

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Thursday, the 24th May, 2018

20. * Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan is being included in the Grey List by the International Community; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to save Pakistan from inclusion in the said Grey List?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): Pakistan has been nominated by Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for the Grey List during February, 2018 Plenary meeting. Official intimation is yet to be received from FATF. However, prior to the next FATF Plenary of June, 2018 on the areas identified by the FATF, an Action Plan with time frame will be developed. The agreed action plan by Pakistan will be placed in the next Plenary of FATF for the implementation of same.

The following actions have been taken by Government of Pakistan:

- Curtailment of capacity of the entities of concern to raise funds;
- Enhanced coordination between the agencies of the Federal and Provincial Government on Combating Financing of Terrorism (CFT) measures;
- Regulatory and supervisory measures taken by the SBP to prevent the use of financial sector by the entities of concern;
- Taking control over the moveable and immoveable assets and the welfare services that were operated by the entities of concern;
- All health and medical services provided by the entities of concern including ambulances operated by Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FiF) taken over by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society;
- All the educational and social welfare institutions run by these entities taken over by the relevant departments of the provincial governments;
- Appointment of official administrators for each and every institution taken over in this month;
- All the signboards and posters of the entities of concern removed from the facilities that have been taken over and the same replaced with that of the relevant government departments;

These actions demonstrate the high level of political commitment of the Government of Pakistan to implement its international obligations under the UNSCR and FATF recommendations. Moreover, additional required actions are underway which will be highlighted during the next FATF plenary to be held on June, 2018.

21. * Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar
(Deferred during 55th Session)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state:

- a) the year-wise rank of Pakistan on Human Development Index during the last five years till date; and
- b) the steps taken by the Government to improve condition of its people during the said period?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) The Human Development Index ranking of Pakistan during last five years is given below:

HDI Rank of Pakistan in Last Five Years

Year	Rank
2012	146
2013	146
2014	148
2015	147
2016	147

Source: Human Development Reports (UNDP)

(b) The subject of human development has primarily been devolved to the provinces after the 18th Amendment. However, the Federal Government has taken various policy initiatives to improve Human Development Indicators in the country. Pakistan's performance in the human development remains below par and it will gradually improve. The Province-wise total spending on human development during last five years is given below:

Expenditure For Human Development

Rs. Billion

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Federal	855.4	678.5	646.7	838.5	895.8	994.6
Punjab	540.9	623.2	646.1	747	949.4	973.5
Sindh	268.3	315.5	313.8	389	429.8	547.9
KPK	174.3	190	213.7	242.6	268.1	339
Balochistan	99.4	106.1	113.9	132.9	151.6	172.7
Total	1938.3	1913.3	1934.2	2162.7	2694.6	3027.7

Source: Ministry of Finance

Moreover, some of the initiatives of the Government for Human Development include:

- i. Steering the economy to higher growth path and making economic growth more inclusive and sustained.
- ii. The outreach of social safety nets is extended to over 5 million people which represents over 16 percent of the population.
- iii. The amount of cash transfers under BISP to the poorest of the poor is increased from Rs.3000/- per quarter in 2013 to Rs.4700/- per quarter in 2016.

- iv. Reduced incidence of indirect taxation and broaden the base of income tax.
- v. Enhanced the allocations for PSDP to improve distributional mechanism.
- vi. Widen the access to quality services like endowment fund for education, upscaling nutrition etc.
- vii. Prime Minister's Health Insurance scheme to extend the coverage of health services.
- viii. Ensure equality of opportunities for all segments of society through merit based recruitment system.
- ix. Revamping skill development and self-employment schemes through PM Youth Business loan initiatives.
- x. Reforming and strengthening institutions for better delivery of public services to people.
- xi. Making development more inclusive and participatory.
- xii. Energy sector initiatives to promote growth and production having direct relation to poverty reduction.
- xiii. More spending on education to empower youth for making them gainful members of the society.
- xiv. Opening doors of socio economic uplift through CPEC.

7. * Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *whether cheque dishonor is a non-bailable offence;*
- b) *the total number of cases for which bails have been granted in Islamabad during the period from 01-01-2017 to 31-12-2017 alongwith the details thereof separately; and*
- c) *the law under which said bails have been granted?*

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) Yes it is a non-bailable offence u/s 489-F Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) as per Schedule-II, Chapter XVII having 03 years punishment or with fine or both.

(b) A total number of 1055 cases were registered from 1-1-2017 to 31-12-2017. Details are as under:

Challaned cases	663
Granted Bails	324
Cancelled/Absconders	68
Total Cases	1055

(c) u/s 497 Criminal Procedure Code, 1898.

8. * Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that the gazetted permanent employees recommended by the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) have been given exemption from ten years service condition on applying for the House Building Advance (HBA) by the AGPR, Islamabad;*
- b) *whether it is also a fact that the said exemption is not being given to all the gazetted officers recommended by the FPSC for the Federal Constitutional Bodies;*
- c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration to give exemption of ten years service condition on applying for the HBA to all the officers recommended by the FPSC for the Federal Constitutional Bodies; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): (a) Yes. As per policy issued by Finance Division vide O.M.No.7(3)-R-8/80 dated 29-05-1980, the employees recommended by the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), who have successfully completed their probation period are exempted from the condition of ten years service on applying for House Building Advance (HBA).

(b) All the employees recommended by FPSC and dealt under the pre-audit control of office of AGPR are given exemption as per policy stated at part (a) above.

(c) As mentioned in part (b) above, the exemption of ten years service condition for applying for the HBA has already been extended to all government employees appointed through FPSC either in constitutional bodies or in other ministries/departments.

9. * Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that biometric is made compulsory for the pensioners to withdraw their pension; if so, how the Overseas Pakistanis will get their pension as they cannot follow the biometric procedure?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): The biometric authentication of thumb impression of the pensioners has not yet been introduced. The Government is considering this issue in consultation with NADRA and State Bank of Pakistan to further simplify the pension disbursement system and to dispense with the requirement of mandatory biannual life certificates from each pensioner. Biometric verification of the pensioners living abroad would also be considered before launching of the scheme.

ISLAMABAD:
The 23rd May, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES"

for Thursday, the 24th May, 2018

34. **Mr. Ramesh Lal**
(Deferred during 29th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the names and father names of those persons to whom licences of beer and wine have been issued in Islamabad Capital Territory since 01-01-2013 alongwith the details thereof?

Reply not received.

41. **Ms. Shagufta Jumani**
(Deferred during 39th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some seminaries/madrassas in the country are receiving financial and other support like training of clerics, teachers and curriculum development from some foreign islamic countries, if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

44. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that excessive encroachments have been made on Rawat Bazar and adjacent road leading to Kallar Syedan, Rawat which comes under the administrative control of the Capital Administration;*
- b) *if so, the steps are being taken by authorities concerned to remove said encroachments?*

Reply not received.

48. **Dr. Fehmida Mirza**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *the steps taken by the Interior Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all Laws and Rules made thereunder with reference to business allocated to the said Division and its Attached Departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- b) *the subject wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*

- c) *whether it is a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to consolidate and amend the said Laws and Rules to keep pace with changes in the society; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- d) *whether it is also a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to determine the anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; and*
- e) *the names of officers/branches appointed/designated therefor?*

Reply not received.

25. Mr. Abdul Waseem
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the detail of funds released/given to the Members of the National Assembly of Pakistan for their Constituencies under the Public Sector Development Programme since June, 2013?

Reply not received.

27. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether location for establishment of a Centre of NADRA in Jahangira, District Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been finalized; if so, the time by which it will be made functional?

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): To select the location, building hiring process is underway. Tender has been published and bids scrutiny is in process.

28. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan
(Deferred during 54th Session)

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Economic Zone, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is being established under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor; if so, the present status/progress thereof; and*
- b) *the expected date of completion of said Economic Zone?*

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) In the 6th Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting held on 29th December, 2016 in Beijing, China, Pakistani side presented a list of nine (9) sites for the establishment of prioritized SEZs. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa presented following two sites:

- i. Rashakai Economic Zone on M-1.
- ii. Hattar Phase Vii Industrial Zone (Alternate).

The feasibility study of Rashakai Special Economic Zone has been submitted by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government and the same was shared with the Chinese side during the 7th JCC meeting; accordingly, a feedback received from Chinese experts on the feasibility study was conveyed to Industries Department KP for necessary action.

Chinese side has conveyed in the 7th JCC that site for Hattar SEZ has certain preferential advantages. Complete feasibility for Rashakai and Hattar SEZs have been received in BOI on 25th March, 2018.

Keeping in view the preference of Chinese side, BoI being the secretariat of Approvals Committee and Board of Approvals for SEZs, has requested KP Government to operationalize Hattar Industrial Estate-II and to submit duly completed application in all aspects under the provisions of SEZ Act, 2012 to BoI through Provincial Special Economic Zone Authority for declaration of the SEZ. However, no formal application for Hattar or Rashakai SEZ has been received so far.

(b) Expected date of completion of SEZ can only be ascertained after receipt of formal application as per provisions of SEZ Act, 2012 alongwith development proposal from the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government.

32. Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *the names of allottees to whom possession of plots in P-Block has been given by the Intelligence Bureau Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad alongwith plot-wise details thereof; and*
- b) *the total amount collected from allottees for allotment of plots in said Block alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) A list comprising the names of 226 allottees alongwith details of Block-P plots which are developed and ready for possession is at (Annex-A). Owners applying for possession will be handed over their plots immediately. The IB Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad intends to handover possession of Block-P plots by December 2018 after completing development in the entire Block.

(b) The IB Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad collected Rs.1,08,42,74,053/- on account of cost land and development charges from the allottees of said block.

Plot Size	Amount
30 X 60	Rs.544,774,353/-
35 X 70	Rs.27,541,000/-
50 X 90	Rs.511,958,700/-

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

33. Ms. Khalida Mansoor
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the less quantity of drinking water is being supplied to the residents of Street No.27, Sector G-6/1-2, Islamabad; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): It is stated that the potable water is being supplied to the residents of Sector G-6 including Street, No. 27, G-6/1-2, Islamabad on alternate day basis. The present shortage of water mainly caused due to depletion of water at the sources, resultantly, 50% cut has been imposed upon drawl of water from Simly Dam to prolong the usage of available water till the normalization of water at the sources.

34. Maulana Muhammad Gohar Shah
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that residents of Margalla Town, Phase-I, Islamabad are used to drain up filthy water of their houses through pipes in the streets; if so, the action taken/to be taken against responsables thereof; and*
- b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to check the said houses and make it sure that the drainage of water of courtyards of the houses is being wasted in sewerage manholes; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) Two (02) types of water drainage systems have been designed for Margalla Town, according to the topography of area, as listed below:

- (i) Storm water drainage system is meant to carry rain/filthy water (non-hazardous). The system already exists and works on lowest point basis in lieu of topography of the area and collecting chambers are provided to receive the said surface water for further disposal in natural water streams/ nullahs through pipes.
- (ii) Sewerage system used to dispose off sewerage water.

Regarding drainage of water in the streets through pipes by the residents, said residents are being issued Notices/Challans/Fines as per provisions of ICT Municipal Bye-Laws, 1969.

(b) There is no proposal to allow the courtyard water to be connected with the sewerage network. However washing of courtyard/cars is prohibited. Violations by any households are dealt with by issuing Notices/Challans/Fines and persistent violations by forcibly blocking/disconnection of lines.

35. Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the table-wise re-fixation pay scale chart of the officers of the National Assembly Secretariat at present?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): The table-wise re-fixation chart of the officers of National Assembly Secretariat at present is at **Annex-A**. Further, upon revision of Pay Scales, point to point fixation was made according to the table issued by the Finance Division.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

36. Ms. Khalida Mansoor
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that water is not being supplied to the residents of Sector G-6/1, Islamabad on daily basis; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- b) *the time by which water will be supplied to the residents of said Sector twice a day?*

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) It is stated that the potable water is being supplied to the residents of Sector G-6/1 Islamabad on alternate day basis. The present shortage of water mainly

caused due to depletion of water at the sources, resultantly, 50% cut has been imposed upon drawl of water from Simly Dam to prolong the usage of available water till the normalization of water at the sources.

(b) MCI are making all out efforts to fulfill the present minimum requirements from available resources. Shortages of water complaints received from the general public is being catered through a fleet of tankers.

3. Mr. Waseem Akhtar shaikh

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that drinking water is not being supplied to residents of Sector D-12 and Sub-Sector G-6/3 and G-6/4, Islamabad; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- b) *the time by which drinking water will be supplied to said residents?*

Minister for Interior (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal): (a) Drinking water is being supplied to the residents of Sector D-12 and sub-sectors G-6/3 and G-6/4, Islamabad on very alternate day due to less rainfall since the last winter. The level of water has been depleted below normal at the surface as well as ground water sources, resultantly, CDA is forced to reschedule/reduce supplies to various sectors including Sector D-12, G-6 to conserve the usage of available water till normalization of level at the main sources.

(b) The efforts are being made to ensure smooth supply in accordance with the availability of water.

4. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that numerous rebate claims under S.R.O. 212(1)/2009 dated 5th March, 2009 are still pending with Pakistan customs/Karachi customs during the last three years; and*
- b) *whether it is also a fact that sales tax refunds have been blocked for the last two years; if so, the steps being taken to release the same?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): (a) Customs duty drawback (Rebate) claims pending with Pakistan Customs/Karachi Customs during the last three years under SRO 212(1)/2009 dated 5th March, 2009 are as follow:

(Rs. In Million)

S. No.	Jurisdiction	No. of Claims Pending	Amount Involved
1	Pakistan Customs (Excluding Karachi Customs)	33309	712.182
2	Karachi Customs (Only)	12540	391.697
	Total	45849	1103.879

It may be highlighted that all out efforts have been made to liquidate the pendency of duty drawback claims, especially the claims filed under SRO 212(1)2009 dated 5.3.2009. This is evident from the following table whereby number of claims paid under SRO 212(1)2009, during 1st July 2016 to 30th April 2017, are 12912 which involve an amount of Rs.488.35 million. However, in the corresponding period (i.e. 1st July 2017 to 30th April 2018) of this year, the total number of claims paid under SRO 212(1)2009 are 17267, which involve an amount of Rs.589.13 million. There is visible growth in the number of the paid duty drawback claims (**upto 33.73%**) and the amounts involved (**upto 20.63%**)

under the said SRO. Concerted efforts would be undertaken to further liquidate the pendency and enhance the payment of pending duty drawback claims under SRO 212(1)2009.

Claims Paid			Amount Paid (Rs. Million)			
2016-17 (upto April)	2017-18 (upto April)	Growth (%)	2016-17 (upto April)	2017-18 (upto April)	Growth (%)	
12912	17267	33.73	488.35	589.13	20.63	

(b) FBR has made following payment of sales tax refunds to the claimants during the last two years and current financial year.

Period	No of cases	Amount (in Million)
2015-16	38,217	50,660
2016-17	4,724	25,683
2017-18 (01.07.2017 to 31.03.2018)	14,368	40,741

As evident from the above table, FBR disbursed almost 58% more sales tax refund during July, 2017 to March, 2018 as compared to refund disbursed during whole financial year 2016-17.

It is further added that:

- The sales tax refunds are processed under the provisions of Sales Tax Act, 1990 and Sales Tax Rules, 2006.
- FBR has automated systems in place for processing of Sales Tax refunds. For low-risk claim by manufacturers-cum-exporters, FBR has introduced **ERS** (Expeditious Refund System) for refund claims which meet prescribed risk parameters.
- The RPO for verified amount in such cases is then generated in 24 hour without any human intervention.
- The claims other than mentioned above are also filed and processed electronically through Sales Tax Automated Refunds Repository (**STARR**).
- RPOs are then generated electronically after processing by officers.
- The legality and admissibility of refund claims in both streams, mentioned above, is determined by the automated system, mainly by:
 - i) Cross-matching the declared purchases with the supplies declared by supplier.
 - ii) Cross-matching input GDs declared with FBR's import data.
- Refund payment Orders received from the two streams as mentioned above are electronically queued up in Centralized Sales Tax Refund Office (CSTRO) established in FBR which then issues cheques on "**First-in-First-out**" basis.
- To further expedite refund payments, since November, 2016 FBR has started paying sales tax refund by direct electronic transfer through State Bank of Pakistan instead of payment through cheques delivered by courier.
- It may be pointed out that a substantial amount of refund is pending in deferred claims. Refund claims are deferred where:
 - a) The automated system generates objections after cross matching of claimants declarations with the supplier declarations. The claimant is then required to produce relevant

documents to get the objections removed. The delay in majority of deferred amount is on the claimant.

- b) The claims are deferred as the claimants have violated provisions of law; claimed inadmissible input tax credits etc.
- c) The claimants have obtained interim injunction from a Court of law against any violation and final judgment is awaited.

5. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether any action has been taken on FBR directives vide letter C. No.3 (18) DRD/2014-25319 dated 27-02-2018?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Miftah Ismail): In order to implement the direction No.2 (bullet 3) of the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs & Narcotics Control, vide letter F.No.3(1)/2017-Com-II dated February 21, 2018 (Annex-I), the Board issued directives to concerned Customs field formations vide letter C.No.3(18)DRD/2014-25319 dated 27-02-2018 (Annex-II) to withdraw Public Notices regarding furnishing of Undertaking alongwith Duty Drawback claims.

All the concerned Customs field formations have complied with the Board's directive and have withdrawn the Public Notices issued by them.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

ISLAMABAD:
The 23rd May, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.