

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 1st November, 2018

2. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**
(Deferred during 2nd Session)

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

- (a) *the number of projects for development proposed in the current financial year of which PC-I are yet to be proposed and their initial approval is also awaited;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to discard such projects and include new projects of public interest; and*
- (c) *the sector-wise details of the new projects?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) In the Revised PSDP 2018-19 formulated in September, 2018, there is no project for which PC-I is yet to be prepared or approval is awaited.

(b) As a matter of policy, all un-approved project have been excluded from the PSDP. New projects of public interest, on receipt from federal Ministries/ Divisions would be placed before approving forum for consideration.

(c) Sector wise detail of new projects included in the Revised PSDP 2018-19 formulated in September, 2018 is at Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

58. ***Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**

(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karachi provides/generates 70% revenue of the country but there is no development plan made by the Federal Government for Karachi; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Federal Government to formulate development plan to solve the major problems of Karachi?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) The first part of the question does not relate to M/o PD&R. It may, however, be added that federal government does not make plan for the development of city. Such functions are performed by the Provincial Government. The federal Government nevertheless is financing 34 projects including projects under Karachi Development Package (**Annex-I**). Some projects were prepared by the Provincial and some by the federal Government.

(b) As indicated above, the federal Government does not prepare plan for any city. However, federal Government makes targeted intervention for the development of any area of the country. For Karachi, federal Government has established Karachi Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd. (KIDCL) for planning, designing, implementing, constructing and executing infrastructure development projects in Karachi and adjoining areas. KIDCL is executing the project titled "Green Line Bus Transit System Karachi" which has been gifted by the Federal Government for the people of Karachi. In addition, KIDCL is also executing the projects under Karachi Development Package of Rs. 25 billion announced by the Federal Government. List of projects approved so far under the Karachi Package and being executed by KIDCL is at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

59. ***Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik:**

(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) *the year-wise average amount of money laundered from the country during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to prosecute such money launderers and prevent money laundering from the country?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) No precise data is available on the volume of the money laundered from the country.

(b) Following steps have been taken by the Government to nab money laundering:—

- Anti Money Laundering (AML) Ordinance was promulgated in 2007 (AML) which later on transformed into AML Act, 2010 in line with recommendations of Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- An independent administrative financial intelligence unit -Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) was created in pursuance of AML Act. The function of FMU is receipt, analysis and dissemination of suspicious and currency transaction reports to designated entities.
- Under the AML Act, 2010, investigation & prosecution powers have been assigned to NAB, ANF, FIA, Directorate General (Intelligence and Investigation-Customs) and Directorate General (Intelligence and Investigation-Inland Revenue) FBR and have been designated as Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).
- To further align the AML Act, 2010 with international standards, the law was amended in December, 2015 to include Tax Offences. The role and functions of the National Executive Committee (NEC) and the General Committee (GC) constituted under the AML Act 2010 was further strengthened by giving representation to all stakeholders of AML/CFT regime.
- A range of predicate offences which are included in the schedule of AML Act, 2010 has been expended by adding offences from

Pakistan Penal Code, Sales Tax Act, 1990, Federal Excise Act, 2005, the Securities Act, 2015, Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, National Accountability Ordinance, 1999, The Arms Act, 1878, The Foreigners Act, 1946, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947, Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947, The Copyright Ordinance, 1962, The Pakistan Arms Ordinance, The Customs Act, 1969, The Emigration Ordinance, 1979, The Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997, The Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997, The Registered Designs Ordinance, 2000, The Trade Marks Ordinance, 2001, The Prevention & Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002.

- The present Government has started extensive consultations to prepare amendments in laws *i.e.* AML Act 2010, FERA 1947, PERA 1992 and FIA Act 1974 to curb the practice of Hundi/Hawala which play a major part in laundering of money. The Government intends to place Amendment Bills in this regard before the Parliament soon.
- State Bank of Pakistan has also taken various steps to curb money laundering in financial institutions. Details are **Annexed**.

Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

60. ***Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *the amount of loans obtained through all sources by the Government since 01-01-2013;*
- (b) *the loans paid off by the Government during the said period?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) The amount of domestic and external debt obtained since Oct 2013 till end June 2018 from all sources are as follows:—

Domestic Loans (Rs. in billion)

Domestic Sources	Net Domestic Loans Obtained (Oct 2013 Jun 2018)
PIB	2,138
T-bills	2,602
MRTBs	732
Sukuk	(74)
NSS & Others	1,118
Total:	6,517

External Loan Disbursements (US\$ in million)

External Sources	Disbursements (Oct 2013- Jun 2018)
Bond Holders	7,000
Commercial Banks	9,938
Multilateral	15,012
Bilateral	7,177
IMF	5,829
Total:	44,956

(b) The domestic debt is perpetual in nature and is constantly refinanced through new issues. This is a normal practice which is followed throughout the world, Whereas, external loans are being repaid as per their schedule. The external loans paid since Oct 2013 stands at **US\$ 19,799 million.**

61. **Disallowed on re-consideration.**

62. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that sheesha is being illegally provided to the youngsters on payment in certain cafes/centres in Islamabad being run in connivance with the SHO's of the concerned Police Stations;*
- (b) *the reasons for not taking stern legal action to get awarded strict punishment through courts to such persons arrested from sheesha centres and released by police after getting money from them and later allowed to reopen those sheesha centres;*
- (c) *the steps being taken to ban such cafes and centres; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make legislation in this regard; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) No cafe/centre is being run in connivance with the SHOs of concerned Police Stations within Islamabad, where sheesha is being illegally provided to the youngsters on payment.

However, it is further mentioned that under the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan as well as policy of the government, a campaign has already been initiated by the District Administration and ICT Police, Islamabad to curb the sale and use of Sheesha & Huqqa in the Cafes/ Centers, located within Federal Capital.

(b) Immediate legal action is initiated against the violators and their cases are sent to the Court of Law for award of due punishment/ fine as envisaged in the Prohibition of Smoking And Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002.

It is not true that some persons are being released by police after getting money. The offences under the above said ordinance are bailable, so the violators are released after payment of fine under the orders of courts of competent jurisdiction.

Details of the Cases, arrested and fines imposed are as under:—

Year	Cases	Total Arrests	Complaint Registered	Fine Rs.
2018	35	237 -33 owners -65 employees -139 accused	54	202,000/-

(c) District Administration and ICT Police has taken following steps to control the use of Sheesha Centers amongst the Youth:

- i. All The ACs/ SDPOs/ SHOs have been directed to launch awareness programmes amongst the youth within their areas to invite their attention towards the harmful effects of Sheesha smoking.
- ii. All the ACs/ SDPOs/ SHOs have been directed to ensure that no person shall sell smoking substance to any minor who is below the age of 18 years as per section 9 of the above said Ordinance.
- iii. All the ACs/ SDPOs/ SHOs have been directed to ensure that no persons shall smoke or use tobacco substance in other form in any place of public work or use as per section 6 of above said Ordinance.
- iv. All the ACs/ SDPOs/ SHOs have been directed to ensure that no persons shall sell any smoking substance or product near any school, college or educational institutions as per section 9 of the above said Ordinance.

(d) The law/ ordinance to curb the menace is available. Efforts are being taken to ensure its enforcement to get rid of this social evil.

63. ***Seemi Bokhari:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has taken notice of beggars who deployed young kids/children for begging purpose in Islamabad; if so, the details thereof; and*

- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control such (continuing) practices and bring the kids into the fields of skill and education?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) During the current year *w.e.f.* 01-01-2018 to 18-10-2018, action was taken against total number of **421** beggars. Out of these, **121** children (**64** girls) were sent to Edhi Home.

Furthermore, **236** male / female / transgender beggars were arrested and sent to judicial custody at Central Jail Adyala, Rawalpindi. Challans under section 9/10 Vagrancy Act, 1958 against them have been sent to the courts of competent jurisdiction where they are facing trial.

The ICT Administration / Police has established two (**02**) Anti-Beggary Squads to check the menace.

- (b) Does not relate to ICT Police.

64 ***Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of those institutions of the Ministry which have recovered narcotics during the last five years alongwith its value;*
- (b) *the number of FIRs lodged, challan submitted in courts of law and punishments awarded to the accused persons alongwith detail thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that properties are confiscated, bank accounts are freezed and vehicles are taken into custody of the drug traffickers by the Government; if so, the details of the amount in rupees deposited in Government exchequer from the auction thereof;*
- (d) *if the answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, the prescribd procedure to take them into custody who are involved in narcotics cases; and*

(e) *the time by which legislation will be made in this regard?*

Minister for Narcotics Control (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan Mahar):

(a) The Anti Narcotics Force is an attached department of MNC and is responsible for recovery of narcotics. Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) recovered narcotics from drug traffickers and case registered under Control of Narcotics Substance (CNS) Act 1997. The state of narcotics recovered by ANF during the last five years (2014 to 2018) alongwith its value is as under:—

Year	Seized qty of drugs (in MT)	Value drugs (in Millions US \$)
2014	259.00	1308.297
2015	210.00	1849.924
2016	240.110	3759.468
2017	222.320	3117.290
2018	68.173	1019.160

* Upto 30th Sep. 2018 (Attached at **Annex-A**).

(b) * 5442 FIRs have been registered against drug traffickers and 6494x persons have been arrested during last five years.

* Under Section 173. Cr.P.C, after registration of FIR, challan/ report is submitted in concerned court.

* The year wise (**2014 to 2018**) details of punishments are as under:—

Year	Number of case Registered	Number of cases convicted	Number of persons convicted
2014	888	333	422
2015	1217	421	512
2016	1305	405	520
2017	1177	948	1142
*2018	855	739	870
Total:	5442	2846	3466

* Upto 31st Aug. 2018.

- (c) a. Tracing, freezing and forfeiting of confiscated properties/ accounts is done u/s 12, 13, 38 and 39 of CNS Act 1997 and u/s 6 of ANF Act 1997. Details of asset cases for the period from 2014 to 2018 are as under:—

Assets Frozen (In Million)	Assets Forfeited (In Million)	Assets Realized and deposited National Fund (In Million)	Remarks
Rs. 2496.46/-	Rs. 79.37/-	Rs. 9.86/-	Rest of the cases are under appeal/ litigation

- b. The state of auctioned seized/ confiscated vehicles for the 2014 to 15 Oct. 2018 is as under:

State of Auctioned Vehicles (2014 to 2018)

Year	Nos of Vehicles Auctioned	Amount Deposited in National Fund
2014	200	27,855,911
2015	183	18,032,395
2016	143	48164785
2017	38	3,472,827
*2018	25	13,766,755
Total	589	111.293 M

*** Upto 15 Oct 2018**

- (d) a. The offences under CNS Act 1997 are cognizable, therefore, on recovery of narcotics FIR is registered u/s 154 Cr.P.C and accused is arrested who is investigated as per law and challan is submitted in the concerned court u/s 173 Cr.P.C .

- b. Auction is carried out according to the procedure mentioned in S.R.O. 198(1)/2013 for auction of seized/ confiscated vehicle
- (e) The legislation on narcotics drugs titled “CNS Act 1997” is already in field.

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65. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total number of graveyards in Islamabad at present?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): There are seven (07) graveyard under the administrative control of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad.

66. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the donation received from abroad in connection with The Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of Pakistan Diامر-Bhasha and Mohmand Dam Fund?

Reply not received.

67. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that millions of dollars are being smuggled/launched from the country; if so, the preventive measures taken by the Federal Board of Revenue and other authorities responsible therefor?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): The Federal Government is fully aware that the smuggling of foreign currency especially US dollar may create financial instability in Pakistan’s economy.

The Government has accordingly introduced different measures to effectively address this phenomenon of illegal movement of foreign currency. The Federal Board of Revenue has also initiated administrative measures to further strengthen the enforcement of laws.

The measures undertaken to address the smuggling of foreign currency are detailed hereunder:

- (i) The limits on movement of currency by passengers have been imposed by the State Bank of Pakistan *vide* their Notification No. F.E.1/2015 dated 01-06-2015 and are being enforced by Pakistan Customs at national entry / exit points. At present, the currency limits are as follows

Age Group of Person	Maximum limit per person per visit (US\$ or equivalent in other foreign currencies)	Annual Ceiling per person (US\$ or equivalent in other foreign currencies)
Up to 5 years	1000	6000
05-18 years	5000	30,000
Above 18 years	10,000	60,000

- (ii) Recently, Pakistan Customs has deployed Currency Declaration System (CDS) at 24 entry/exit points including international airports, land borders, railway links as well as sea ports for monitoring of cash movement. All these stations are linked together and the database is updated on real time-online basis. The same data is also being shared with the Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) on real-time basis.
- (iii) The CDS will work as a precursor to the newly emerging concept of Customs National Targeting Centre (NTC). The NTC will gather information relating to the passengers, cargo, currency declarations as well as immigration. The system will not only identify the trends especially on movement of passengers and the currency being carried but will also generates alerts for the targeting teams to take preventive measures in a proactive manner. This system will also work as a Single window for all other law enforcement agencies in order to take necessary action in their areas of jurisdiction.

- (iv) The Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation (Customs) has been notified *vide* Notification No.2 (KE) 2011, dated 08-01-2011 as Law Enforcement Agency under the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AML), 2010. Anti-Money Laundering Cells have been created at all Regional Offices of Customs Intelligence and staff have been nominated u/s 24(1) of the AML Act, 2010 to conduct investigation and prosecution of Money Laundering cases.
- (v) The Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigations also processes and takes action on the Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) forwarded by the Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) of the State Bank of Pakistan. Database of the STRs is being maintained and outcome of the investigations are reported to the FMU.
- (vi) The luggage of all the passengers travelling aboard from international airports is scanned which helps in detection of illegal movement of currency through concealment. Criminal proceedings are initiated against all the accused passengers arrested on the charge of currency smuggling.
- (vii) Pakistan Customs has recently installed and activated *four PTZ 360 degrees surveillance Dome Cameras* at International Departure Hall of Jinnah International Airport, Karachi for stepped up monitoring aimed to foil any attempt to smuggle foreign currency from Pakistan
- (viii) Due to the enhanced enforcement measures administered by Federal Board of Revenue/Pakistan Customs resulted in the following seizures of foreign currency including US dollars:

FY	Value of Currency Seized (PKR)
2012-13	78,328,253
2013-14	198,644,254
2014-15	159,477,526

FY	Value of Currency Seized (PKR)
2015-16	104,527,415
2016-17	238,885,000
2017-18	81,542,540
2018-19 (July-September, 2018)	206,384,544
Total	1067,789,532

68. ***Syed Javed Husnain:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the persons who were allowed to go abroad during the period from 01-06-2018 to 25-07-2018 despite that their names were being approved to put on the Exit Control List; and*
- (b) *when did the above said persons submitted their applications for seeking permission alongwith the criteria prescribed by Government for the approval of the said applications?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Permission to go aboard is only granted to those persons whose names are on ECL. During period 01-06-2018 to 26-07-2018 following persons were granted permission to travel abroad.

S.N.	Name
i.	Sabur Ur Rehman
ii.	Abdul Majeed Chutto
iii.	Zahoor UI Haq
iv.	Hamayun Barkat
v.	Asma Alamgir
vi.	Zahoor UI Haq
vii.	Naseem Khan Afridi

(b) All of them were granted permission to go abroad in compliance of the Courts order.

S.N	Name	Court orders dated
i.	Sabur Ur Rehman	01-02-2018
ii.	Abdul Majeed Chutto	14-05-2018
iii.	Zahoor UI Haq	21-05-2018
iv.	Hamayun Barkat	02-05-2018
v.	Asma Alamgir	09-05-2018
vi.	Zahoor UI Haq	26-08-2018
vii.	Naseem Khan Afridi	18-07-2018

CRITERIA

When an individual whose name appears on ECL applies for one time permission to travel abroad his case is referred to the agency/department on whom request he was placed on ECL, for comments/views. On recommendations of the recommending Agency his request is processed in Ministry of Interior and after approval of the competent forum/authority he is allowed to proceed abroad. In court cases such permission is granted by respective courts and Ministry of Interior issues order after obtaining approval of the competent authority.

69. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken to remove the deficiencies/lapses in system, the laws and lack of coordination among the Provinces to meet the obligations of Financial Action Task Force in order to get the name of country removed from Grey List?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): Pakistan is well aware of its obligations to implement the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Action Plan. In this regard, a comprehensive approach has been adopted by the Federal and Provincial Governments including all relevant stakeholders by taking them onboard for the timely completion and implementation of that Action Plan.

The Action Plan has been taken as an opportunity as well as a challenge and this will set directions for setting up a robust AML/CFT regime in Pakistan in line with international standards.

Following steps have been taken to achieve the agreed actionable items timely:—

- i. Extensive deliberations have been carried out with domestic stakeholders, FATF member countries and international experts.
- ii. NACTA has initiated work on Terrorist Financing (TF) Risk Assessment.
- iii. Progress on FATF Action Plan is reviewed at the highest level including National Security Committee (NSC).
- iv. Various training sessions have been organized by NACTA to sensitize private sector on the implications of FATA Action Plan and the respective responsibilities of that sector.
- v. NACTA has chalked out a plan for further outreach in Non Profit Organizations (NPOs) on a risk-based approach to ensure, that they understand and comply with their obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1267 and 1373.
- vi. A guidance document on the implementation of Action Plan has been shared by FMU with the relevant stakeholders to ensure timely completion of the Action Plan.

70. ***Seemi Bokhari:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to bring back money sent abroad illegally?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): REPLY BY FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

(a) FBR is taking all possible measures to obtain information about the Pakistani nationals' assets in other countries for the application of tax laws. Other agencies in government are working on Asset Recovery.

Upon receipt of actionable tax information about Pakistani tax-resident persons, if the funds remitted out are found to be non-tax paid/unexplained, tax demand would be raised and recovered. For this purpose FBR is relying on Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administration Assistance in Tax matter of which Pakistan is also signatory. The Multilateral Convention is an OECD initiative, which is geared to combating tax evasion through Exchange of Information amongst signatory states. Pakistan has already invoked Article 5 of the Multilateral Convention and sought information from over one dozen jurisdictions about Pakistanis who may have stashed funds therein.

Moreover, Pakistan is now in position to mutually exchange bank/financial accounts information with about 50 jurisdictions under the OECD's Common Reporting Standard. First data exchanges under this framework took place on September 30, 2018. FBR is currently purifying the data received which, in due course, will be shared with field formations for utilization as per law.

REPLY BY STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

Key measures taken by the State Bank of Pakistan include:

(a) **Strengthening of Legal Framework:**

The Protection of Economic Reforms Act (PERA), 1992 (PERA) was amended *vide* the Finance Act 2018 to rationalize the regime around the foreign currency accounts and movements of foreign currency. Specifically, the amendments have been made to:

- i. Subject the foreign currency accounts (in respect of secrecy thereof) to relevant laws *i.e.* the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, 1947 and the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 [section 5(3)].
- ii. Withdraw the immunity from making foreign currency declaration and enquiry in respect of foreign currency, and every incoming and outgoing passenger is bound to declare cash currencies [section 4(1)];
- iii. Prohibit the cash feeding of foreign currency accounts of non-filers. Further, the Federal Government has been authorized to make rules governing deposits in and withdrawals from the foreign currency accounts [Section 5(4)];

- iv. Withdraw the special privileges and immunities (as available under the PERA) for cross border or inland movements of foreign currencies in cash exceeding US\$10,000/- or equivalent subject to such annual ceiling as may be prescribed by the State Bank [Section 4(2)(g)];

(b) **Issuance of Instruction and Regulations:**

In line with the amendments in law, the State Bank of Pakistan has issued:

- (a) Detailed instructions to Exchange Companies to formalize and strengthen the documentation of inland cash PKR and foreign currency movements so as to curb the free flow of any undeclared and ill-gotten funds (FE-Circular No. 05/2018),
- (b) Notification No. FE 4/2018-SB dated August 6, 2018, notifying that any person carrying foreign currency notes exceeding US\$10,000 or equivalent within Pakistan shall be responsible to prove that the foreign currency notes have been acquired through authorized sources and the funds used for acquisition of such foreign currency are legitimate. In case of failure to prove the legitimacy of the funds, he shall be liable for action under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act-1947 (FERA), the AML Act, 2010 etc.

71. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to eradicate the menace of corruption in Pakistan and prescribed procedure thereof?

Reply not received.

72. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) *the details of projects initiated by the Ministry in District Buner during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the present status thereof?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) During the last five years project namely “Rebroadcast Station, Butter” was approved at a revised cost of Rs. 55.4 million in 2013 and it continued till completion.

(b) The above project has been completed in fiscal year 2016-17.

73. ***Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether the Government intends to approach to International Monetary Fund for getting loans; if so, the detail; if not, reasons thereof?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer):
The Government has approached IMF for financial assistance in view of the prevailing economic situation of Pakistan, entailing a high current account deficit, a large fiscal deficit and low foreign exchange reserves.

A formal request for financial assistance/loan from IMF was made by Mr. Asad Umar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs during a meeting with Ms. Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, IMF on 11-10-2018 in Bali, Indonesia.

An IMF team will be visiting Pakistan in the coming weeks to discuss details/ modalities of a possible loan program.

74. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Malakand Division has been exempted by the Government from all kinds of taxes upto the year 2023;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for imposition of tax on electricity and telephone bills in the said Division?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer):**Sales Tax:**

(a) District of Chitral, Dir and Swat and Malakand protected area, as falling in Malakand Division, have been granted exemption from sales tax till 30th June, 2023 on supplies originating and terminating in such areas. This exemption has been granted *vide* SRO 1212(1)/2018, dated 05-10-2018 (Annex-I).

Income Tax:

Under the SRO. 1213(I)/2018 dated 05-10-2018 (**Annex-II**) following exemptions have been provided under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 from 01-06-2018 till 30-06-2023 for the aforesaid areas of Malakand Division:

- (i) Exemption of tax on income of individuals domiciled in the said areas of Malakand Division or company and association of persons resident in the said areas of Malakand Division.
- (ii) Exemption of withholding taxes contained in Division III of Part V of the Chapter X and Chapter XII of the aforesaid Ordinance including withholding tax on electricity and telephone bills for all individuals domiciled in the said areas of Malakand Division or company and association of persons resident in the said areas.

Federal Excise:

No exemption of Federal Excise is available to the Malakand Division. The Federal Excise Act, 2005, and the duties levied therein are applicable to aforesaid areas after the omission of Article 247 of the Constitution through the aforesaid amendment.

Customs:

Prior to the 25th Constitutional Amendment, the Customs Act, 1969 was applicable in Malakand Division in light of the Provincially Administered Tribal Areas of the North-West Frontier Province (Application of Laws) Regulation, 1975. Presently, the Customs Act, 1969 is applicable by virtue of the aforesaid amendment. As such no exemption from application of Customs Act, 1969 has been specifically granted to Malakand Division. Hence, the reply may be treated as Nil.

However, it is worth mentioning that Non-Customs paid vehicles have been allowed to be used in erstwhile FATA/PATA regions including Malakand Division for a period of five years ending on 30-6-2023 with the conditions:

- (i) that the vehicles will be seized if they cross over to settled areas of Pakistan from the erstwhile FATA/ PATA regions; and
- (ii) after lapse of five years period the owner of such vehicles will surrender the vehicles to Customs and will be given option to get the vehicle regularized on payment of leviable duty/ taxes and surcharge.

The option of regularization will be available to only those vehicles which have been authenticated by the local administration till 30-09-2018.

(b) As stated in reply to part (a), sales tax in aforesaid areas of Malakand Division is exempted to the extent of supplies originating and terminating in erstwhile FATA/PATA and therefore, sales tax on electricity is chargeable on the electricity supplied to Malakand Division. As regards sales tax on telephone bills issued in this Division, it is stated that sales tax on services is a provincial subject and the same is payable under the provincial law.

No income tax is being withheld on electricity and telephone bills of individuals domiciled in aforesaid areas of Malakand Division or company and association of persons residents of these areas.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

75. ***Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state what is the throw forward in number of projects and amount in rupees of the PSDP projects?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): There are 809 projects included in PSDP 2018-19 with cost of Rs. 6,927 billion. Throw-forward liability is to the tune of Rs. 4,356 billion.

76. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no hotel in Islamabad is following One Dish System in marriage ceremony/function;*
- (b) *whether ban has been imposed by the present Government on any hotel in Islamabad for violation so far; and*
- (c) *the details of hotels penalized by the Government during the period from 01-06-2018 to 30-06-2018 alongwith the dates of inspections made therefor?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) It is to inform that regular checking of all the marquees/restaurants are being carried out and One Dish System is being enforced in the light of directions given by the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan.

(b) No such ban has been imposed by present Government, however, regular strict checking mechanism under “Marriage Functions Ordinance, 2000” is in place and strict action being taken on regular basis as per law.

(c) Strict monitoring is being ensured and all the marquees/hotels are regularly sensitized about One Dish System. The report regarding inspection & fines of hotels penalized by the Government during the period from 01-06-2018 to 30-06-2018 is nil due to Ramzan-ul-Mubarak.

77. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *the value of foreign exchange available in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the increase in the value of foreign exchange reserves during the tenure of the present Government?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) As on 25th October, 2018, total foreign exchange reserves of the country stood at \$ 14.3 billion of which \$ 7.8 billion are held by SBP and \$ 6.5 billion by Commercial Banks.

(b) The present government took office on August 18th, 2018 and the position of foreign exchange reserves can be seen from the table below:

(USD million)

Date	Net Reserves with SBP	Net Reserves with Banks	Total Liquid FX Reserves
17-Aug-18	10,234.8	6,488.0	16,722.8
28-Sep-18	8,408.5	6484.7	14,893.2
25-Oct-18	7,782.6	6,487.2	14,269.8

Country's foreign exchange reserves have been declining since November 2016 after reaching peak level of USD 24.5 billion, The depletion of reserves has been continuing therefrom due to high outflow of foreign exchange on the account of debt servicing, and import payments. The outflow of foreign exchange is not being matched with equivalent amount of inflows on account of exports, remittances, foreign direct investments and official government inflows. The mismatch between demand and supply of foreign exchange has thus created pressures on PKR-USD parity which has been eroding since December 2017.

However, with the focused efforts of the present government to build foreign exchange reserves and achieve macroeconomic stability through bilateral cooperation, the position is expected to improve significantly over the next few weeks.

78. ***Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state the detail of ongoing projects in PSDP including district Muzafargarh?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): There are 701 ongoing projects included in PSDP 2018-19 which costs Rs. 5804 billion. An allocation of Rs. 437 billion has been made for these projects. Details are at **Annex-I**. For Muzaffargarh district, there is one ongoing project costing Rs. 8.6 billion with an allocation of Rs. 1.5 billion in the PSDP 2018-19 (**Annex-II**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

79. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Computerized National Identity Cards are being issued to Afghanis and Bengalis presently residing in Karachi; if so, the reasons and effects thereof; and*
- (b) the procedure to be adopted therefor?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Computerized National Identity Cards are not being issued to Afghanis and Bengalis.

(b) No procedure has been evolved.

80. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) the strategy of the Government for the public sector enterprises at present; and*
- (b) whether the Government is planning to revive policy thereof; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply Not Received.

81. ***Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no proper arrangements are being made by the Government for cleanliness inside and outside Shah Faisal Mosque, Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said Mosque has not been white-washed since long;*
- (c) *if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *the total number of staff working for cleanliness of the said mosque at present alongwith their grades/scales;*
- (e) *the previous date on which the said Mosque was white-washed alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon; and*
- (f) *the time by which the said problems will be resolved?*

Reply not received.

82. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to stop the menace of narcotics which is ruining the lives of the youth in Pakistan?

Minister for Narcotics Control (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan Mahar):

The Ministry of Narcotics Control (MNC) being the lead Ministry on the subject of Narcotics is taking various steps to stop the menace of narcotics in the society, particularly, the youth. The steps are as under:

1. In the domain of drug demand reduction, Ministry of Narcotics Control is conducting following activities with main focus on educational institutions and settings:
 - Lectures/Awareness Sessions/Seminars.
 - T.V Programs.

- Radio Programs.
 - Awareness Walks
2. To curtail the supply of drugs, MNC has embarked upon various steps which include:
 - Launching of campaigns/crackdown against drug peddlers involving all law enforcement agencies (LEAs) including police under Inter Agency Task Force
 - Establishment of Canine units (sniffer dogs) at each Regional Directorate
 - Expansion of Intelligence network of ANF to main cities
 - Use of CCTV camera for effective profiling of passengers at airports.
 - Pre-Export Notification (PEN) online system is in practice to check misuse/diversion of precursors.
 - Deployment of ANF personnel at all international airports, seaports and dry ports.
 - Destruction of poppy cultivation with collaboration of Provincial and district Government to maintain poppy free status since 2001.
 3. Formulation of revised comprehensive National Anti Narcotics Policy, 2018.
 4. Successful Completion of Khyber Area Development Project (Phase-I) and Kala Dhaka Area Development Project for alternative means of livelihood.
 5. “National Drug Use Survey” was carried out in 2013. Fresh survey is underway and likely to be completed in 2019.
 6. On Pakistan's Initiative, United Nations Commission on Narcotics Drugs (UNCND) adopted resolution titled “Strengthening Efforts to Prevent Drug Use in Educational Settings” in its 61st Session (March 2018) in Vienna, Austria. To implement this resolution, a National stakeholders meeting was held on 18-10-2018 wherein representatives of Federal/Provincial governments (including AJK & GB) participated. The objective of the meeting was to prepare National Strategy on prevention of drugs in educational settings.

7. Creation of online complaint management system to redress complaints regarding drug control.

Comprehensive Detail of point No.1 & 2 are at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

83. ***Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether land record of Islamabad has been computerized by the Federal Government;*
- (b) *if not the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *how much time will it take to computerize the record?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) The Land records of Islamabad have not been fully computerized so far.

(b) The revised PC-I of the subject project was approved by CDWP in its meeting held on 19th March 2018 at a rationalized cost of Rs.150.451 million. However authorization letter has not yet been issued by PD&R Division. An amount of Rs.22.633 million has been released to ICTA in 1st Qtr of CFY 2018-19.

The land record of Islamabad will be computerized in 18 months after issuance of authorization letter by PD&R Division.

(c) The land records of Islamabad will be fully computerized within 1-2 years after issuance of Admin Approval by the Ministry of Interior.

84. ***Ms. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the measures taken by the Government to safeguard the Journalists and Minorities in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *the detailed statistics of the Journalists and Minorities killed in Pakistan during the last five years?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Under the directions of the present government, following measures have been taken by the ICT Police for the protection of journalists and minorities in the Federal Capital:

- All the SHOs have been strictly directed to register the case upon receipt of any complaint by any journalist or member of minority community regarding complaint of insecurity, without any delay.
- They have been directed to further instruct their subordinate staff to carry out the foot/mobile patrolling in the areas where the Press Clubs, Churches and Residences of the journalists and prominent minority leaders are situated. Besides, the areas where, the minority communities dwell, are also kept under strict surveillances to avoid any untoward incident.
- They were further directed to monitor the activities of suspicious persons loitering in the vicinity of above mentioned areas and take legal action against such persons if found involved, in any illegal activity or crime.
- They have been also directed to keep a close liaison with senior journalists as well as leaders of minority communities and if any information regarding their insecurity has been conveyed, the high ups may be informed immediately and appropriate measures taken for the protection of their lives and properties.
- They have been directed to strictly adhere to security programs which are being chalked out for security during service/prayers at churches on Sunday and other days.

(b) During the last 05 years (01-10-2013 to 01-10-2018), neither any journalist nor any member of the minority community has been killed, within the Federal Capital.

85. ***Mr. Nasir Iqbal Bosal:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *how much amount was spent on the advertisement of the auction of official vehicles of the Prime Minister's House/Office and buffaloes separately with break-up;*
- (b) *the amount which has been generated through the auction of such vehicles and buffaloes;*
- (c) *the model of each vehicle and price at which its was purchased; and*
- (d) *the benchmark upon which price of each vehicle was determined for the auction purposes?*

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a)

- * Advertisement Bill of auction of vehicles is yet awaited from the concerned advertisement agency.
 - * No amount was spent on advertisement of auction of buffaloes. Publicity of auction, however, was not compromised as sufficient coverage was ensured in news clips on electronic media.
- (b) *
- * Total amount received through auction of 54 vehicles is Rs.193.06 million.
 - * Total amount received through auction of buffaloes is Rs.2.3 million.
- (c) *
- * Detail of Model and price of each vehicle is at Annexure-I.
- (d) *
- * Benchmark upon which prices of each vehicle were determined, include:
 - * 15% reduction for 1st year and 10% for subsequent year in original value of vehicle.
 - * Custom duties as calculated by FBR according to Customs Rules.
 - * 10% advance income tax on bid price of vehicle.
 - * GST 17% on bid price received for local vehicles only.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

86. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *the total amount received by Pakistan from China under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) till date;*
- (b) *the locations where work is in progress under the CPEC at present; and*
- (c) *the projects completed so far including those which are near completion?*

Reply not received.

87. ***Sahibzada Sibghatullah:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the detail of employees who were promoted to higher posts by NADRA alongwith their scales and seniority since 01-01-2017?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): The required detail is attached at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

ISLAMABAD:
The 31st October, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Thursday, the 1st November, 2018**17. **Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:***(Transferred from 3rd Session)*

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

- (a) the total amount of interest/liabilities on foreign loans of Pakistan besides principal debt liability for financial years 2013 to 2018 indicating interest/liabilities paid off during the said period; and*
- (b) the total amount of said interest/liabilities except principal debt liability incurred during the said period?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer):

(a) The total amount of interest/liabilities on foreign loans besides principal debt liabilities for financial years 2013 to 2018 is US\$ 24320.65 million. (US\$ 24106.45+214.20).

(b) The total amount of said interest/liabilities except principal debt liability incurred during the said period is US\$ 5802.98 million. (US\$ 5674.68+128.3).

18. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:***(Transferred from 3rd Session)*

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that behaviour of the Pakistan airports staff with Overseas Pakistanis is inappropriate;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there is no turn/shift system at immigration counters at airports, as at the International Arrival Terminal, the influential passengers are entertained without following queues resulting into sufferings of the common passengers;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that there is no washroom facility from apron to immigration area/lounge and even other washrooms are poorly maintained;*
- (d) *whether substandard, goods are sold at duty free shops at said airports; and*
- (e) *whether the parking area of airport is without canopies and heavy Toll is collected from the vehicles?*

Reply not received.

19. **Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of completed/in progress projects of rain water harvesting of the completed/under construction by Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad for the last five years; and*
- (b) *the details of such new projects under consideration of the CDA at present?*

Reply not received.

20. **Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state what action taken to fix tax rates, interest rates and for Government expenditures?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer):
Tax rates applicable under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 do not have any correlation with and are not based upon with the ratio of interest on public expenditure.

2. In order to introduce a fair, judicious and equitable tax regime in the country, many of the tax rates under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 have been based upon the principle of progressivity or “ability to pay”. Hence, progressively higher rates of tax are applicable upon higher incomes in the case of salaried individuals, non-salaried/business individuals and Association of Persons (AOP’s).

3. It would also be pertinent to mention that substantial relief has been accorded to salaried as well as non-salaried individuals through the Finance Act, 2018 as the minimum threshold of taxable income has witnessed a three-fold increase from Rs.400,000/- to Rs.1,200,000/-. However, a nominal tax rate of Rs.1000/- has been imposed on income(s) ranging from Rs.400,000/- to Rs.800,000/- whereas a nominal tax rate of Rs.2000/- has been imposed on income(s) ranging from Rs.800,000/- to Rs.1,200,000/-.

4. Through the Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Act, 2018 the maximum tax rate for salaried individuals which was 30% prior to the Finance Act, 2018 has been reduced to 25% whereas the maximum tax rate for non-salaried/business individuals which was 35% prior to the Finance Act, 2018 has been reduced to 29%. In addition, the maximum tax rate for Association of Persons (ADP’s) which was 35% prior to the Finance Act, 2018 has been reduced to 30% through the Finance Supplementary (Amendment) Act, 2018. Without prejudice to the above, progressive tax rates are also applicable to profit on debt and rental income received by an individual or AOP.

5. In a bid to promote and incentivize companies and bolster their competitiveness corporate tax rates witnessed a successive reduction of one percentage point per annum from 35% for the Tax Year 2013 to 30% for the Tax Year 2018. Continuing with the same policy the Finance Act, 2018 envisages a further reduction in the corporate tax rates from 30% for the Tax Year 2018 to 29% for the Tax Year 2019, 28% for the Tax Year 2020, 27% for the Tax Year 2021, 26% for the Tax Year 2022 and 25% for the Tax Years 2023 onwards.

21. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

(a) *the detail of street of D-12/4, Islamabad in which pipelines for providing natural gas has been laid with the requisite yardstick to select such street for laying pipelines;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that CDA, Islamabad has failed to lay pipelines for the provision of natural gas to the residents of several streets of D-12/4, Islamabad; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (c) *the time by which pipelines for the provision of natural gas will be laid to residents of rest of streets to whom natural gas could not be provided so far?*

Reply not received.

22. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that road from Katarian Bridge to Islamabad has been closed since long; if so, the reasons therefor;*
- (b) *whether the sufferings of the residents to enter Islamabad from the said area have been noticed and addressed by the authorities concerned; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to open the said road?*

Reply not received.

23. **Mr. Muhammad Anwar:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior the be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad has taken notice of commercial use of the area reserved for Agro-farms in Islamabad, adjacent to main Murree Road, Orchard P&V Scheme opposite Best Western Hotel, Islamabad; if so, the details thereof, and*
- (b) *the detail of those allotments which have been found to be in violation of terms and conditions fixed by the Government and the action taken against them?*

Reply not received.

24. **Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start development projects for controlling and decreasing poverty in rural areas in the country; if so, when will it be implemented alongwith the details thereof?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): Under, Federal Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) 2018-19, Rs. 209 billion has been allocated for 154 development projects being implemented in the less developed areas to alleviate poverty in rural areas. Province/Area-wise list showing number of projects, expenditures incurred on these projects up to June 2018 and allocation for 2018-19 is attached.

After the 18th constitutional amendment, the development of rural areas is a devolved subject. The federal government supplements the provincial government's efforts to improve living standard of the poor.

However, Development of rural areas is the priority of the present Government. The 100 days' agenda of the government includes 'Establishing a special mechanism to supplement existing poverty alleviation efforts in the poorest districts across Sind, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan'.

A detailed workable plan is also being prepared for addressing the issue of poverty in the country. The details of the plan will be included in the 100 days' agenda of the government. This includes, among other steps, devising a poverty reduction strategy and development of a social protection strategy to streamline various social protection initiatives all over the country with a view to expanding coverage of these programmes, improving targeting and for graduating the beneficiaries out of programmes after building their capacity to sustain their livelihood.

Annex

Summary of Federally funded Development Projects in Rural Areas of Pakistan (PSDP 2018-19)

(Rs. Million)

Province / Area	No of Projects	Total Cost	Expenditure Upto June,2018	Allocation 2018-19
Punjab	26	151,513.88	77,636.56	16,366.34
Sindh	7	139,189.99	88,908.12	11,313.74
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	25	123,665.81	13,272.94	7,240.17
Balochistan	34	257,735.70	147,106.14	16,131.31
AJK	10	124,683.95	112,159.97	28,158.70
Gilgit - Baltistan	20	88,070.57	12,772.24	20,654.14
FATA	12	33,391.72	5,803.42	39,019.05
Multiple District	20	1,557,044.12	782,717.91	70,444.80
Total:	154	2,475,295.73	1,240,377.31	209,328.23

25. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government had sought information from the Provincial Government of Sindh with regard to increasing incidents of child abduction in Karachi in order to respond to Calling Attention Notice in the National Assembly on 27-09-2018;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Provincial Government of Sindh had refused to provide the said information;*

- (c) *if the answer to (a) and (b) above is in affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *whether executive authority of the Federal Government extends to provinces with respect to criminal laws?*

Reply not received.

26. **Ms. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reasons for increase in the fee for renewal of the Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) by NADRA;*
- (b) *the details of CNIC renewal fee charged and the profit earned from per CNIC since 01-09-2018; and*
- (c) *the total CNICs renewed, since increase made in renewal fee?*

Reply not received.

27. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees hired by the Capital Development Authority janitorial services in the Parliament Lodges;*
- (b) *whether the said employees are employed on contract or engaged under outsource system therein;*
- (c) *if they outsource system the cost of contract alongwith the name of the company or the contractor thereof?*

Reply not received.

28. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring reforms in Civil Service under project titled URAAN; if so, the recommendations made in this regard?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): The Government Constituted two Task Forces titled “Civil Service Reform” and “Austerity Measures and Government Restructuring” under chairmanship of Dr. Ishrat Hussain, Advisor to the Prime Minister. The work and proposals prepared by the MoPDR (*i.e.* enhancement of qualification, introduction of screening test and three professional clusters for CSS examination, review of mandatory trainings and capacity building of training institutions, establishment of National University of Public Policy and Administration, improvement of knowledge and work skills at all level, strengthening of Federal Public Service Commission, institutionalizing modern human resource practices, review of salary structure, policy making allowance for Federal Secretariat employees, introduction of Senior Executive Scales (SES), performance Contracts including modernize performance appraisal system introduction of end to end E-Governance system etc.) have already been shared with the task Forces.

In addition, reform initiatives (*i.e.* increase in upper age limit for CSS examination, reduction in duration of mandatory trainings, revision of MP and Project pay scales, enhancement of trainings, marks for promotion conversion of ICT Police stations into Model Stations, preparation of guidelines for Citizen Client Charter and Five Step Reform Cycle, perception survey on critical services, automation of CDWP executive leadership training course for 100 officers, Training Need Assessment (TNA) of NSPP and STIs, and introduction BCURE training module for participants at NSPP etc.) have been implemented under the project.

29. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the gali and street-wise details of water supplied from tube well since 01-01-2018 to the residents of Service Road, Sector G-7/2, Islamabad; and*

- (b) *how many times water supply is being carried out therefrom at present?*

Reply not received.

30. **Mr. Irfan Ali Leghari:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether it is a fact that funds have been approved under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor programme for construction of road from Rawalpindi to Mansehra via Muzaffarabad (Azad Jammu and Kashmir); if so, the amount allocated therefor?

- Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar):** No such project is being planned or implemented under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

31. **Ms. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Government officers who travelled with and without No Objection Certificates as per record of FIA Immigration from all airports throughout the country since 01-01-2013 alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the number of those officers who went abroad more than once during the above said period alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

32. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether all encroachments in the Islamabad Capital Territory have been removed without any favouritism; and*

- (b) *the policy of the Government regarding development of the areas from which illegal encroachments have been removed?*

Reply not received.

33. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to protect the pensioners from red-tapism; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that pension is not being provided to retired Government employees through one window operation system; if so, the reasons therefor?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer):

- (a) The Federal Government has introduced Direct Credit System for payment of pension in 2014, In this System the pension of the pensioner is deposited directly in his/her bank account opened in any scheduled Bank including National Saving Centre for the purpose.

It will enable a pensioner to draw monthly pension without preferring a pension payment claim at the bank. Pensioner may at his/her option get the ATM card issued from his/her bank and use it for drawl of pension.

(b) No this is not true. The above mentioned Direct Credit System is the one window operation system which is fully operational. This one window operation system is mandatory for all Federal Government employees retiring since the launch of this system in 2014. Most of the retired Federal Government employees are receiving their pensions through the Direct Credit System.

The Government is encouraging those who have not yet opted for this system to join it for payment of pension.

ISLAMABAD:
The 31st October, 2018.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.