in Stop Person's List in PISCES. This Ministry had given general amnesty to such persons to surrender their multiple CNICs and Passports voluntarily. However, 3110 applications have been received for cancellation of one of the multiple passports. Out of which 1720 passports have been cancelled and 1390 cases are pending for want of verification of Security Agencies or deposit of requisite fee. Cases of 9590 multiples passports are blocked in the system and persons have been declared Blacklisted and legal action is underway.

(c) No officer/official are involved in malpractice for issuance of multiple passports against multiple CNICs issued by NADRA in different identities as the Automated Finger Identification System (AFIS) blocked such cases automatically.

(d) As above.

7. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names of those agencies/departments of the Ministry working to control smuggling of various items at entry/exit points of the country alongwith the details of performance made by those agencies/departments during the last three years till date?*

Reply not received.

90. **Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.33 replied on 16-11-2011 and to state the names of institutions/agencies by which such tests are got conducted by the customs authority to ensure the poultry feed free of pork contents?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** In order to ensure that the poultry feed is free from

“pork contents”, the customs authorities get the required tests conducted by the following institutions/agencies:—

- (1) Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (PCSIR), Karachi/Lahore;
- (2) Husein Ebrahim Jamal (HEJ) Research Institute of Chemistry, Karachi;
- (3) National Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad;
- (4) Customs Laboratory, Karachi.

91. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 15% increase made during the budget 2011-12 in pension and medical allowances are not being granted to the employees of Old Age Benefit Institution; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide such increase to the pensioners of EOBI; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

97. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state that the details of overall change/improvement made in Law and Order situation in the country since March, 2008 till date?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Measures taken by the federal Government to Counter Terrorism.

(b) Details for Punjab, ICT, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Balochistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan may like to see at Annex-A.

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

101. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

(a) *whether target killings have been ended throughout the country or still continue; and*

(b) *the reasons of target killings in the country at present?*

Reply not received.

177. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether country's external account firm enough to absorb the initiatives announced in recent monetary policy especially with regard to high inflation rate in the country; if so, the details thereof; and*

(b) *the outcomes of the monetary policies announced during the last three years till date?*

Reply not received.

178. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

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

(a) *whether the District Courts have their own building in Islamabad at present;*

(b) *if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration to construct the said building on government level;*

(c) *if answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the time by which it will be constructed?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Yes, Judicial Complex was constructed for the District Courts, but it was handed over to the Islamabad High Court, on its establishment. The said Courts will only be shifted to the Judicial Complex when it is vacated by the Islamabad High Court.

However, the District Courts are functioning in rented buildings in F-8 Markaz, Islamabad, since creation of ICT Administration, in 1981.

ICT Administration Complex has been constructed in Sector G-11/4, Islamabad, which is near to completion. However, some offices and Courts have been shifted there. Remaining Courts and offices/departments will be shifted in that building shortly.

(b) Since the building for District Courts has already been constructed, as indicated at (a), therefore, no further proposal is under consideration/process with ICT Administration, Shifting of District Courts to Judicial Complex linked with the vacation of the building by the Islamabad High Court, which will probably vacate the same as and when building of High Court is constructed.

The matter of construction of building of Islamabad High Court relates to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, under which control the High Court is functioning.

(c) As explained at (a) and (b) above.

179. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

*Will the Minister for interior be pleased to state the names and designations of government employees whom NOCs have been issued by the Ministry for visiting abroad since 15th March, 2008 till date alongwith the names of countries?*

Reply not received.

180. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Central Directorate of*

*National Savings invests its amount, if so, in which projects/institutions/banks, alongwith the rate of profit/interest?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** The Central Directorate of National Savings being attached department of Finance Division operates National Savings Schemes. Funds raised through such schemes are deposited into Government Account for budgetary support of the Government.

181. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the district-wise total number of persons whom marriage grant was given by Pakistan Bait-ut-Mal during the period from 15th March, 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the procedure and criteria adopted therein?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) Total number of persons to whom marriage grant was given by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the period from 15-03-2008 till-to-date is **2161**. District-wise detail is at **(Annex-I)**.

(b) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) provides financial assistance to the deserving persons on provision of application on plain paper by the individual containing residential address, signature or thumb impression alongwith a copy of National Identity Card (**NADRA NIC**). After, verification of status in the light of criteria (**Annex-II**) approved by Bait-ul-Mal Board, the cheque is issued at the address of individual applicant.

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

182. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Prime Minister's Inspection Commission has been mandated to check the strategically important projects with regard to their planning, monitoring and timely completion;*
- (b) *if so, the details of projects against which Commission has taken notice on account of their poor planning, improper monitoring and inordinate delay in implementation since March, 2008 till date;*
- (c) *the findings of Prime Minister's Inspection Commission on such projects; and*
- (d) *the action proposed by the said commission alongwith action taken so far upon the findings of the Commission?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) Yes, Upon the direction of the Prime Minister the Commission shall carry out inspection of the working of any Ministry, Division, Department of the Federal Government as well as Provincial Government. The Commission shall also carry out inspection of a corporation or any other institution established or controlled by the Federal Government.

(b) The Commission has conducted inspection of scores of projects of Federal Government since the stipulated date. Detail of all of the projects examined by the PMIC is given at **Annex-'I'**.

(c) Each project has its own issues and challenges ranging from planning gaps, implementation hiccups to inadequacies of funding.

(d) The Commission has proposed effective/appropriate measures in its reports, action on which has been either initiated or is under active consideration.

### **Annex-'I'**

#### PRIME MINISTER'S INSPECTION COMMISSION ISLAMABAD

#### **List of Projects**

1. Neelum-Jhelum Hydroelectric Project.
2. Mangla Dam Raising Project.

3. Diamer Basha Dam Project.
4. Naltar III and V Hydropower Project, Gilgit.
5. Lyari Expressway Project Karachi.
6. N-5 National Highways Rehabilitation Improvement Project.
7. Lowari Tunnel and Access Roads.
8. Makran Coastal Road, Balochistan.
9. Peshawar Northern Bypass Project.
10. Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI).
11. PM's Programme for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis.
12. Improvement of Water Courses in Pakistan.
13. Raineer Canal Project, Sindh.
14. Rehabilitation/Revamping of Irrigation & Drainage System of Sindh.
15. Track Rehabilitation; Pakistan Railway Network.
16. PM's Special Initiative for Livestock.
17. Development of six Low Income Housing Schemes in Southern Punjab.
18. PM's Special Initiative for Housing for Poor.
19. Greater Quetta Water Supply Project.
20. Agro food Processing Facilities Unit Multan; PM's Village Product Specialization Initiatives.
21. Khadi Craft Development Company (KCDC), Multan.

22. Leather Craft Development Company (LCDC), Multan.
23. Meat Processing and Training Company, Multan.
24. Revival of Multani Blue Pottery, Multan.
25. Southern Punjab Embroidery Industries (SPEI), Multan.
26. Spun Yarn Research and Development (R&D) Company Multan.
27. Juice Producing and Packaging Lines for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Multan.

183. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the steps being taken by the government for easy and prompt delivery of new CNIC to the people of the country?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):**

**Steps taken by NADRA for easy and prompt delivery of new CNIC**

- (i) NADRA has taken special steps to ensure delivery of CNICs to the applicants by utilizing various delivery means *i.e.* Mobile Delivery Vans (MDVs), Motorcycles and MRVs (during their visits to various localities).
- (ii) Currently, following delivery means are being utilized for prompt delivery of CNICs to the applicants.
  - (a) 61 Suzuki Pickups (MDVs)
  - (b) 49 Motorcycles
  - (c) 252 MRVs.
- (iii) CNICs are also sent to nearest Centres for delivery to applicants as per their requirements.

184. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to install ATM machines at all the National Saving Centres functioning in the country at present; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** The automation project of Central Directorate of National Savings is in process and 89 National Savings Centres out of 372 have successfully been computerized. Installation of ATM machine is under consideration and will be implemented as soon as automation project is completed.

185. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 64 replied on 18-11-2011 and to state that the department-wise approval/permission granted by the Ministry to purchase new vehicles since 15th March, 2008 till date alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

186. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Ministers' Secretariat be pleased to state the year-wise total number of disabled persons to whom wheel chairs were provided by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall since March, 2008 till date?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** The year wise detail of disabled persons to whom wheel chairs were provided by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal since March, 2008 is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Disabled Persons</b>
2008	3010
2009	8000
2010	17700
2011	30784
<b>Total</b>	<b>59494</b>

187. **Ms. Kishwar Zehra:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that embezzlement has been done in the account of National Bank Staff Welfare Funds during the last three years till date; if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the responsables?*

Reply not received.

188. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the district-wise number of National Saving Centers in the country at present; and*
- (b) the location-wise centers established during the last four years?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) There are 372 national savings centers presently working in different district in the country. District wise details are given in an enclosed statement.

(b) Out of 372 Centres, 09 Centres have been established during last four years. Details are as under:—

1. NSC, Shinkiari, Distt: Mansehara.
2. NSC, Takht Bhai, Distt: Mardan.
3. NSC, Adyala Road, Rawalpindi.
4. NSC, Bahara Kahu, Islamabad.
5. NSC, Okara.
6. NSC, Taunsa, Distt: DG Khan.
7. NSC, Gambat, Distt: Khanpur.
8. NSC, Malir Cantt: Karachi.
9. NSC, Defence-III, Karachi.

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

189. **Dr. Araish Kumar:**

*Will the Minister for Economic Affairs and Statistics be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is fact that the Italian donors and Government had agreed to provide funds to construct a hospital for burn victims in Multan during the recent years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said project has now been abandoned on the request of government of Pakistan;*
- (c) *if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Economic Affairs and Statistics (Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) As above.

190. **Moulvi Asmatullah:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ERRA has no record of Rs.370 million which were released to NESPAK for providing technical services in the flood affected areas during the period from October, 2005 till date; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken against the responsables alongwith the recoveries made therefrom so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) & (b) It is not a fact. ERRA has not released Rs. 370 million to NESPAK for providing technical services .in the flood affected areas during the period from October, 2005 till date.

191. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that number of employees have been inducted in the Federal Investigation Agency on deputation basis during the last five years; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the reasons for requisitioning the services of those employees separately?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) The detail is Annexed.

(b) Due to shortage of staff / officers since long and ban imposed by the Government on fresh recruitment, the services of officers have been requisitioned for appointment on deputation basis according to Rule 15 of FIA (APT) Rules, 1975.

**Annexure**

(A) NUMBER OF OFFICERS/OFFICIALS TAKEN ON DEPUTATION  
IN FIA DURING LAST FIVE YEARS

S. No.	BPS	Number of officers/officials taken on deputation during last five years
1.	19	14
2.	18	20
3.	17	34
4.	16	75
5.	14	40

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S. No.	BPS	Number of officers/officials taken on deputation during last five years
6.	12	03
7.	09	27
8.	07	32
9.	05	118
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<b>Total</b>		<b>364</b>

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ISLAMABAD:  
*The 5th January, 2012.*

SYED MUNAWAR ABBAS,  
*Acting Secretary.*