

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Thursday, the 3rd May, 2012**

75. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) the criteria prescribed by the OGRA for the installation of CNG cylinders in the vehicles;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said criteria is not being implemented in letter and spirit; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the steps being taken to implement the said criteria?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

76. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) the criteria prescribed to fix the rate of Fuel Adjustment Price (FAP) by the OGRA;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that FAP is not being monitored by an integrated mechanism; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that third party audit of FAP is not being conducted; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(d) *the steps being taken to monitor and audit the FAP?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

77. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the prices of petroleum products have been increased on 29-2-2012; if so, the details alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to close CNG Stations permanently situated in the residential areas in the country to control gas shortage;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the ban has been imposed on the establishment of CNG Stations in the country;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that CNG Stations have been established in the country during the last four years; and*

- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the reasons thereof alongwith the action taken against the responsables?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

80. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ex-servicemen/retired government employees have been participating in various talk shows/programmes to discuss the secret matters of the country on the television channels since long;*
- (b) *whether there is any provision/code of ethics to allow those participants in such shows/programmes; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration to impose ban on those employees to participate in such talk shows/programmes; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):**

PAKISTAN TELEVISION CORPORATION (PTVC)

(a) & (b) Pakistan Television some times invites former ambassadors, retired Federal Secretaries and other high ranking serving/retired government officials as expert in its programmes. However, PTV has its own ethical censor policy, which does not allow any content, which is against the national interest or revealing of any secret matter of national importance.

(c) There is no proposal in PTV to impose ban on ex-servicemen/retired government employees to participate in talk shows.

## PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PEMRA)

(a) It is a generalized question and does not directly pertain to PEMRA. However, it is for the respective agencies/department to answer whether their ex-servicemen/retired government employees are involved in disclosing the official secrets in talk shows. PEMRA has no such record about the participants of such talk shows.

(b) No provision regarding such participants is given under PEMRA Code of Conduct (Annexure at "A"). It is the concerned department/employees who device Code of Conduct for their serving as well as retired employees.

(c) Formulation of Code of Conduct ex-servicemen/retired government employees does not come under the ambit of PEMRA.

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

81. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

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

- (a) *the date of commencement and completion of double lane of National Highway from Peshawar to Rawalpindi;*
- (b) *the total amount of fund allocated for the said project; and*
- (c) *the reasons for delay in its completion alongwith the present status thereof?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** (a) On the National Highway (N-5) between Peshawar and Rawalpindi, two contracts of rehabilitation/improvements were undertaken under National Highway Improvement Program (NHIP) as detail below:—

Section	Km	Rs. in M	Start	Completion
Tarnol-Chablat	57	1331	Aug. 2005	Nov. 2011
Nowshera-Peshawar	68	1127	Aug. 2004	Jun. 2012

(b) The NHIP is financed 100% by World Bank. Funds allocated for the whole NHIP in FY 2011-12 are Rs.1993.351 million.

(c) Reasons for delay are as under:—

- (i) Design issues.
- (ii) Difficulties in diversion of voluminous traffic.
- (iii) Contractors cash flow hiccups resulting in insufficient resources.
- (iv) Irregular supply of bitumen by local refineries at various stages.
- (v) Abnormal increase in cost of road construction material (C-14).
- (vi) Inadequate provision of price escalation adjustment.

82. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to expand/upgrade the Karakorum Highway; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** NHA has planned widening, up-gradation and realignment of Karakoram Highway (N-35) in different packages:—

Section	Km	Status/Plan	Construction Schedule
a. Hasanabdal -Mansehra	110	Expressway on new alignment planned	2012-15
b. Mansehra -Thakot	120	Already upgraded/widened	
c. Thakot-Sazin	161	Improvement/widening planned	2012-16
d. Shatial - Thor Nullah Bypass	35	Reconstruction planned	2012-14
e. Sazin-Raikot	140	Realignment to cater for Bhasha Diamer Dam reservoir	2013-16
f. Raikot-Khunjerab	334	Improvement/widening, ongoing (Progress 67%)	2008-13
g. Attaabad Lake	25	Realignment planned	2012-14

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

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

- (a) *the year and location-wise inter-changes constructed by NHA in the country during the last five years till date; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to construct further Inter-changes in the country in near future; if so, the locations thereof?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** (a) Following 09 x interchanges were constructed by NHA at different locations during the last five yewars:—

Province-wise allocation for NHA projects included in PSDP 2011-12 in given below:—

Location	Road	Year
1. Zero Point Islamabad	M-1	Oct. 07
2. Burhan	M-1	Oct. 07
3. Swabi	M-1	Oct. 07
4. Rashakai/Mardan	M-1	Oct. 07
5. Charsada	M-1	Oct. 07
6. Tarnol-Fateh Jang	M-1	Jan. 08
7. End Point (Peshawar)	M-1	Jun. 09
8. Khanqah Dogran	M-2	May 08
9. Deputywala	M-3	Oct. 07

(b) 36 x interchanges will be constructed by NHA on different locations in near future Relevant details ae at **Annex-A.**

## Annex-A

## INTERCHANGES TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN NEAR FUTURE

	Interchanges	Location (at Km)	Completion
	<u>Islamabad-Peshawar (M-3)</u>		
1.	Ohari	47	Jun-2012
2.	Chach	53	Jun-2012
3.	Miri Banda (Wall)	104	Sep-2012
4.	N-5/Northern Bypass	152	Dec-2012
5.	Capt. Kernal Sher Khan	91	Sep-2012
	<u>Lahore - Islamabad (M-2)</u>		
6.	Hiran Minar	61	Jun-2012
7.	Nowshera Virkan'n	61	6 months (after award of work)
8.	Kot Abdul Malik	22	
9.	Neela Dulha	204	
	<u>Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad (M-3)</u>		
10.	Baranwala	18	
11.	Chak Jhumra	41	18 months (after award of work)
	<u>Karachi - Hyderabad (M-9)</u>		
12.	Maleer Road	15	
13.	Dumba Gost	23	
14.	Lucky Cement	26	
15.	Nooriabad	56	30 months (after financial close of the BOT Project)
16.	Nooriabad	57	
17.	Tano Bhulla Khan	81	
18.	Borari Sand	113	
	<u>Faisalabad - Khanewal- Multan (M-1)</u>		
19.	Kamalpur	0	
20.	Aminpur	11	
21.	Chiraghbad	34	Feb-2013
22.	Gogra	55	
23.	Mankpur	6	
24.	Tataypur-Lather	23	
25.	Yehari Road	38	Dec-2014
26.	Shah Ismail Shahood	47	
27.	Hamidpur	54	
28.	Toba Tek Singh	80	
29.	Waryanwala	94	
30.	Shorkot	118	
31.	Abdul Hakeem	149	36 months (after award of work)
32.	Makhdumpur	165	
33.	Kabirwala	178	
34.	Khanewal	183	
	<u>National Highway N-5</u>		
35.	Okara Bypass		Aug-2012
36.	Kala Shah Kaku (linking M-2)		Oct-2012

84. **\*Sheikh Muhammad Tariq Rasheed:**

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

- (a) *whether the depiction of obscenity and vulgarity on the television is increasing day by day;*
- (b) *whether the Government has constituted a panel to check such programmes on television;*
- (c) *if so, the number of such programmes reported by the said panel during the last four years alongwith the TV Channel-wise action taken during the said period; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to make rules thereof; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):**

**Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

(a) & (b) PTV, being a family channel strictly follows the social and religious norms prevailing in our society while preparing programmes. Its censor committee comprising of senior and professional experts from all walks of life clears programmes before their telecast and any obscenity and objectionable shot or sequence is not allowed to telecast on PTV. Therefore, there is no question of depiction of obscenity and vulgarity on PTV.

(c) No such programmes have been reported by any committee or panel during the last four years after their telecast.

(d) PTV has its own censor board comprising senior and professional experts from all walks of life including media persons and all programmes/ advertisements are censored by the censor Committee constituted for each TV station before their telecast on PTV.

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

(a) The depiction of obscenity and vulgarity has increased in relative terms when compared to nineties or before. The themes and topics selected are related and more relevant to the western societies and sometimes inappropriate when seen in context of Pakistan norms and culture. The trend can be attributed to

the influence of international media on our media outlets and also the intended commercial gains. PEMRA has regulating the content of broadcast under Code of Conduct however, to be more specific and objective a draft of Content Regulations has been prepared which is currently under consultation with stakeholders. The draft contains specific clauses to discourage obscenity and vulgarity as far as possible.

(b) PEMRA has established monitoring system to monitor the transmission of private Satellite TV channels. Furthermore, under section 26 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002, independent recommendatory bodies namely, Councils of Complaints have been established one at Federal Capital and one at each Provincial Capital. Any person aggrieved by any aspect of a programme can lodge a complaint before the nearest Council of Complaints which recommends the Authority appropriate action of censure, fine or Revocation of licence. Moreover, a toll free number, complaint cell for the viewers feedback/suggestions has also been established.

(c) The Authority has imposed fine on different satellite TV Channels which were involved in content violations. List of the channels is placed at **Annex-I**.

However, it is pertinent to mention here that Hon'ble Court ordered status quo against the said imposed fine. Furthermore, during the past few years PEMRA has issued several advices, notices and warnings to satellite TV Channels across the country with regards to content violations. In this context Authority imposed fine on 23 Satellite TV Channels on content violations . In this context it may also be mentioned that PEMRA established feedback and complaint call centre at PEMRA Headquarter in which 1662 complaints received from civil society on content violation. List of complaints forwarded to all satellite TV Channels is placed at **Annex-II**.

(d) In compliance to growing public complaints on programming content of satellite TV Channels, the Authority in consultation with general public, intellectuals and members of civil society has prepared draft Content Regulations which once approved would help in defining boundaries/restrictions. The draft has widely been circulated among the stakeholders and is available on PEMRA official website ([www.pemra.gov.pk](http://www.pemra.gov.pk)) for comments and feedback.

**Annex-I**

## Show Cause Notice for relaying Health Related Advertisement

Sr. No.	Channels Name	No.of Show Cause Notices Issued
1.	Film World	02
2.	Filmazia	02
3.	Aruj TV	01
4.	Starlite	02
5.	Royal TV	03
6.	Silver Screen	03
7.	Ravi TV	02
8.	N-Vibe TV	02
9.	A-Lite TV	02
10.	Business Plus	01
11.	Starlite TV	01
12.	Mehran TV	01
13.	Rohi TV	01
14.	Dharti TV	01
Total		26

**Annex-II**

## Summary for Show Cause Notices for Content Violations

Sr. No.	Channels Name	No of Show Cause Notices Issued
1.	Geo T V	12
2.	Aaj TV	02
3.	CNBC	02
4.	Express Entertainment	02
5.	Hum Tv	08
6.	AIRY TV	09
7.	Kohinoor TV	16
8.	Business Plus	01
9.	A Plus	02
Total		54

85. **\*Sheikh Muhammad Tariq Rasheed:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that oil products are being hoarded by the public/private companies in the country since long; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is no integrated mechanism to control such practice; if so, the steps being taken to control the hoarding of oil products; and*
- (c) the year-wise action taken by the OGRA against those hoarders separately since March, 2008 till date?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that government has made a plan to provide financial assistance to the victims of terrorism in the country under Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) with the collaboration of foreign countries and national and international charity organizations; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) the names of foreign countries, national and international charity organizations provided funds for the said plan/programme during the period from March 31st, 2012 till date alongwith the details thereof separately; and*
- (c) the present status of the said plan/programme?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) BISP is providing monthly support to victims of bomb blasts/incidents of terrorism/target killings occurred on or after 28th March 2009 under its Emergency Relief Package (ERP).

The affected families are being paid a monthly cash grant of Rs.1000/ month. While it will welcome international support for this cause, no such collaboration exists presently.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

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

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

(a) *the criteria adopted to fix the prices of each petroleum product in the country;*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the prices of diesel are higher as compared to petrol in the country at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(c) *the steps being taken to rationalize the prices of POL products in the country?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the investigations have not been completed so far regarding the investment made by CDA in the Stock Exchange; If so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the steps being taken to complete the said investigations?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) An investigation is being conducted by NAB and FIA respectively. The out come of the investigation has not yet been shared with CDA.

(b) As Above.

89. **\*Dr. Imtiaz Sultan Bukhari:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Ministry has not evolved an integrated approach by coordinating Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Finance for arranging funds to construct road network from Gwadar to the rest of the country; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to take the matter at an appropriate levels in order to obtain funds for construction of road network of Gwadar Port?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** (a) A number of meetings have been conducted with the National Assembly Standing Committee for Ports and Shipping and the issue has been deliberated upon in detail. NHA's point of view has been quite clear in the matter that most crucial factors for the construction of Gwadar Linkage is provision of security coverage and arrangement of funds.

Hundreds of law & order incidents have been reported by the field formations in the area of M-8 alone. Major incidents are listed in the **Annex**. It is, therefore, extremely difficult to work and incur expenditures on construction of Gwadar Linkages unless proper security arrangements are ensured.

Numerous letters have been written to Government of Balochistan and Ministry of Interior to convey the aforesaid security issues.

- (b) Following steps have been taken in this connection.
  - (i) NHA has conveyed the fund requirement at all appropriate levels including the National Assembly & Senate Standing Committees on Communications, Finance Minister, Prime Minister & the Present of Pakistan.

- (ii) Fund requirement was worked out and conveyed to Minister for Finance by the Chief Minister Balochistan. Federal Minister for Communications and Chairman NHA on April 6, 2012 during meeting held in Ministry of Finance.
- (iii) Submission of request to Chief Minister (Balochistan) for allocation of funds for Gwadar Linkages from the provincial budget as a temporary loan for NHA is also under contemplation.

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

90. **\*Mr. Javed Iqbal Warriach:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the special modern appliances/equipments were purchased by the PTV for the transmission/coverage of General Elections 2008; if so, the details of total amount incurred thereupon;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said appliances/equipments failed to function properly during the said elections; if so, the action taken against the responsables; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the PTV for the transmission/coverage of next General Elections?.*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):** (a) The details of special modern appliances/equipments purchased by the PTV for the transmission/coverage of General Elections 2008 are Annexed at "A".

(b) The said appliances/equipment was fully utilized and functioned properly during the aforesaid Elections, which is still in use.

(c) To provide the smooth transmission and execution of related applications for facilitation of TV, Internet and mobile viewership, PTV alongwith other stakeholders, .have already started preparations for the upcoming General Elections.

**ANNEXURE - "A"**

Statement showing the details of special modern appliances/equipment purchased by the PTV for the transmission/coverage of General Elections 2008.

❖ **IT Appliances/Equipment:**

Sl.#	Appliances/Equipment	Total Price (Rs.)
1	Computer Accessories	852,430.00
2	Branded Server	1,823,144.00
3	Branded High-end Workstation	592,200.00
4	Branded Workstation	1,640,000.00
5	Branded Graphics Workstation	971,800.00
6	Smart UPS 6KVA USA Origin	350,400.00
7	Printer Laserjet (All in One) HP 3050	114,800.00
8	Professional Image Scanner HP 4050	47,000.00
9	Networking Switch	232,500.00
10	Scan Converter Analog way XTD 820-D1	950,000.00
11	Professional Multimedia with Screen	240,000.00
12	Branded Rack Mounted Cabinet	325,000.00
13	Branded KVM VGA Switch	122,000.00
14	Branded Laptops	915,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,176,274.00</b>

❖ **Engineering Appliances/Equipment:**

Sl.#	Appliances/Equipment	Total Price (Rs.)
1	Mini DV Camcorder	62,58,975.00
2	Audio/Video Accessories	3,42,580.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,600,555.00</b>

91. **\*Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the prices of petroleum products will be determined every after two weeks in future;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

92. **\*Haji Roz-ud-din:**

*Will the Minister for Information Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish mobile phone factories in the country with the collaboration of China;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Information Technology (Raja Pervaiz Ashraf):** (a) At present, there is no specific proposal under consideration in Ministry of Information Technology to establish mobile phone factories in the country with collaboration of China.

(b) No schedule can be given as setting up of mobile telephone manufacturing unit is a commercial decision of private enterprises based on local and regional market attractions. Manufacturing domain basically falls in the purview of Ministry of Industries and Production; however, being the custodian of policy regarding telecom sector, Ministry of IT has been actively playing the facilitative role to induce interest of foreign investors in this area.

93. **\*Haji Roz-ud-din:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total number of saplings planted by NHA on National Highways in the country during the last five years;*  
*and*

(b) *the total number of plants amongst them which are growing up and those withered out?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** (a) Year-wise details of plantation on National Highways for the last five years i.e. FY 2006 to 2011 is as under:—

Year	Plants	Remarks
2006-09	Nil	No new plantation work done/executed in this year. However, only maintenance (restocking) of old plantation projects executed.
2009-10	800,000	NHA through National Highway Improvement Program (NHIP) projects planted 0.8 million saplings along National Highway (N-5) from Peshawar to Karachi as World Bank loan being legal covenant of the loan and also Environment Management Plan of the project.
2010-11	Nil	No new plantation work was done in this year. However, only maintenance (restocking) of old plantation projects executed.

(b) Plans are living organism and mortality is natural phenomena. The plantation company awarded contract by NHA is responsible for replacing/restocking of dead/dying plants without any cost to NHA. The company is also responsible to hand over 100% surviving plants of desired age at the end of maintenance/contract period usually 5 x years.

94. **\*Moulvi Agha Muhammad:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to build a Tunnel from Islamabad to Khan Pur Tarnawa via Pir Sohawa;*

(b) *if so, the time by which the said project will be started; and*

(c) *the total amount of expenditures to be incurred thereupon?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) There is no proposal under consideration in CDA to build Tunnel from Islamabad to Khan Pur Tarnawa via Fir Sohawa.

(b) NA.

(c) NA.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 2nd May, 2012.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Thursday, the 3rd May, 2012**

*(Originally Unstarred Question No. 2 was set down for answer  
on 25-4-2012)*

**2. Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) the area of land specified by the CDA for Car Parking to Serena and Marriott Hotels, Islamabad; and*
- (b) the actual land being utilized for said purpose by the said hotels separately at present alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

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

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division 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.

74. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the meat is not being supplied to the residents of Islamabad due to poor hygienic condition is sanitation in Slaughter Houses at Sihala, Islamabad; if so, the action taken or being taken against the responsables?*

Reply not received.

75. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of plots in Model village Kuri, Islamabad have been allotted to in-eligible persons; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

76. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) the proportion of time allocated to the President, Prime Minister, Treasury and Opposition Members for PTV news, debates and interviews at present; and*
- (b) whether the said allocation/decision is being implemented in letter and spirit; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):** (a) At present, there is no specific allocation of time for the President, Prime Minister treasury and opposition members in PTV News, debates and interviews. PTV gives time to all of them according to their news worthy statements and activities.

- (b) Not applicable.

77. **Ms. Imrana Saeed Jamil:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total number of officers and officials of CDA working in the Parliament Lodges, Islamabad on contract, daily wages, temporary and attachment basis, separately, at present alongwith the justification thereof?*

Reply not received.

78. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

*Will the Minister for Professional and Technical Training be pleased to state:*

- (a) the year-wise total amount of funds allocated for the National Education Foundation (NEF) during the period from July, 2008 till date;*
- (b) the year and bank-wise total amount of endowment funds deposited in the private banks during the said period alongwith the present status thereof;*
- (c) the years and bank-wise total amount of profit earned therefrom during the said period alongwith the utilization thereof; and*
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance allowed NEF to deposit the said amount in that banks; if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Professional and Technical Training (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** (a) Annex-I.

(b) Brief history of endowment funds deposited at Annex-II and present status at Annex-III.

(c) Year-wise profit earned at Annex-IV and utilization report at Annex-V.

(d) Yes, justification at Annex-VI.

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

79. **Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the prescribed procedure adopted for the registration of medicines in the country at present?*

Transferred to the National Regulations and Services Division for answer on next Rota Day.

80. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the mechanism evolved/adopted, to control the corruption in the development projects launched during the last four years in the country by the National Highway Authority (NHA)?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** In order to ensure transparency & fair-play, NHA has formulated elaborate Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS), manuals & code for all activities & functions performed by the Authority. All important decisions such as project planning and award are taken after filtration through different committees of expert officers. NHA also has a fully-fledged Internal Audit Wing and all accounts are also audited by the External Auditors.

NHA follows in letter & spirit the provisions of Government Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules-1995; which provide detailed procedure for controlling corruption & wrongdoings. These rules, *inter-alia*, provide penalties which can be imposed on the officers / officials found responsible for an act of omission / commission.

Proved cases of malpractices can also be referred to Federal Investigation Agency/National Accountability Bureau for initiating criminal proceedings against the wrongdoers. For development projects / maintenance schemes launched during last four years, a committee for crackdown on corruption has been constituted besides formulation of five monitoring teams for carrying out surprise checks. Some very strict penalties including removal from service have been imposed on those proved guilty of wrongdoings.

For procurement of development contractors, NHA has also started following the single stage two envelopes bidding system prescribed in PPRA Rules and this has proved very effective in attracting highly competitive bids.

81. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that land has been allotted by the CDA to the American Embassy, Islamabad for the construction of new 16 buildings; if so, the total land allotted thereof?*

Reply not received.

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

*Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that financial assistance has not been given to the winning educational Institutions of sports events-2011 by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which such assistance will be given to those institutions?*

**Minister for Capital Administration and Development (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):** (a), (b) & (c) Yes, it is fact that financial assistance has not been given to the winning Educational Institutions of sports event 2011 by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad due to non allocation of funds for the purpose in annual budget 2011-12. Individual prizes, however have been awarded to the winning teams/institutions.

83. **Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the year-wise total expenditures incurred on the maintenance of National Highways during the last three years?*

**Minister for Communications (Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan):** During, last three years (2009-12) an amount of Rs.22.9 billion has been spent on maintenance of National Highway Authority network. Year-wise break-up is as under:

F/Year	Rs. In million
2009-10	7722.07
2010-11	8005.49
2011-12	7171.15*
<b>Total</b>	<b>22898.71</b>

\* Till March 2012

84. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

*Will the Minister for Information Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that NTC prefers to install wireless telephone instead of landline telephone in Rawalpindi/Islamabad; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to upgrade the cable network of NTC in order to ensure the installation of landline telephone?*

**Minister for Information Technology (Raja Pervaiz Ashraf):** (a) NTC provides the telecommunication services to its designated subscribers through landline and wireless local loop (WLL), in the face of technical feasibility by primarily utilizing available laid cable network and prefer to install landline telephone. However, WLL telephone services are provided in the areas where NTC/PTCL cable infrastructure is not available or exhausted OR customer demand for the same.

At present 40,922 telephone number are working in Rawalpindi/Islamabad region out of which 4,219 numbers are on WLL. As such the percentage of WLL as to landline come to 10,48%.

(b) NTC undertakes new development projects/schemes that are viable. Presently a number of cable laying work are in execution phase at Rawalpindi & Islamabad comprising new as well as extension of the existing network. This will certainly enhance the capacity to address the landline requirements. Besides NTC is upgrading its core network from legacy TDM to State-of-the-art IP based System.

85. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.1. replied on 17-11-2011 and to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that only wild mulberry tree causes pollen allergy in Islamabad;*
- (b) whether other plants including hyacinth are also the cause of said pollen allergy; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

86. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of deputationist lady teachers working under wed lock policy have been absorbed by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad during the last five years; if so, the year-wise details thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to absorb the remaining such lady teachers under that policy; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Capital Administration and Development (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):** (a) Yes, it is a fact that 15 lady teachers under wedlock policy have been absorbed by the Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad during the last 05 years. Year-wise detail along with their names, date of absorption, date of joining in FDE and name of authority approved the cases is placed at Annex-A.

(b) There is a proposal under consideration for absorption of the deputationists in the schools of Federal Directorate of Education. In this regard, a summary is being submitted to the Prime Minister for approval.

**Annex-A**

Sr.#	Name of (Deputationists)	Date of absorption	Date of Joining under FDE on Deputation	Name of authority approved the case
01	Nighat Sultana Kiyani, TGT (BPS-16)	17.05.2011	05.04.2004	Director General (E)
02	Fatima Areeb, TUGT-(B-14)	17.05.2011	29.12.2004	-do-
03	Janat-un-Naeem, DM-(B-14)	17.05.2011	11.11.2002	-do-
04	Farihat Yasmeen, MTT (B-09)	25.10.2005	23.10.2000	-do-
05	Fouzia Saddique MTT (B-09)	09.03.2006	09.03.2001	-do-
06	Hamida Ijaz MTT (B-09)	16.03.2006	16.03.2001	-do-
07	Khushnood Kausar, MTT (B-09)	03.04.2006	03.04.2001	-do-
08	Farkha-Gul-Rukh, MTT (B-09)	01.03.2007	03.03.2002	-do-
09	Farmeem Akhtar, MTT (B-09)	01.03.2007	01.03.2002	-do-
10	Shamsoona Rehman MTT (B-09)	01.03.2007	01.03.2002	-do-
11	Tarveer Akhtar, MTT (B-09)	11.03.2007	11.03.02002	-do-
12	Razia Sultana, MTT (B-09)	11.04.2007	11.04.2002	-do-
13	Khalida Parveen, MTT (B-09)	05.04.2005	05.04.2000	-do-
14	Shamin Akhtar, MTT (B-09)	07.01.2008	07.01.2003	-do-
15	Hilquees Akhtar, MTT (B-09)	17.03.2002	18.03.2007	-do-

**87. Mr. Himayatullah Mayar:**

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the year-wise details of food and fruit hams purchased for the Sport Complex Hostel, Islamabad during the last four years alongwith the item-wise rates thereof?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani):** Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) provides the boarding and lodging facilities to the national camp trainees in connection with the preparation for participation in mega international sports events. To meet the balanced/nutritional requirements of

the camp trainees, the PSB mostly provides food and fruits as per menu prepared by experts which comprises of following:—

**Breakfast:** Corn flakes, Porridge, butter, Jam, Egg, Honey, Bread, Milk, Tea, Biscuits, Juice etc.

**Lunch:** Mutton, Chicken, Mince Meat, Salad, Seasonal fruits, Yogurt, Pulses, Rice, Chapati etc.

**Dinner:** Mutton, Chicken, Rice, Fish, Sweets, Chapati, Vegetables, Pulses, Milk, Juices, Dry Fruits, Soup etc.

During the last four years, PSB incurred expenditure on purchase of above items regarding different sports events as under:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2008-2009	Rs.10,299,376
2009-2010	Rs.24,660,204
2010-2011	Rs.01,193,370
2011-2012	Rs.04,111,662 [Upto Mar. 2012]

*Note: Some National Sports Federations organized the Training Camps at Pakistan Sports Complex (PSC), Islamabad and incurred expenditure themselves as the tender formalities for purchase of foodstuff were not completed due to technical reasons. To avoid audit objection, PSB allowed the Federations for organizing the Training Camps and reimbursed the amount as per detail placed at Annex-C. Training Camps are in progress at PSC, Islamabad and payments are due which will -be paid on release of 4th quarter grant.*

Year-wise detail of the events is placed at Annex-A.

The above items were purchased through an approved contractor as per tender process. The detail of year wise rates is placed at Annex-B.

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

88. **Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the total number of persons of Tehsil Oghi, District Mansehra to whom financial assistance provided under Benazir Income Support Programme during the period from 20-2-2012 till date alongwith the amount, names and addresses thereof?*

Reply not received.

89. **Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the inquiry report on the collapse of the Margallah Tower, Islamabad has not been made public so far;*
- (b) If so, the reasons, thereof alongwith the time by which the said report will be made public; and*
- (c) whether any action taken against the responsables of the said collapse; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a, b, c) CDA has neither initiated any inquiry regarding collapse of Margallah Towers nor any report received whatsoever from the Prime Minister's Inspection commission so far.

90. **Dr. Imtiaz Sultan Bukhari:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the prescribed criteria being adopted to determine the prices of POL products by OGRA in the country?*

Transferred to Petroleum and Natural Resources Division for answer on next Rota Day.

91. **Mr. Javed Iqbal Warriach:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that special technical equipments were purchased by, the PTV for transmission and coverage of General Elections 2008;*
- (b) if so, the total expenditures incurred thereupon alongwith the details of the equipments purchased for the Engineering and IT Departments separately?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):** (a) Yes, the special modern appliances/equipment were purchased by the PTV to provide smooth transmission and execution of related applications for facilitation of TV, Internet and mobile viewership during the General Elections 2008.

- (b) The requisite information is attached at Annexure "A".

**ANNEXURE - "A"**

**Statement showing the details of special modern appliances/equipment purchased by the PTV for the transmission/coverage of General Elections 2008.**

❖ **IT Appliances/Equipment:**

Sl.#	Appliances/Equipment	Total Price (Rs.)
1	Computer Accessories	852,430.00
2	Branded Server	1,823,144.00
3	Branded High-end Workstation	592,200.00
4	Branded Workstation	1,640,000.00
5	Branded Graphics Workstation	971,800.00
6	Smart UPS 6KVA USA Origin	350,400.00
7	Printer LaserJet (All in One) HP 3050	114,800.00
8	Professional Image Scanner HP 4050	47,000.00
9	Networking Switch	232,500.00
10	Scan Converter Analog way XTD 820-D1	950,000.00
11	Professional Multimedia with Screen	240,000.00
12	Branded Rack Mounted Cabinet	325,000.00
13	Branded KVM VGA Switch	122,000.00
14	Branded Laptops	915,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,176,274.00</b>

❖ **Engineering Appliances/Equipment:**

Sl.#	Appliances/Equipment	Total Price (Rs.)
1	Mini DV Camcorder	62,58,975.00
2	Audio/Video Accessories	3,42,580.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,600,555.00</b>

92. **Mr. Javed Iqbal Warriach:**

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

- (a) *the total number of the dramas recorded at PTV Centre, Islamabad during the period from 1-1-2011 to 31-3-2012 alongwith the names and total number of episodes thereof;*
- (b) *the scale-wise total number of employees working in the said Centre at present alongwith the annual salary and other benefits admissible to them separately;*
- (c) *the total number of dramas being recorded at the said Centre during the current quarter of the year 2012; and*
- (d) *the total number of dramas have been scheduled for the next quarter of this year?*

Reply not received.

93. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the prescribed procedure for the purchase of medicines for the Government Hospitals; and*
- (b) *the prescribed criteria to check the standard/quantity of medicines being supplied to those hospitals?*

**Minister for Capital Administration and Development (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):** (a) The purchase of medicines is made through open tender system and the whole procedure is governed by PPRA Rules. Strict adherence to PPRA rules is ensured at every step.

(b) The Federal Inspectors of Drugs (who are not under administrative control of CA&DD) collect the samples of medicines as a routine and send them to Central Drugs Laboratory, Karachi and DTL, Lahore for testing /analysis, to check the standard /quantity of medicines as per requirements under PPRA rules, 2004.

94. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that A Mosque has not been constructed In Street No.16, Sector G-6/2, Islamabad so far as planned in the original master plan of CDA; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the Mosque will be constructed for the residents of said street at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

95. **Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of Professors in the Government Universities in Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remove the shortage. therefrom?*

Reply not received.

96. **Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

*Will the Minister for Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the names and designations of those employees of PTV and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation promoted out of turn basis during the period from 15th March, 2008 till date alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira):**

**Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

No out of turn promotion has been made in PTV from the period from 15th March 2008 till to date.

**Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)**

PBC has not made any out of turn promotion since 15.03.2008 till date.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 2nd May, 2012.*