

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Monday, the 23rd September, 2013**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 12,26, 106, 110, 112, 117, 195, 202 and 204 were set down for answer during the 4th Session)*

**12. \*Kishwer Zehra:**

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

- (a) *the total number of aircrafts grounded during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount of funds allocated and released for purchase/repairs of aircrafts during the last five years alongwith the present status thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) The total number of aircraft grounded during the last five years:—

Year	Aircraft Type	Aircraft Registration	Remarks
2008	B-747-300	AP-BFX	
2009	B-747-200	AP-BAT	Beyond economical repair, Grounded as per Board of Directors approval.
2009	B-737-300	AP-BCC	
2012	B-747-200	AP-BAK	
2012	B-737-300	AB-BCA	
2013	B-737-300	AB-BCB	
2013	B-747-300	AP-BFW	
2013	ATR-42	AP-BHJ	Accident aircraft. Grounded and insurance claimed after Board of Directors approval.
2013	B-737-300	AP-BEH	

(b) Funds allocated and released for maintenance of aircraft from the year 2008 to 2012.

year	Budget allocated (Rs. In Millions)	Actual expense (Rs. In Millions)
2008	10,420	9,125
2009	8,963	8,841
2010	12,177	8,002
2011	15,239	11,197
2012	14,205	12,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,004</b>	<b>50,089</b>

26. **\*Mian Muhammad Rasheed:**

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

- (a) *the projects of Climate Change started by the previous Government alongwith the present status thereof;*
- (b) *the basic feature of those projects separately;*
- (c) *the total amount of expenditure incurred thereupon during the said period separately; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the negative impacts of Climate Change in the country?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) There is only one project titled “Reducing Risks and Vulnerabilities from Glacier Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) in Northern Pakistan” that was started by the previous Government. the details of which are provided below at (b) & (c). Besides this, following three projects were although approved during the said period but are being started *w.e.f.* July, 2013.

Project Name	Cost
Development and Implementation of Water and Sanitation Management Information System in Pakistan	23.833
Establishment of Geomatic Centre for Climate Change and Sustainable Development 2012-2015	48.536

Project Name	Cost
Mountains and Market under Business and Biodiversity in Northern Pakistan	US\$ 7.793. I 82 Global Environment Facility (GET) S 1.793.182 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (,500.000 Government of Pakistan 4.500,000 (in kind)

Additional information with respect to the closed ongoing PSDP projects of this Division is at **Annex-I.**

- (b) (a) **Starting date:** May 2011  
 (b) **Project Cost:** US\$= 7.6 million  
 (c) **Contributing Partner:**
- Adaptation Fund (US\$)=3.6 mil
  - UNDP Share (US\$)= 0.5 mil
  - Government (in-kind) US\$=3.5 mil
  - Total Project Resources US\$=7.6 mil

(d) **Project Location:**

The project is located at:

- Bindo Gol Valley in Chitral District of KP Province, and;
- Bagrot Valley in Gilgit District of GB Province

A. **PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

Following are the two main objectives of the project:

- To develop the human and technical capacity of public institutions to understand and address immediate GLOF risks for vulnerable communities in Northern Pakistan.
- To enable vulnerable local communities in Northern Pakistan to better understand and respond to GLOF risks and thereby adapt to growing climate change pressures.

(c) US\$ 1.153.034.

(d) Climate Change Division has a mandate to formulate policies gather research data, create awareness and coordinate actions to ensure compliance to the international obligations as per different international conventions/protocols.

Following steps are being taken by the Government to control the negative impacts of Climate Change in the country:

1. Government of Pakistan is implementing National Climate Change Policy (NCCP) which was approved by the Cabinet in 2012. It comprehensively addresses all possible challenge of Climate change and prescribes measures for mitigation and adaptation.
2. Global Change Impact Studies Center (GCISC) has been established as an autonomous organization to carry out research and collect data of climate changes and forecast impacts on country's natural and economic resources like, agriculture, forests, wildlife, marine resources.
3. A high-level Inter-provincial coordination committee is being constituted to guide, steer and monitor implementation of NCCP, through a national action plan.
4. Glacial Lakes Outburst Floods (GLOFs) are posing serious threats to the life and natural resources of northern mountainous areas. Climate Change Division is implementing a GLOF project with the objectives of enhancing awareness and capacity of vulnerable communities to cope with these threats, while equipping them with early warning system and necessary infrastructure.
5. The industrial entrepreneurs and business community are being sensitized to adopt Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) to get benefits of carbon credits.
6. Climate Change Division plans, coordinates and monitors mass tree plantation campaigns in the country as effective measure of mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Recently, Government of Sindh established a GWR of planting 8,47,275 trees in 24 hours by 300 fishermen.
7. As an international obligation under UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to stop deforestation, Government of Pakistan is implementing Reduction Emissions from Deforestation & Forest Degradation (REDD+) programme in collaboration with all provinces, AJK and GB. The REDD+ ensures control of deforestation through cash compensation to forest-dependent communities for their services of carbon storage in forests. Presently, training and capacity building programme on REDD+ is underway.
8. For effective management of flood water and flood plains, a Ramsar Advisory Mission (RAM) has completed its report in close association with Federal Flood Commission, irrigation authorities and all concerned provincial departments. The RAMSAR guidelines and recommendations will be finalized soon.

Projects Completed in 2012 -2013

Annex-I

Sl. No.	Project Name	Project Cost Rs. In Million	Starting date	Remarks
1.	Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC)	132.390	2002	The project has been converted from development to non-development side as an autonomous body through an Act of the Parliament w.e.f. 24.5.2013
2.	National Conservation Strategy Resource Centre (NCSRC)	57.750	2005	PC-IV of the project for converting the project activities from development to non development side is under process in Establishment Finance Division.
3.	Establishment of EMS	260.00 I.C 615.00 F.C Total 875.00	2005-06	PC-IV of the project for converting the project activities from development to non development side is under process in P&D Division
4.	Activity Based Capacity Development (ABCD)	162.441	2005	P&D Division has been requested for allocation of funds of Rs 3.000 million out of block allocation to clear financial liabilities of the project.

Projects to be Completed in 2013-14

Sl. No.	Project Name	Project Cost Rs. In Million	Starting date	Expenditure upto June 2013	Allocation 2013-14	Remarks
5.	Establishing National Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Sectt.	57.961	2007	52.062	4.419	Interim PC-IV of the project for converting the project activities from development to non development side is under process in P&D Division.
6.	National Biosafety Centre (NBC)	39.472	2005	31.439	8.033	Interim PC-IV of the project for converting the project activities from development to non development side is under process in P&D Division.
7.	Sustainable Land Management to Combat Desertification (SLMP) in Pakistan (Phase-I)	258.805	2007	21.959	13.110	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mainly foreign funded.</li> <li>• FTA's Rs.200 million.</li> </ul>
8.	Establishment of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)	55.524	2006	36.394	12.000	Interim PC-IV of the project for converting the project activities from development to non development side is under process in P&D Division.

106. **\*Abdul Waseem:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work of Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad has not been completed so far; if so, the time by which the construction work of the said Airport will be completed; and*
- (b) *the total amount of expenditure to be incurred on the construction of said Airport?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Sixty-three point five zero percent (63.50%) of the total construction work has been completed as on 31st July, 2013 on NBBIAP, Islamabad.

(b) The project has been estimated at PK Rs.66 (Billion). However, its cost likely to enhance owing to numerous reason like market escalation, dollar to Rupee devaluation and increase in quantum of work.

110. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that heavy loss has been caused to the agricultural land in District Lower Dir during floods 2010 and 2011;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

112. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of flights are being discontinued by PIA; if so, since when alongwith the names and reasons thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Yes. Numerous flights have been discontinued by PIA due to fleet constraints. Details of International and domestic flights which have been discontinued, in summer 2013 schedule, on permanent and temporary basis are as under:—

**Temporarily Discontinued Flights:**

– Abu Dhabi	05 Flights/week
– Birmingham	01 Flight/week
– Bahrain	01 Flight/week
– Dubai	08 Flights/week
– Doha	01 Flight/week
– Muscat	05 Flights/week
– Sharjah	02 Flights/week
– Hyderabad	03 Flights/week
– Nawabshah	02 Flights/week

**Permanently Discontinued Flights**

– Amsterdam	02 Flights/week
– Frankfurt	02 Flights/week
– Kandahar	02 Flights/week
– Zahedan	02 Flights/week

117. **\*Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken to protect the country from environmental pollution specifically from open sewerage water being used for agricultural purpose, causing health hazard to the citizens as well as to the animals in the country;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to stop the utilization of polythene bags to protect the environment of the country; and*

- (c) *the details of NGOs working with the Government to motivate the public for the utilization of paper bags instead of polythene bags in the country?*

Reply not received.

195. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase/acquire new aircrafts;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the progress made in this regard so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) & (b) At present there is no proposal under consideration to purchase/acquire new aircraft.

202. **\*Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of Railways Stations have been closed from Lahore to Multan Section during the last five years; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the assets of said Railway Stations are decaying and being stolen; if so, the steps being taken to preserve the asset of the said Railway Stations?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) The following crossing stations were closed during the last five years between Lahore and Multan Cantt. Railway Stations after doubling of track of Lodhran-Khanewal section:

- i. Iqbal Nagar
- ii. Kotla Adeeb Shaheed
- iii. Dad Fatiana
- iv. Mir Dad Maufi



(b) `Railway Administration has reported that wooden doors, windows and other materials released from these closed stations have been accounted for. However Railway Police has been asked for verification.

204. **\*Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *the Ministry-wise total number of employees placed in the surplus pool at present; and*
- (b) *the total amount incurred under the head of salaries and other allowances thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Presently 102 employees of 13 Ministries/Divisions are enlisted in the surplus pool. Ministries / Divisions wise detail is given at Annex-A.

(b) Since surplus employees remain with their parent departments for all administrative and financial purposes *viz* utilization of their services, discipline, leave, disbursement of salaries etc, no amount is incurred under the Head of salaries and other allowances by the Surplus Pool of Establishment Division.

**Annex-A**

S. No.	Ministries/Divisions/Departments	No. of employees enlisted in the Surplus Pool
1.	Capital Administration & Development Division (PIMS)	07
2.	Ministry of Industries & Production; Department of Supplies (defunct)	11
3.	Cabinet Division:	
	(i) Department of Communications Security	12
	(ii) Department of Stationery & Forms	01
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>13</b>
4.	Ministry of Human Resources Development (NTB)	02
5.	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting:	
	(i) Press Information Department	02
	(ii) Pakistan National Centre (defunct)	04
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>06</b>
6.	Establishment Division:	
	(i) Staff Welfare Organization	01
	(ii) National Reconstruction Bureau	03
	(iii) Anti Narcotics Force	03
	(iv) President's Secretariat (P)	01
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>08</b>

S. No.	Ministries/Divisions/Departments	No. of employees enlisted in the Surplus Pool
7.	Finance Division (Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan)	04
8.	Prime Minister's Office (Board of Investment)	01
9.	Ministry of Commerce (Export Promotion Bureau) (defunct)	01
10.	Former M/o Education (defunct); Pakistan Literacy Commission	02
11.	Ministry of Interior	
	(i) National Data Base Registration Authority (NADRA)	01
	(ii) Civil Defence	01
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>02</b>
12.	Statistics Division (ACO now Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)	44
13.	Ministry of National Food Security (Agricultural Policy Institute)	01
	<b>Grand-Total</b>	<b>102</b>

111. **\*Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *the time by which ban on jobs will be lifted; and*
- (b) *whether the said ban is also applicable on Higher Educational Institutions?*

Reply not received.

112. **\*Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari:**

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

- (a) *the ratio of staff actually working/required to sustain the PIA's operations alongwith the excess/redundant contractual and permanent staff working, but, still getting full pay/perks therein at present; and*
- (b) *the time by which the hiring of employees for PIA will be rationalized in commercial and economic terms basis?*

Reply not received.

113. **\*Lal Chand:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Railway Station temporarily established at Zero Point for Khokhrapar-Mona Bao bound train is being made permanent; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Railway Station of Khokhrapar already established is not being utilized for the said purpose; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) A permanent Railway station was established at Zero Point as Interchange Point for Khokhrapar—Mona Bao bound train. It is about 200 KMs from the border line and is in operation since 2006.

(b) The Khokhrapar Railway station which is eight (08) Kilometers from the Zero Point is still operational and maintained properly to cater for the freight traffic between India and Pakistan in near future.

114. **\*Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the party-wise details of advertisements published in newspapers and telecast by private T.V channels in the months of April and May, 2013 during the election campaign?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** **Press Information Department (PID)**

**(PRINT MEDIA)** A total number of 329 advertisements regarding the election campaign of political parties were published in 08 major dailies (The News, Dawn, The Nation, Pakistan Observer, Express Tribune, Jang, Nawa-e-Waqt & Express) from April 01 to May 10, 2013. Party-wise breakup is as follows:—

Party	No. of Advertisements
Pakistan Peoples Party	163
PTI	49

Party	No. of Advertisements
PML(N)	51
PML (Q)	03
JIP	33
MQM	08
Majlis Wahadat-ul-Muslimeen	09
SNP (Sindh National Party)	03
ANP (Awami National Party)	02
APML (All Pakistan Muslim League)	03
TTP (Tehrik-e-Tahafuz Pakistan)	02
ATP (Awami Tehrik Pakistan)	01
ITP (Islami Tehrik Pakistan)	01

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

**(ELECTRONIC MEDIA)** A total number of 62,622/- advertisements regarding the election campaign of political parties have been telecast by the 69 different TV channels from 17th March to 11th May, 2013 (**Annex-I**). Party wise breakup is as follows:—

Party	No. of Advertisements	No of Channels
Pakistan Peoples Party	26,237	51
PTI	16,363	56
PML(N)	12,521	50
PML (Q)	1,978	25
JIP	1,555	22
MQM	1,482	29
PML (F)	1,286	09
APML	754	31

Party	No. of Advertisements	No of Channels
Mustaqbal Pakistan	182	03
Majlis Wahadat-ul-Muslimeen	136	07
Awami Jamhoori Ittehad Pakistan	61	02
Awami National Party	31	03
Tehreek-e- Soba Hazara	16	01
Pakistan Justice Party	09	01
Awami Muslim League	08	01
Jamiat Ulema-a- Islam	04	02

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

115. **\*Mehboob Alam:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to lease out the Railways land in the near future; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the railways track near Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, Nazimabad, Karachi has been converted into a road; if so, the time by which the said Railway track will be restored/ repaired?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Lease of surplus Railway land for different purposes is an on going process and is likely to continue in near future. At present leasing of land has been temporarily banned due to reason that leasing policy is being reviewed to make it more transparent and effective. However sale of land is completely banned.

(b) The Karachi Circular Railway (KCR), which also passes near the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, Karachi was operative till December 1999 and a

proposal for revival of KCR as modern commuter system with the financial and technical assistance of JICA has already been approved.

Yes railway land near Abbasi Shaheed Hospital at Nazimabad Karachi is being used presently as service road temporarily till the construction of flyover. The same will be retrieved during execution of KCR project.

116. **\*Syed Naveed Qamar:**

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

- (a) the total estimated requirement of planes for PIA to maintain the current traffic projections alongwith the breakdown of wide/narrow bodied and turbo-props thereof;*
- (b) the category-wise total number of planes of PIA at present;*
- (c) whether PIA has a plan to induct more planes in PIA in the near future; if so, the details including make, date of procurement, method of procurement, price (buy or lease) and the date by which those planes will be operational in PIA; and*
- (d) the financial loss suffered by PIA due to lack of aircrafts during the year 2012 and 2013?*

Reply not received.

117. **\*Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- (a) the security measures being taken to control untoward incidents in PIA at present; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that passengers are issued boarding passes but fail to board creating anxiety and security threat to the flight; if so, the steps being taken by PIA in this regard?*

Reply not received.

118. **\*Muhammad Rehan Hashmi:**

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

- (a) *the type of tracks of the Pakistan Railway installed in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make it uniform; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) There are two types of railway tracks in the country at present:—

- (i) Broad Gauge Track (1676mm)
- (ii) Meter Gauge Track (1000mm)

The meter gauge track is 312 km out of total 7791 Km track, on the following sections:

- (i) Mirpurkhas –Nawabshah = 129 km
- (ii) Pitharo –Jamrao = 183 km

However train service of these sections was suspended in 1991 due to commercial non-viability.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration of the government to convert these meter gauge sections to broad gauge sections due to aforesaid reason. However 133 km meter gauge track has already been converted into broad gauge track on Mirpurkhas – Khokhrapar section during the year 2006-07.

119. **\*Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the total number of trains made non-Operational during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to make those trains operational?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Pakistan Railways temporarily suspended/ discontinued the operation of 150 passenger trains during last five years due to less patronization and locomotives shortage.

(b) At present , there is no immediate programme to make these trains operational, because emphasis is to restore Freight train operation in phase – I and after that the suspended passenger trains will be restored gradually, creating a balance between passenger and freight operations.

Following steps have been initiated by the Government to restore freight trains and make non-operational trains operational:—

- (i) Rehabilitation of 27 HGMU 30 locomotives under PSDP.
- (ii) Special repair 150 locomotives at the cost of Rs. 5.00 billion. The project is scheduled to be completed by 2014 - 2015.
- (iii) Purchase of 58 new locomotives with delivery schedule to start w.e.f. November, 2013 and likely to be completed by June, 2014.
- (iv) 50 new Diesel locomotives are in pipeline to be purchased through International Tender.
- (v) The acquisition of locomotives on lease / rent has also been advertised.
- (vi) Refurbishing of 400 passenger coaches with better facilities and higher speed, is in progress at Carriage Factory, Islamabad. Up till now 275 coaches have been refurbished and inducted in the system whereas remaining 125 coaches will be available for operation by June, 2014.
- (vii) Procurement of 202 modern design high speed coaches at the cost of US\$134.452 million from China is in progress.
- (viii) Purchase of new 40 power plants is in progress.

As the above mentioned projects will get completed, the gradual restoration of passenger trains will be ensured in accordance with policy.



120. **\*Sabiha Nazir:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state the year in which the PIA went into loss?*

Reply not received.

121. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to auction 3-G licences;*
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Transferred to Information Technology and Telecommunications Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

122. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the influential people have occupied Railways land alongside the Railway lines;*
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the encroachments from Railways land particularly from Peshawar to Dargai lines?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Railway land has been encroached on the overall system not only by the influential people but also by the common man, for residential, agriculture & commercial purposes etc.

(b) Pakistan Railways has launched a comprehensive campaign on the entire system for removal of encroachments and to retrieve the railway land measuring 5,663 acres. In first phase, Pakistan Railways retrieved 2,537 acres of its land from un-authorized occupants during, 2012-13. In 2nd phase, 211 acres

land has been retrieved from June 2013 till Sep 2013. The campaign is still in progress and is being vigorously pursued at all levels.

As far as, Peshawar-Dargai section is concerned, temporary occupation of land strip between Highways and Railways track generally take place by Venders in shape of Tharas, Stacking, Temporary Khokhas, Parking and Wheel Barrows etc. which are removed on regular basis through anti encroachment operations to maintain railway right of way clear from all type of encroachments.

123. **\*Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that name of District Management Group (DMG) has been changed to Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS); if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the names of other Occupational Groups have not been changed; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Yes. It is a fact that the name of District Management Group has been changed to Pakistan Administrative Service. The National Commission for Government Reforms on Reforming the Government of Pakistan in its report at para 15 has *inter-alia*, proposed the retention of District Management Group (DMG) as Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS).

(b) With the approval of Prime Minister nomenclatures of various occupational groups were changed in the past. Examples are as under:—

- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (i) Accounts Group          | Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service |
| (ii) Police Group           | Police Service of Pakistan          |
| (iii) Foreign Affairs Group | Foreign Service of Pakistan         |
| (iv) Income Tax Group       | Inland Revenue Service              |
| (v) Custom & Excise Group   | Pakistan Customs Service            |

124. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the ban on new recruitments has been imposed;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of youth became overage due to said ban; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the upper age limit for appointments in the Ministries/Divisions; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

125. **\*Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Railways has very expensive agricultural and commercial land in the country especially in KPK; if so, the province-wise details thereof;*
- (b) the prescribed criteria under which the land/godowns of railways in KPK have been given for commercial utilization during the year 2012-13 alongwith rates thereof and the month-wise income deposited in the national exchequer therefrom;*
- (c) the benefits accrued to the Ministry from the lease of godowns and land off railways during the last three years; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for recovery of the said land?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Pakistan Railway owns 167,690 acres land in all four provinces. This includes land under operational use, residential colonies, Katchi Abadis, encroachments, land leased out for

Agriculture and commercial purposes and land available for future operational requirements.

The Province-wise agricultural and commercial land owned by Pakistan Railways is as under:—

S#	Province.	Total Railway land in Province (Acres)	Agriculture (Acres )	Commercial (Acres).
1	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	9707	234.180	12.968
2	Punjab	90326	11329	266.409
3	Sindh	39428	1256.930	126.838
4	Balochistan	28228	324.470	23.133
<b>Total</b>		<b>167690</b>	<b>13144.58</b>	<b>429.348</b>

(b) Pakistan Railways has leased out its land good sheds during the year 2012-13 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through bidding after advertisement in National Dailies as detailed below:—

S #	Location of Good Sheds	Area (in Marla)	Monthly rent (Rs.)
1.	Takht Bai	15	4600/-
2.	Mardan.	13	50,000/-

In addition to above one goods shed at Havellian was rented out in 2010 on trial basis at annual rent of Rs. 66,000/- which was increased 100% in 2012 and then further increased by 15% for next year making the rent to Rs. 1,51,800/- per year. This site was advertised for auction through bids in 2012, but not finalized due to bids being lower than the current rent.

Pakistan Railways has remitted the rent of above both good sheds for the year 2012-13 amounting to Rs. 6,55,200/- and nothing is outstanding against lease holders at present.

(c) Following benefits accrued by renting out abandoned goods sheds.

(i) Abandoned goods sheds at above stations have been saved from further deterioration.

- (ii) The above goods sheds were also protected from illegal possession and encroachments.
- (iii) A revenue of Rs.8,07,000/- per annum is being generated by renting out the aforesaid goods sheds.

(d) There is no illegal occupation as far as land of good sheds in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa as detailed above is concerned. Therefore question of recovery of land is not relevant.

126. **\*Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Railways suffered losses during the last five years; if so, the year-wise details of financial losses thereof;*
- (b) *the total number of financial embezzlement reported during the said period alongwith amount thereof;*
- (c) *whether such financial embezzlements were investigated; if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken against responsables; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure good Governance in Pakistan Railways?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Yes. It is a fact that Pakistan Railways is running in losses. The year-wise details of financial losses is given as under:—

(Rs. In Billion)

Years	Amount
2008-09	22.968
2009-10	24.979
2010-11	31.157
2011-12	31.048
2012-13	32.662
<b>Total</b>	<b>142.814</b>

(b) Criminal Cases were registered by Pakistan Railways Police during the subject period. Year- Wise detail is as under:—

Year	No. of Cases
2009	61
2010	49
2011	28
2012	41
2013 ( up tp 31-08-2013)	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>

(c) All cases were investigated and Challans were sent to Court of Law. An amount of Rs.15.531 million has been recovered from the culprits.

(d) The following steps have been taken to control revenue leakage by the commercial staff and embezzlements:

1. Inspection teams are frequently undertaking surprise inspections at Divisional as well as Headquarters level to curb the menace of ticket-less travelling.
2. A number of Police cases have been registered against the commercial staff over the system, who were involved in frauds, embezzlements of misappropriation of Railway Revenue.
3. Departmental action has been taken against staff.
4. The computerized tickets are printed and security features have been arranged in the tickets.
5. Forty one (41) reservation offices over the system have been computerized to discourage black marketing, over charging and forgery by commercial staff.
6. Public Private Partnership for outsourcing commercial management of Passenger Trains is being carried out to improve Railway Revenue and control leakage.

7. The refund policy as well as procedure have been modified to check & control leakage of revenue.

127. **\*Dr. Raja Aamer Zaman:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the budget of Federal Government Hospitals has been reduced considerably during the current financial year; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the year-wise funds reserved and released to each of above hospital during the last five years; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that patients are not getting state of art medical facilities in the said hospitals; if so, the steps being taken to increase the fund to improve the said facilities and increase the budget for said hospitals?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) It is stated that:

- After allocation of annual budget, the Government has imposed 30% cut *vide* Finance Division letter No. 1(1)Exp-IV/2013, dated 01-07-2013 except on pay and allowances of **Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH) and National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM)** during the current financial year 2013-14.

(b) The year-wise funds reserved/released for **PIMS, FGSH and NIRM** are as under :—

S. No.	Financial year	PIMS (in million)	FGSH (in million)	NIRM (in million)
1.	2008-2009	1160.381	564.086	73.226
2.	2009-2010	1640.564	726.913	84.000
3.	2010-2011	1933.922	734.109	108.455
4.	2011-2012	2421.181	1257.448	123.318
5.	2012-2013	3025.221	1274.568	201.259

(c) **PIMS, FGSH & NIRM** are catering to the maximum needs of the patients for medicines with the available financial resources. There are different formularies containing life saving and essential medicines for all the components in OPD's, Indoor, Critical Care areas, Emergency and Operation theatres.

The needs of poor and deserving patients which cannot be met through the formularies due to financial constraints are fulfilled through Zakat and Pakistan Baitul Mal funds. These hospitals are also providing the diagnostic facilities *i.e.* X-ray, Laboratory Test, ECG, ETT, EEG and many other tests to Federal Government Servants and their dependant family members, Ambassadors of various countries, judges and Parliamentarians etc. The medical facilities can be augmented, if the budget of these hospitals is increased.

128. **\*Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the future of 1000 Pakistani students who have been sent to Cuba by HEC is at stake; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that 350 medical students will complete their study in the current year under said project; if so, the steps being taken by the Government for registration of those students?*

**Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education:** (a) ) No, In fact 907 Pakistani students are currently studying in medical universities of Cuba, which are enlisted in the WHO directory. The Students would receive the degree of “**Doctor in Medicine**” from “**Latin American School of Medicine**”, **ELAM**. As per the procedure for all foreign medical graduates, the students receiving medical degree from Cuba will appear in a National Board Examination (NEB) for registration with the PM&DC as medical professionals.

(b) 308 Pakistani students will graduate from Cuba in February, 2014. After their successful graduation, as per standard procedure of PM&DC, they will be required to appear in NEB test for their registration with PMDC as per routine.



129. **\*Farhana Qamar:**

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the annual production of wheat, rice, cotton and sugarcane achieved during the last five years alongwith the targets fixed for the said period therefor;*
- (b) *the targets fixed for production of said crops during the next five years; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the said targets fixed for the next five years?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan):**

<b>(a) Wheat</b>		<b>000 tons</b>
Year	Target	Achievement
2008-09	25000	24032.9
2009-10	25000	23310.8
2010-11	25000	25213.8
2011-12	Not available	23473.4
2012-13	Not available	24231.0

  

<b>Rice</b>		<b>000 tons.</b>
Year	Target	Achievement
2008-09	5721.0	6952.0
2009-10	5949.0	6882.7
2010-11	6176.1	4823.3
2011-12	Not available	6160.4
2012-13	Not available	5541.0

<b>Sugarcane</b>	<b>000 tons</b>	
Year	Target	Achievement
2008-09	56516.0	50045.4
2009-10	56527.0	49372.9
2010-11	53690.3	55308.5
2011-12	Not available	58396.4
2012-13	Not available	62472.0

Source: 1. Agricultural Statistics of Pakistan: 2011-12.  
2. Economic Survey of Pakistan 2012-13.

(b) Nil.

(c) Nil.

130. **\*Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that most of industrial waste in the country is being disposed of in the rivers since long, if so, the steps being taken to control the same;*
- (b) *the total number of waste water treatment plants installed in Sindh Province to control the said waste during the last five years till date; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install such plants in the country in the near future; if so, the locations thereof?*

Reply not received.

131. **\*Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *the total amount paid by NDMA to the affectees of the floods during the last three years till date;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that total approved amount has not been paid to those affectees; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *the total amount received by the Government from foreign countries for the above affectees so far; and*
- (d) *the total number of cheques of those affectees which have not been encashed so far?*

Reply not received.

132. **\*Dr. Arif Alvi:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to change the name of the Benazir Income Support Programme; if so, the new name thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Secretary has not been appointed for the said Programme since long; if so, the reasons thereof;*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) BISP is not in receipt of any instructions from Government regarding the change of name.

(b) Establishment Division *vide* Notification No. PF(351)/E-5 (PAS) dated 28-03-2013 has appointed Mr. Haseeb Athar, a BS-21 officer of the Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS) as the Secretary of BISP,

133. **\*Isphanyar M. Bhandara:**

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

- (a) *whether any Development Program Fund was launched during the last five years; if so, the year-wise amount allocated for each Minority MNA during the said period;*

- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance said Fund for each Minority MNA; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Two development programmes were run namely Peoples Works Programme - I & Peoples Works Programme - II (PWP-I & PWP-II).

### **PWP-I**

The detail regarding year-wise funds released on the recommendation of Minority MNAs under PWP-I during the said period is annexed.

### **PWP-II**

The allocation under PWP-II was made by the Prime Minister's Secretariat while Cabinet Division only disbursed the said amount to the concerned executing agencies without knowing the name of the beneficiary MNA or the concerned National Assembly constituency.

- (b) No such proposal is under consideration in the Cabinet Division.

### **Annexure**

#### **FUNDS RELEASED TO MINORITY MNAs UNDER PEOPLE WORKS PROGRAMME-I (2008-2013)**

Rs. in Millions

S.	Const	Name of Parliamentarian	FUNDS RELEASED					TOTAL
			2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	
1.	NA-333	MR. SHAHBAZ BHATTI	4.582	1.240	—	—	—	5.822
2.	NA-333	DR. KHATUMAL JEEWAN	—	—	—	8.675	—	8.675
3.	NA-334	MR. RAMESH LAL	—	20.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	50.000
4.	NA-335	MR. LAL CHAND	9.536	13.460	2.634	10.000	—	35.630
5.	NA-336	DR. MAHESH KUMAR MALANI	10.000	20.000.	10.000	10.000	9.995	59.995
6.	NA-337	DR. DARSHAN	8.560	20.637	4.100	10.000	10.000	53.297
7.	NA-338	DR. NELSON AZEEM	9.744	19.991	9.464	10.000	10.000	59.199
8.	NA-339	DR. ARAISH KUMAR	—	19.900	9.000	10.000	8.500	47.400
9.	NA-340	MR. AKRAM MASIH GILL	3.201	20.000	2.400	10.000	10.000	45.601
10.	NA-341	MR. KISHAN CHAND PARWANI	4.550	11.950	10.000	9.855	8.780	45.135
11.	NA-342	MR. MUNAWER LAL	—	19.600	10.000	—	3.000	32.600
<b>Grand Total:-</b>							<b>443.354</b>	

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 22nd September, 2013.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Monday, the 23rd September, 2013**

*(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 2, 3, 7, 13, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111, 112, 114, 121, 143, 208, 210, 213, 214, 215, 218, 222, 223, 226, 227, 228, 231, 232, 235, 236, 239 and 242 were set down for answer during the 4th Session)*

**2. Lal Chand:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that five percent quota allocated/fixed for appointments in the Ministries/Divisions for minorities is being implemented in letter and spirit;*
- (b) *if so, the year-wise appointments/jobs provided to minorities in the Ministries/Divisions during the last five years?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Yes.

(b) Year-wise detail of the appointment/job provided to Minorities in the Federal Government is as under:—

2008	593
2009	972
2010	758
2011	256
2012	<u>292</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,871</u></b>

3. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state the department-wise total number of Government employees possessing dual nationality at present?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** As per information provided by **45** Ministries/Divisions, **80** Government Servants possess dual Nationality. Details are at (**Annex-I**).

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

7. **Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

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

- (a) *the department-wise number of employees re-instated under Sacked Employees Re-instatement Act 2010; and*
- (b) *whether any procedure and criteria adopted therefor; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) The department-wise number of employees of re-instated under the Sacked Employees (Re-instatement) Act, 2010 is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
1.	<b>Establishment Division</b>	<b>1</b>
	(a) Peoples Works Programme (Defunct), M/o Local Government & Rural Development (Devolved)	500
	(b) United Bank Limited (Privatized)	10
	(c) PETROMEN (Defunct)	2
	(d) National Mass Transit Authority (Defunct)	1
	(e) National Education Council (Defunct)	1

S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
	(f) Policy & Research Cell (Defunct), Prime Minister's Secretariat	1
	(g) PTCL (Privatized)	1
2.	<b>Cabinet Division</b>	<b>2</b>
3.	<b>Capital Administration And Development Division</b>	—
	(a) Directorate of Special Education	25
	(b) Directorate of Education	613
4.	<b>Communication Division</b>	—
	(a) National Highway Authority	466
5.	<b>Defence Division</b>	—
	(a) Pakistan Military Accounts	3
	(b) Federal Directorate of Education	2
	(c) Survey of Pakistan	2
	(d) Air Head Quarters	4
6.	<b>Defence Production Division</b>	<b>2</b>
	(a) Directorate of Works and Chief Engineer (DP)	1
	(b) Pakistan Ordnance Factories	9
	(c) Heavy Industries Board Taxila	11
	(d) Pakistan Aeronautical Complex Board Kamra	1
7.	<b>Economic Affairs Division</b>	<b>1</b>
8.	<b>Education, Trainings Standards in Higher Education Division</b>	—
	(a) National Training Bureau	7
	(b) FBISE Islamabad	11

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S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
	(c) Basic Education Community Schools Project.	1
9.	<b>Planning &amp; Development Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
10.	<b>Revenue Division</b>	
	(a) Federal Board of Revenue	54
11.	<b>Finance Division</b>	
	(a) Controller General of Accounts	3
12.	<b>Statistics Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
13.	<b>Privatization Division/Commission</b>	<b>Nil</b>
14.	Climate Change Division	Nil
15.	<b>Foreign Affairs Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
16.	<b>States &amp; Frontier Region Division</b>	Nil
17.	<b>Housing &amp; Works Division</b>	
	(a) Pakistan Public Works Department	132
	(b) National Housing Authority	1
18.	<b>Industries &amp; Production Division</b>	
	(a) Pakistan Steel Mills	24
	(b) Utilities Stores Corporation	699
19.	<b>Information &amp; National Heritage Division</b>	—
	(a) PTV	2
	(b) Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation	2
	(c) APP	80

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S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
20.	<b>Information Technology and Telecommunication Division</b> (a) Special Communications (b) Organization	—
21.	<b>Interior Division</b> (a) Frontier Corps, Baluchistan Quetta (b) Federal Investigation Agency (c) Directorate General, Immigration and Passport	<b>Nil</b> 64 6 1
22.	<b>Inter Provincial Coordination Division</b> (a) Pakistan Sports Board	1 11
23.	<b>Kashmir &amp; Gilgit-Baltistan Affairs. Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
24.	<b>Law, Justice and Human Rights Division</b> (a) Shariat Court (b) Appellate Tribunal	— 1 1
25.	<b>National Food Security and Research Division</b> (a) Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (b) Pakistan Oilseed Development Board	— 7 1
26.	<b>National Health Services, Regulations &amp; Co-ordination Division</b>	<b>Reply yet not Received</b>
27.	<b>Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development Division</b> (a) Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (b) Overseas Employment Corporation (c) National Industrial Relation Commission	— 55 02 02

S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
28.	Petroleum Natural Resources Division	—
	(a) Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation	1
	(b) Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDCL)	281
	c) Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited	1095
	d) Pakistan State Oil Company Limited	97
	e) Sui Southern Gas Company Limited	2542
29.	<b>Ports and Shipping Division</b>	Reply yet not Received.
30.	<b>Railways Division</b>	—
31.	<b>Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony Division</b>	—
	(a) Directorate of Hajj, Karachi	1
	(b) Directorate of Hajj, Sukkur	04
32.	<b>Science and Technology Division</b>	—
	(a) Centre for Applied Molecular Biology	1
	(b) Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technology	1
33.	<b>Textile Industry Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
	(a) Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute, Karachi	14
34.	<b>Parliamentary Affairs Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
35.	<b>Water and Power Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
36.	<b>Intelligence Bureau</b>	<b>1456</b>
37.	<b>Aviation Division</b>	<b>Nil</b>
	a) Civil Aviation Authority	27

S. No.	Name of Department	No. of employees reinstated
38.	<b>Commerce Division</b>	—
	(a) Trading Corporation of Pakistan	12
	(b) State Life Insurance Corporation	78

(b) The above sacked employees were reinstated into Government service in accordance with the procedure and criteria laid down in the SER Act, 2010 (Annexure).

*Note:* (i) The information in respect of rest of the Ministries/Divisions/Organizations may be treated as Nil.

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

**13. Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) *the year-wise total value of fines paid by PIA to the foreign Government during the last five years alongwith the country-wise details thereof; and*

(b) *the justification for the payment of said fines?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) The years-wise/country-wise total value of fines paid by PIA to the foreign government during the last five years is as under :—

LOCATION NAME	PKR IN MILLION
<b>YEAR 2008 :</b>	
Doha	0.80
Dhahran	0.86
Milan	0.53

LOCATION NAME	PKR IN MILLION
Birmingham	0.02
Manchester	0.78
London Heathrow Airport	2.37
J F Kennedy International Airport	0.56
Toronto	0.16
Beijing	0.06
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>6.14</b>
<b>YEAR 2009 :</b>	
Doha	0.33
Dhahran	1.00
Dubai	24.88
Paris	0.03
Birmingham	0.30
Manchester	0.17
Glasgow	0.47
London Heathrow Airport	2.08
J F Kennedy International Airport	1.11
Toronto	0.90
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>31.27</b>
<b>YEAR 2010 :</b>	
Doha	0.23
Muscat	0.04
Dhahran	1.40
Riyadh	0.69
Dubai	11.19
Frankfurt	0.10
Amsterdam	0.34
Copenhagen	0.12
Birmingham	0.30
Manchester	0.43
Bradford	0.045
London Heathrow Airport	0.58

LOCATION NAME	PKR IN MILLION
Toronto	0.58
Bangkok	0.02
Tokyo	0.19
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>16.66</b>
<b>YEAR 2011 :</b>	
Doha	0.18
Dhahran	0.38
Riyadh	0.11
Dubai	0.14
Manchester	0.44
London Heathrow Airport	3.63
Toronto	0.07
Bangkok	0.03
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>4.98</b>
<b>YEAR 2012 :</b>	
Doha	0.30
Dhahran	0.05
Riyadh	0.26
Dubai	5.50
Frankfurt	3.66
Manchester	8.98
London Heathrow Airport	3.00
Hong Kong	0.01
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>21.76</b>

(b) In case the passenger travel on any of below given reasons, the immigration authorities of foreign country can impose fine on the airline as per law:—

- i. Forged documents
- ii. No documents
- iii. Date of birth changed on passport

- iv. Expired re-entry visa
- v. Photo change
- vi. Original visa not submitted by sponsor at the airport
- vii. Child visa (not traveled with parents)
- viii. Fraudulent passport.

105. **Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state whether there is any media code of conduct and guidelines with regard to airtime given to banned organizations and their representatives; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage  
(Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):**

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

Under Section 19(5) of PEMRA Ordinance 2002/PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007, “The Authority is ordained to devise a Code of conduct for programmes and advertisements for compliance by the licensees”.

Pursuant to the law, PEMRA has devised a Code of Conduct for programmes and advertisements for broadcast media and distribution Services through PEMRA Rules 2002 and also the same is part of PEMRA Rules 2009 [Clause 2(1) (f) and 15 (1)]. (Copy of Code of Conduct is annexed at Annex-I). This Code of Conduct is duly signed by all the licensees of PEMRA.

**As per Code of Conduct**, there are some clauses which strictly prohibit airing the material specified therein. The clauses are reproduced below:—

1( No programme shall be aired which:—

- (e) is likely to encourage and incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promotes anti-national or anti-state attitudes;

- (j) brings into contempt Pakistan or its people or tends to undermine its integrity or solidarity as an independent and sovereign country;
- (k) promotes, aids or abets any offence which is cognizable under the applicable laws;
- (n) anything which tends to glorify crime or criminals;
- (p) contains material which is against ideology of Pakistan or Islamic values.

As per law of the land, broadcast media is also prohibited to give any air time to banned outfits. The violations in this regard re noted and action taken against the licensees. The Authority in its 85th meeting held on 3rd July 2013, imposed a fine amounting to Rs. One Million on M/s Independent News Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd “Geo News” which had aired messages of Hakeemullah Mehsood of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP- a-banned organization) on April 8, 2013 stating that democracy is “Kufr” and had urged people not to participate in the upcoming elections.

### **Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

Pakistan Television has always been preparing its programmes according to the Ideology of Pakistan, laid down rules/policies and takes national interest into consideration. New guidelines, if any, are adopted in letter and spirit as and when required. It is however, pertinent to mention here that PTV neither provides coverage to banned organizations nor telecasts statements of such organizations.

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

**106. Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state the prescribed criteria to transfer students from evening to morning shifts in Model Colleges of Islamabad?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** The prescribed criteria to transfer students from evening to morning shift in Model Colleges of Islamabad is as under:

- (a) If the elder brother/sisters are studying in senior classes in the morning shift, the younger siblings are admitted in the evening shift.
- (b) If both, mother and father are in Government service.
- (c) Acute health reasons of the student, with credible supporting medical document.

107. **Kishwer Zehra:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to utilize the air tickets issued to Members of National Assembly for any other air line; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** No. presently, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

110. **Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the head-wise funds provided for the flood affected people of District Charsadda, KPK during the year 2012-13;*
- (b) *the funds provided to Zakat Committees of the said District for the affectees alongwith the utilization of funds thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that said funds were distributed on the basis of favouritism; and*
- (d) *the detail of those persons who have been provided those funds?*

Reply not received.

111. **Belum Hasnain:**

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



- (a) *the School and College-wise total number of teachers and students in Islamabad, at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish new Schools and Colleges in Islamabad in the near future; if so, the locations thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) The summary of teachers and student is as under:—

S#	Institutions Status	Total Institution	Sanctioned teaching Posts	Enrollment of Students
i	INIC's(Former FG Colleges)	11	611	1,2640
ii	INIC's	20	1542	5,1237
iii	IMC's (Former FG Schools)	391	6978	139413
<b>Total</b>		<b>422</b>	<b>9131</b>	<b>203,290</b>

The schools and colleges wise list is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) New schools and Colleges are In established as per the demand and development of new sectors and residential areas. However, public sector schools and colleges are established subject to available/allocation of land by CDA and other developers. At present 13 development schemes are in process. In near future establishment of 07 Secondary, Middle and Primary Schools is under consideration in sector G,13, G-14, 1-10/2, F-17, Model Town, Humak, Pak PWD Housing Society, Rawal Town and Ghora Shahan, Islamabad. The location wise detail of the institutions is placed at **Annex-B**.

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

112. **Chudhary Hamid Hameed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the water tanks placed on Quarter number 4, 5 and 6, Category-A, Street No.46, Sector 0-712, Islamabad are without cover/lids since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the time by which lids will be placed on those water tanks?*

Reply not received.

114. **Najaf Abbas Sial:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state the number of Consultants hired by the PIA from 1-1-2008 to 30-03-2013 alongwith their salary packages?*

Reply not received.

121. **Shazia Ashfaq Mattu:**

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in Benazir Income Sport Programme (BISP) on deputation basis since its inception alongwith the names of the parent departments of such deputationists;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the promotion was given to a number of those deputationist; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *the criteria adopted to appoint the Directors in BISP;*
- (d) *whether the said Directors fulfill the above criteria; if so, the qualification alongwith experience in the relevant field thereof;*
- (e) *the pay and privileges admissible to those Directors; and*
- (f) *the details of promotions given to those Directors during the last five years till date alongwith the criteria adopted therein?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Since its inception, so far 419 officers/officials have been appointed in BISP, on deputation basis. List of all these officers/officials along with the names of their parent departments is attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) As per Government's policy, no borrowing organization can promote any deputationist. Hence, no promotion is given to any deputationist by BISP.

(c) The criteria of appointment of Directors in BISP are attached at **Annex-B**. The advertisements of the posts are placed at **Annex-B1, B2, B3, B4, and B5**.

(d) The said Directors fulfill the above criteria. List of Directors is enclosed at **Annex-C**.

(e) Like many independent authorities, BISP has adopted special pay scales. However, pay and privileges of BS-18/19 are admissible to the post of Directors.

(f) No promotion has been given to any Director till date.

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

**143. Maulana Muhammad Gohar Shah:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that pensioners have been given some benefits from Benevolent Fund; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said benefits are being given to the pensioners with effect from 1-1-2010; If so, the steps being taken for those servants who have been retired before 1-1-2010?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Presently, the following benefits are provided to the beneficiaries from the Benevolent Fund:

(I) Monthly benevolent grant (effective from 1-4-1969)

(II) Farewell Grant (effective from 1-1-2006)

- (a) The rates of the monthly benevolent grant were previously revised with effect from 1-12-2003. However, on 1-9-2012, the rates of benefit have further been enhanced as under:

- (i) The minimum rate of monthly benefit from Benevolent Fund has been increased to Rs.4,000/- instead of Rs.1,280 with the maximum of Rs.10,100 instead of Rs. 4,000/-.
  - (ii) The beneficiaries who were in recipient of monthly benevolent grant from Benevolent Fund on 01-09-2012 are entitled to receive an increase equal to forty percent of the grant with effect from 01-09-2012 for the remaining period of the grant.
- (b) (i) No benefit was provided to the beneficiaries from the Benevolent Fund with effect from 1-1-2010. However, the benefits have been increased from the Benevolent Fund with effect from 01-09-2012. If an employee dies on or after 01-09-2012, the revised rates of monthly benevolent grant are provided to his bereaved family members. In this regard, necessary instructions have been issued to the Regional Offices of FEB & GI Fund to implement the revised rates of monthly benevolent grant.
- (ii) The beneficiaries who were in recipient of monthly benevolent grant on 01-09-2012 are entitled to receive an increase equal to forty percent of grant with effect from 1-9-2012 for the remaining period of grant. This grant is being paid through all branches of National Bank of Pakistan. In this regard as per directives of the FEB & GI Fund, National Bank of Pakistan, Headquarters, Karachi has issued the necessary instructions to all its branches to increase the forty percent of grant in every case where the beneficiary was in recipient of monthly benevolent grant on 1-9-2012.

208. **Mehboob Alam:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to allocate equal time on PTV for the Parliamentarians of Treasury and Opposition Benches, for their news, debates and interviews?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** Pakistan Television is a State-owned channel and is serving the nation with the objective of providing unbiased, accurate and credible

information on matters of public interest. PTV provides equal opportunity to the Members of the Parliament whether they are from the Treasury or the Opposition.

Usually, allocation of time is made for the Parliamentarians keeping in view the format of the programme as well as the professional aspects.

210. **Shaista Pervaiz:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that inordinate delay has occurred in the grant of licences to new cellular operators on next generation platform; if so, the reasons therefor;*
- (b) *the estimated financial loss caused to the Government on account of non-issuance of new licences alongwith adoption of new technologies since 2008 till date; and*
- (c) *the time by which those licences will be granted?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) It is appraised that no inordinate delay has occurred on part of PTA for issuance of new cellular mobile licenses.

- i. As per section 8 (2) of Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-Organization) Act 1996, the Federal Government may issue Policy Directive for grant of new licenses and scarce resource.
- ii. In the past, Cellular Mobile Policy 2004 was received from MoIT in January 2004 and accordingly two (02) new mobile licenses were issued to winning bidders through transparent & open auction.
- iii. Meanwhile, in 2006 Cabinet Committee on Regulatory Bodies (CCRB) has put a watch hold on local loop (LL), Long Distance International (LDI) and Mobile licenses till March 2013. .
- iv. Subsequently, new cellular policy directive from MoIT was received in December 2011 for introduction of 3G Mobile services. The policy also included issuance of new licenses.

- v. PTA then prepared Information Memorandum including license templates and placed on PTA website for potential investors.
- vi. As per the policy 2011 referred above, the process for hiring of consultancy was initiated thrice, but could not materialize in each case either upon instructions of ASC through Ministry of Information Technology (MoIT); Consultancy firms not meeting the criteria and termination of the agreement with the consultants.
- vii. The licenses were to be issued if and when Auction process had been completed and the new entrant would have won the bid based on the referred policy.

(b) PTA does not have any mechanism/tools to quantify the estimated financial/economical loss caused to the country due to non-issuance of new licenses alongwith adoption of new technologies-since 2008 till date.

(c) The process on implementation for grant of license will be subject to further guidance/policy directive from MoIT and once Authority is in place.

213. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the number of new TV channels opened during the period from 2008 to 2013 alongwith the number of channels to be opened in near future?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage  
(Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):**

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

55 satellite TV channel licences have been granted during the period from 2008 to 2013 placed at **(Annex-I)**.

Category-wise details are as follow:—

News & Current Affairs:	15
Entertainment:	26
Regional Languages:	11
Health:	01
Agriculture:	01
Sports:	01

The Authority in its 65th meeting held on 27th September, 2010, has withheld the issuance of more Satellite TV channel licences at the moment in view of the saturated market. However, it was decided to issue licences through open and transparent bidding under section 19 of PEMRA Ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA (Amendment) Act 2007.

### **Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

During 2011-12, Pakistan Television expanded its bouquet of channels and opened PTV Sports and PTV World (English) channels separately, which are providing 24 hour transmissions.

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

214. **Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

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

- (a) the category-wise total number of employees recruited in PTV during the last five years; and*
- (b) the procedure and criteria adopted therefor?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** (a) Group wise detail of total number of employees recruited in PTV during the last five years are enclosed at Annexure "A".

(b) All the engagements in PTVC have been made through due process as provided in Clause 6.04 of PTV service rules. The vacancies were advertised in the press as well as placed on PTV's website. After scrutiny the eligible candidates were called for test/interview. The Selection Board dully approved by the Managing Director PTVC interviewed the candidates and on the recommendations of Selection Board and approval of MD engagments in PTV were made.

**Annexure- A****GROUP WISE DETAIL OF RESOURCE PERSONS/DAILY WAGES/CONTRACT BASIS AND  
REGULAR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED FROM 01.01.2008 to 15.03.2013**

Pay Group	01.01.2008 to 31.12.2008	01.01.2009 to 31.12.2009	01.01.2010 to 31.12.2010	01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011	01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012	01.01.2013 to 15.03.2013	Grand Total
6	3	—	—	2	7	26	38
5	14	6	41	40	27	64	192
4	13	3	41	84	73	188	402
3	14	—	25	28	34	63	164
2	29	8	104	63	65	55	324
1A	4	2	40	7	20	14	87
1	21	1	30	16	17	24	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>1316</b>
<b>Professionals</b>							
Working	2	6	6	5	15	22	56
Resigned	2	2	1	1	2	0	8
Terminated	7	7	7	10	8	11	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>GrandTotal</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>1430</b>

**215. Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the news bulletins in different regional languages of Television and Radio have been assigned to provinces; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage  
(Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):**

**Pakistan Television Corporation (PTVC)**

It is not a fact that regional language bulletins of Pakistan Television have been assigned to provinces. As a matter of fact, PTV news channels produce bulletins in 13 languages including Urdu. The Kashmiri, Gojri, Shina, Balti and Arabic bulletins are produced at Islamabad and aired on PTV News channel. Bulletins in Pushto, Hindko, Punjabi, Saraiki, Sindhi, Balochi & Brahvi are produced at Peshawar, Lahore, Multan, Karachi and Quetta respectively. The bulletins produced at News Centers other than Islamabad are aired on PTV National and PTV Bolan. These Bulletins are produced with the help of Central



News Room at Islamabad, as major editorial/visual input is provided from Islamabad. Other News rooms are part of the central news room and hooked up through computer network and information/visual is exchanged like alt other media organizations.

### **Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC)**

The News Bulletins in different regional languages of Radio Pakistan have not been assigned to the provinces and being broadcast by PBC News from Islamabad as per schedule.

218. **Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state whether the Government has paid compensation to the heirs of victims of Air Blue Aeroplane crashed during the year 2012; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** Yes. A total number of 138 compensation claims have so far been received from the legal heirs of Air blue air crash victims. All of them have duly been compensated for Rs.5 lac each as per announcement made by the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

222. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state whether the present strength of employees of PTV is more than its requirement; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** Presently, the staff strength of the PTV is not more than the sanctioned strength. It may be mentioned that as against **6449** sanctioned posts, **5642** persons including Regular/Contractual/Daily Wagers are working in the PTV.

223. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) *the names of machines including MRI, Angiography, Fluoroscopy and Lithotripsy which are available in each Federal Government Hospitals at present; and*
- (b) *whether all those machines are in working condition; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) It is stated that:

- MRI, Angiography, Fluoroscopy and Lithotripsy machines are available in **Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS)**, the detailed list of other equipments/ machines is at **Annex-A**.
- MRI, Angiography, Fluoroscopy and Lithotripsy machines are available in **Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH)**, the detailed list of other equipments/ machines is at **Annex-B**.
- MRI and Fluoroscopy machines are available in the **National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM)**, Islamabad.

(b) MRI and Fluoroscopy machines in the National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad are functional.

- The functional status of each equipment/ machine of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) is available at **Annex-A**.
- The functional status of each equipment/ machine of FGSH is available at **Annex-B**.

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

226. **Chudhary Hamid Hameed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that a number of persons have been appointed as Resource Persons in Radio Pakistan on temporary/ad-hoc/ contractual basis during the last five years; If so, the details thereof;*

- (b) *whether services of those employees have not been regularized so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which services of those employees will be regularized?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** (a) A total number of 63 persons have been engaged as Resources Persons on temporary/monthly booking basis by PBC during the last 05 years. They are booked under the prescribed fee structure for booking of talent according to the day to day requirements of Programmes and News Wings.

(b) Yes, their services have not been regularized as there exists no regular posts of Resource Persons in PBC. They are booked for temporary/day-to-day requirements of the Programme/News-Wing.

(c) Since they are not working against regular posts, they are not eligible for regularization in PBC.

**227. Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total amount earmarked and released for the renovation and replacing of furniture and other items for Parliament Lodges, Islamabad during the last five financial years alongwith the details of work completed under the said heads during that period;*
- (b) *the names of contractors who carried out such works alongwith criteria adopted for awarding contract;*
- (c) *whether a statutory audit was conducted therefor; if so, since when alongwith the findings thereof; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that despite spending of huge amount of funds for the renovation of Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, a large number of Suites are in dilapidated condition at present; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

228. **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Producers, Assistant Producers and Translators working as employees of the Radio Pakistan at present;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that more than hundred employees have been transferred/posted to various Radio Stations in the country during June, 2013; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage (Mr. Pervaiz Rashid):** (a) At present the following employees are working in PBC as Senior Producers/Producers/Assistant Producers and Translators on regular basis:

1. Senior Producers	110
2. Producers	01
3. Assistant Producers	60
4. Translators	03

(b) Only 31 officers/officials of different wings of PBC were transferred from one unit/office to another unit/office during the month of June, 2013, in the interest of public service and requirement of the organization. Out of these, 24 transfers/postings were made on local basis.

231. **Aisha Syed:**

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

- (a) *the percentage of construction work of New International Airport, Islamabad has been completed so far;*
- (b) *the actual date of completion of the said airport; and*
- (c) *the time by which the construction work of the said airport will be completed?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Sixty-three point five zero percent (63.50%) of the total construction work has been completed as on 31st July, 2013 on NBBIAP Islamabad.

(b) The actual completion date of NBBIAP was August, 2013.

(c) The construction work is likely to complete in June, 2014 and the Airport is to start its operation end that year.

232. **Aisha Syed:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the previous Government announced a salary package for Doctors and Nurses working in Federal Government Hospitals; if so, the details thereof; and*

(b) *whether said salary package is being implemented in letter and spirit?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) The previous Government announced Health allowance equal to one basic pay to the health personnel.

(b) The said salary package is being implemented in letter and spirit.

235. **Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

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

(a) *the value of medicine provided to each member of parliament under the head of local purchase from the parliament dispensary during the period from March 2008 to March 2013 alongwith the procedure adopted therefor;*

(b) *whether formai audit is conducted of such local purchase; if so, the brief findings of the audit conducted during the last five years; and*

(c) *the justification of provision of aforesaid medicine to the members of Parliament?*

Reply not received.

236. **Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

- (a) *whether the nursing staff working in the PIMS/Polyclinic is not using gloves while providing treatment to the patients in the hospitals; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the total amount of funds provided for adopting such precautionary measures in the Federal Government Hospitals during the year 2012-13 till date alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) No, all Nursing staff working in the PIMS/ Polyclinic are using gloves while providing treatment to the patients in the hospitals.

(b) Rs. 8,888,252/- have been spent by Polyclinic for the purchase of surgical gloves during the financial year 2012-2013. The detail is as under:—

(i) Polythene Gloves	Rs. 81,920/-
(ii) Surgical Gloves	Rs. 6,280,920/-
(iii) Examination Gloves	Rs. 2,525,412/-
<b>Total =</b>	<b>Rs. 8,888,252/-</b>

While the total procurement of examination and surgical disposable gloves in all components of PIMS in financial year 2012-2013 is as under:

(i) Examination Gloves	Rs. 9,320,000/-
(ii) Surgical Gloves	Rs. 5,620,000/-
<b>Total =</b>	<b>Rs. 14,940,000/-</b>

239. **Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) *the location-wise total number of Agro Farm Houses of CDA in Islamabad at present; and*
- (b) *the names and addresses of allottees thereof?*

Reply not received.

242. **Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that only one Golf Club was planned in the Master Plan of Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there are more than one Golf Club in Islamabad at present; if so, the justification thereof?*

Reply not received.

110. **Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the employees of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) have not been given salaries from 1st July, 2013 till date; and*
- (b) *if so, the details of employees alongwith the outstanding amount of salaries thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) It is factually correct that the employees of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) have not been paid salaries from 1st July, 2013 till date. However, funds are being re-appropriated

to BISP and salaries to the employees of BISP would be released in the coming week.

(b) Currently, the total strength of employees working in BISP (GOP and IDA consultants) is 1992 and the total outstanding amount of three months salaries up to 30th September, 2013 is Rs. 318,553,154.

111. **Mohammad Salman Khan Baloch:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the old furniture in parliament lodges has not been changed so far; if so, the time by which the same will be changed?*

Reply not received.

112. **Lal Chand:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the source from which the drinking and tap water is being provided to the passengers and staff at Railway station near Khokhrapar?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** The underground water at Khokhrapar is saline and not fit for drinking. Therefore drinking water is being supplied from Kotri station for passengers and staff at Khokhrapar through railway water tanks on weekly basis. Total water supply from Kotri to Khokhrapar is 80,000 litres on weekly basis against the average weekly demand of 70,000 litres.

113. **Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no University has been established in public sector in Hyderabad, Sindh at present;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a university in Hyderabad; if so, when it will be implemented?*



**Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education:** (a) Yes, No Public Sector University has been established by Federal or Provincial Government at Hyderabad to date.

However, the following Private Sector Universities have been established in Hyderabad:

1. **Isra University**, Hyderabad as HEC recognized University, Chartered by Sindh Government Act No. V of 1997.
2. **Hyderabad Institute of Arts, Science & Technology (HiAST)**, Chartered by Sindh Government Act No IV of 2013 dated 01.03.2013.

**University of EAST**, Hyderabad, Chartered by the Sindh Government Act No. XI of 2004 dated 28.07.2004 (The Management of the University was asked to stop further admission *w.e.f.* January 01, 2011 till the time it meets requirements of the Cabinet Criteria, henceforth banned subsequently).

(b) Currently, there is no proposal under consideration for establishment of a new public sector university at Hyderabad by the federal Government.

114. **Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the PIA fares from Karachi to Islamabad is about Rs. 15000/- for two hours continuous flight;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that for one hour flight from Sakhur to Karachi the PIA fare is Rs. 12000/;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce PIA fares from Sakhur to Karachi; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

115. **Mehboob Alam:**

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

- (a) *whether new recruitments have been made in Pakistan Railways during the last three years; if so, the criteria adopted therefor; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to repair all the tracks of Pakistan Railways; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) Yes. Recruitment during the last three years has been made in Pakistan Railways. All recruitments have been made as per prescribed criteria/policy *i.e.* advertisement in press, tests, interviews and medical fitness tests and observing prescribed provincial quota.

(b) The following works for rehabilitation of track infrastructure are already in progress:

(i) **Rehabilitation of track on Landhi-Khanpur Section**

- 252 kms track renewal already completed out of total 290 kms.
- 80 kms sleeper renewal completed out of total 375 kms.
- 175 kms deep screening of ballast completed out of total 622 kms.

(ii) **Replacement of metal Sleepers on Lodhran – Shahdara Bagh Section.**

- 20 kms work is completed out of total 87 Kms.

In addition to above, following track rehabilitation works have also been taken in hand during 2013-14.

- (i) Rehabilitation of track on Khanpur-Lodhran Section (298kms).

- (ii) Rehabilitation of flood damaged assets
- Complete track renewal (151kms)
  - Sleeper Renewal (49kms)

116. **Syed Naveed Qamar:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to state the Constituency-wise total amount of funds given to each opposition members of the National Assembly during the period from 16-3-2008 to 15-3-2013 under PWP-I, PWP-II, under discretionary grant and or any other head for the development works indicating also the name/political party, Constituency Number and amount thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** Two development programmes were run namely Peoples Works Programme - I & Peoples Works Programme - II (PWP-I & PWP- II).

**PWP-I**

Funds under PWP-I were disbursed to each MNA and Senator without party affiliation and there was no consideration as to whether the beneficiary parliamentarian belonged to the treasury benches or opposition benches. Hence constituency-wise details of releases under PWP-I for all the MNAs for the last five years are annexed.

**PWP-II**

The allocation under PWP-II was made by the Prime Minister's Secretariat while Cabinet Division only disbursed the said amount to the concerned executing agencies without knowing the name of the beneficiary MNA or the concerned National Assembly constituency.

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

117. **Abdul Waseem:**

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

(a) *the number of consultants hired by PIA during the period from 2008 to 2013; and*

(b) *the salary package admissible to the said consultants at present?*

Reply not received.

118. **Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the year-wise total number of FM Radio licenses issued during the last five years?*

Reply not received.

119. **Muhammad Rehan Hashmi:**

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the future of R&D activities for Pakistani students?*

**Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education:** Without research,-innovation and clevelopment, economic and commercial benefits of Higher Education cannot be realized completely for growth and development of the country. Therefore, the Higher Education Commission has implement two prong policy to facilitate the Pakistani students in R&D activities. On the one hand, HEC is providing all possible research facilities to Pakistani students at universities and is trying to promote research culture among youth, while on the other hand is safeguarding their future through promotion of entrepreneurship for providing indigenous solution to local issues and difficulties.

Following steps has so far been taken towards this end:

- Provision of access to hi-tech equipment( if the equipment is not available in their own institutions) under Access to scientific Instrumentation program in which students are facilitated to get their research samples analyzed from other institutions on cost sharing basis which is paid by HEC.

- Provision of travel grant to postgraduate/ Ph.D. students to present papers at national/international conferences.
- Support filing of patent for their patentable ideas at United State Patent office
- Arrange events/conference/seminar for university industry to showcase research products of Young researchers.
- Support/hold business Plan Competitions with chambers of Commerce and Industry to display students' ideas.
- Establishment of Business Incubation Centers in universities to support student new business ideas and to provide mentorship and start up grants.
- Inclusion of entrepreneurship courses in curricula to change the mind set of our students. To make them future job providers rather than job seekers.

120. **Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

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

- (a) *whether degrees/educational certificates of the Doctors and staff working in the Federal Government Poly Clinic, Islamabad have been verified;*
- (b) *if so, the number of Doctors and staff possessing fake degrees/ certificates at present?*

Reply not received.

121. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the total number of new locomotives to be purchased by the Ministry; and*

(b) *the number of goods trains to be plied during current year alongwith the routes thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** (a) No new locomotive has been purchased since after last procurement of 69 locomotives which were inducted in Pakistan Railways system from 2003 to 2008. However, the following projects for purchase of new locomotives are in process.

- i. **150 Diesel Electric Locomotives.** The project for procurement of 150 (75 Nos of 2000-2500 Horse Power & 75 Nos of 3000 – 3500 Horse Power) has been approved with an estimated cost of Rs. 55.483 billion. 50 locomotives will be procured in first phase on emergent basis.
- ii. **58 Diesel Electric Locomotives.** Contract agreement for procurement of 58 diesel electric locomotives amounting to US\$ 116,860,545.90 has been signed with M/s CSR Ziyang, China on 07-12-2012. Supply of locomotives is scheduled to commence from November, 2013.

(b) During current financial year at an average 1 freight trains are operating per day over the system. Two oil trains are leaving Karachi on daily basis for Latpir with an additional train from Karachi for up country to clear other consignments.

The freight operation to transport Cement and Salt from different parts of the country to Wagah to be exported to India is also a regular feature. Intermittent trains are operated to transport containers from Karachi to Prem Nagar (Lahore) and Coal from Karachi to Daud Khel.

The loading of Cement for export purpose from Daud Khel to Karachi also takes place.

However, at an average 18 freight trains per day are operative over the entire system in both up and down directions.

122. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

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

- (a) *the sector-wise total number of Government Houses and Flats in Islamabad at present; and*
- (b) *the year-wise amount spent by CDA on their maintenance and repair during the last three years?*

Reply not received.

123. **Tahira Asif:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 118, replied on 22nd August, 2013 and to state:*

- (a) *whether it is fact that the project of establishing a hospital in Islamabad has been delayed; if so, the steps being taken to execute the said project at an earliest;*
- (b) *whether any funds have been earmarked for the said hospital in PSDP or any other head; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *time by which the said hospital will be established?*

Reply not received.

124. **Maj. Retd. Tahir Iqbal:**

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the procedure prescribed to award rank to the universities in the country at present;*
- (b) *rank-wise the names and locations of the universities at present; and*
- (c) *the names of Pakistani Universities which have been included in the world ranking at present alongwith the steps taken by the Government to improve the world ranking of the said universities during the year, 2012-13 till date?*

**Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education:** (a) The procedure containing criteria, methodology and weights of Quality and Research based Ranking 2013 are enclosed **Annex-I**.

(b) The rank wise names of universities for the year 2013 are enclosed at **Annex-II**.

(c) The names of Pakistani universities included in World rankings at present are;

<u>QS Asian University Rankings 2013</u>	<u>Rank</u>
• 1. Quaid-e- Azam University -119	
• 2. National University of Science & Technology (NUST)	120
• 3. Aga Khan University	152
• 4. Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)	191-200
• 5. University of Engineering &-Technology (UET) Lahore	201-250
• 6. University of Karachi	201-250
• 7. University of Punjab	201-250

QS WORLD-UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2013 -  
AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

	<u>Rank</u>
• 1. University of Agriculture Faisalabad	142
• 2. PMAS Arid Agriculture University	152
• 3. Quaid-e- Azam University	172

National Taiwan University Rankings: 2012

- University of Agriculture Faisalabad also ranked among Top 300 in Agricultural Universities.



Higher Education Commission is continuously urging the universities of Pakistan to participate in the international rankings. HEC also conducted regional workshops in 2012 on rankings and the aim was primarily the awareness so that universities get prepared themselves for HEC's and international rankings. Further letter from the Chairman, HEC has also been sent to all universities urging to participate in international rankings.

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

125. **Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage be pleased to state the steps being taken to control corruption in various departments working under the administrative control of the Ministry?*

Reply not received.

126. **Muhammad Jamal Ud Din:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the development funds have not been given/allocated for Tribal Area-VII (NA-42) during the last five years, like the other constituencies of the National Assembly; If so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide such development funds to NA-42?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) Yes.

Development funds were not allocated to NA-42 Constituency during the last five years because throughout the tenure of the National Assembly NA-42 Constituency remained without representation.

(b) An amount of Rs. 5 billion has been allocated in the current year budget under Tameer-e-Pakistan Programme (TPP).

127. **Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Railways up-gradation plan has been approved by the Prime Minister; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Railways (Khawaja Saad Rafique) :** A presentation on future plans of Pakistan Railways was made before the Prime Minister of Pakistan on August 23, 2013 where in following schemes were approved by the Prime Minister.

- (1) Provision of High Speed new rail link along existing main line of Pakistan Railways from Peshawar to Karachi.
- (2) Up-gradation of existing railway network to operate at a speed of 140 km per hr.

128. **Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla:**

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether PASSCO purchased grains during the last two years; if not, the reasons therefor; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase grains through PASSCO in future; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosin):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

129. **Mohammad Ayaz Soomro:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that amount of stipend and the reimbursement of actual semester/annual fee is not being paid from Federal*

*Employees Benevolent and Group Insurance Fund (FEBGIF) to the children of Government servants studying in M.Phil and PhD; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- (b) *the time by which the stipend and reimbursement of semester/ annual fee will be paid to those students?*

Reply not received.

130. **Chudhary Hamm Hameed:**

*Will the Minister for Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of employees of various categories are working in the Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad on contract basis since long;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the services of those employees will be regularized alongwith the criteria to be adopted therein?*

**Minister for Education, Training and Standards in Higher Education:**

(a) & (b) Allama Iqbal Open University appoints employees in accordance with its Service Statutes, 1978. Rule 6 of the said Statutes, empowers to make appointments on contract basis. The University, over the time, has been appointing staff on contract basis under the said provision. The staff appointed on contract basis is required to compete for regular appointment as and when the posts are advertised in the national press in accordance with the Statutes *ibid*.

The University has recently advertised 253 vacant posts for regular appointments. Employees currently working in the University on contract basis were entitled to apply for regular appointments. Due to imposition of ban on recruitment by the Federal Government, process of regular appointments on 253 posts has been held up.

Regular appointments in the University are made strictly on merit and on the recommendations of the Selection Committee or the Selection Board constituted under the University Act and Statutes made there under. Employees appointed on contract basis are, therefore, required to compete for regular appointments alongwith other candidates.

Process for regular appointments shall be resumed as and when the ban is lifted. The University has however requested the Minister' of Education for lifting ban in the case of the University which is currently under process.

**131. Mian Javid Latif:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.23 replied on 14-12-2012 and to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that CDA has not developed sector I-15, Islamabad so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which said Sector will be developed?*

Reply not received.

**132. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the names and addresses of those children of Vocational Dastakari Schools (VDS) who have been given monthly stipend by the Pakistan Bait-ui-Mall in District Swabi and District Mardan during the last three years alongwith the dates of payment thereof; and*
- (b) *the names of teachers who taught above said children during the said period?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat:** (a) No. of trainees and If amount disbursed is as under. Detail is placed at Annex-A.

Sr.#	Centre	No. of trainees	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Swabi	282	295192
2.	Mardan (Takht Bhai	342	382480
3.	Mardan (City)	433	357540
<b>Total</b>		<b>1057</b>	<b>1,035,212</b>

(b) Names of teachers are as under:—

Sr.#	Centre	Name of Teachers
1	Swabi	Nazma Kosar Teacher Incharge Shumaila- Teacher Ilhad-Qaria.
2.	Mardan (Takht Bhai)	Zakia Hakeem Teacher Incharge Mehnaz Begum Teacher Shahida-Qaria.
3.	Mardan (City)	Shahida Begum Teacher Incharge Ulfat Begum- Teacher Riasat Hameed-Qaria

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

133. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Secretariat be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.72 replied on 23-1-2013 and to state:*

- (a) *whether funds have been provided for maintenance and white wash of Low. Category Quarters from “A” to “C” type in Sector G-7/2, Islamabad; if not; the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the maintenance and white wash of those quarters will be carried out alongwith the total amount of funds to be allocated therefor?*

Reply not received.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 22nd September, 2013.*