

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

Wednesday, the 17th May, 2017

@20. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 39th Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the total foreign aid/funds received by the NGOs in the country during the last two years alongwith the names, area of services and sources of funds thereof?

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): Economic Affairs Division only registers NGOs receiving foreign funding. This process has recently started in October, 2016. Therefore, no record of previous funding of NGOs is available with EAD.

- So far 05 NGOs have been registered by EAD (**Annex-I**). Total foreign funds reflected in the Project Action Plan of these NGOs are PKR. 404,881,580.00.

Annex-I**STATUS OF NGOS REGISTERED WITH EAD**

S. No.	Name of NGO/ Organization	Funds Amount in PKR	Area of Services (Geographical location)	Source of funding
1	Hyderabad Relief and Rehabilitation Trust	2620624.74	Sindh	Hyderabad Foundation USA

@ Transferred from Interior Division.

S. No.	Name of NGO/ Organization	Funds Amount in PKR	Area of Services (Geographical location)	Source of funding
2	Friends Welfare Association	300,000,000	KPK	KNK Japan. INGO
3	Social Services Programme	15722909.82	KPK	UNDP
4	Health & Education Development Society	52600623.9	Punjab, KPK, Sindh and FATA	UNOCHA- through CRDO
5	Sahil	33,93,7422	All Four Provinces	Royal Norwegian Embassy
Total:		404,881,580.00		

241. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state the total number of local persons being appointed from Balochistan under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal):
Provincial Quota as prescribed by the Federal Government rules is being observed for initial recruitments. Furthermore, the concerned Ministries/Organizations/ implementing agencies are hiring/appointing the workers as per recruitment rules of the projects.

61. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the measures being taken by the Government to control the pollen allergy in Islamabad?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):
In Islamabad, Paper Mulberry trees are considered to be the main cause for pollen allergy. MCI is gradually removing the male Paper Mulberry trees from

Islamabad in a phased manner, so that green character of the city is not lost abruptly. The action plan for the removal of Paper Mulberry trees is given as under:—

S. No.	Phases	Areas to be cleared	Time Frame
i.	Phase-I	Removal of all male Paper Mulberry trees adjacent to residential areas/houses.	April to December, 2017
ii.	Phase-II	Removal of all male Paper Mulberry trees from open spaces, Nullahs and parks in residential sectors.	January to December, 2018
iii.	Phase-III	Removal of Paper Mulberry Trees from Islamabad Highway (H-8, H-9), Kashmir Highway, Shakarparian Hills and Rawal Dam Areas.	January to December, 2019
iv.	Phase-IV	Removal of Paper Mulberry trees from the foot hills of Margalla Hills	January to December, 2020

94. ***Ms. Shahjehan Munir Mangerio:**
(*Deferred during 41st Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to formulate a

comprehensive plan with the cooperation of provinces to maintain law and order situation in the country?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

After the passage of 18th amendment, maintenance of law and order is the responsibility of the provincial governments. In view of security challenges being faced by the country, Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan provides constant support to the provincial governments for carrying out necessary steps to combat adverse law and order situations, including the terrorists activities.

In order to attain a peaceful environment, the Government of Pakistan / National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) have devised a comprehensive plan known as ‘National Action Plan’ which encompasses every possible threat under law and order spectrum and suggests viable ways and means to confront and thwart it. Copy of National Action Plan is **annexed**.

Implementation of NAP is the responsibility of the Provincial Governments and NACTA coordinates with Provincial and Regional Governments to achieve goals delineated in National Action Plan. Armed Forces / Civil Armed Forces (CAFs) are also helping Provincial Governments for maintenance of law and order in Karachi and Punjab.

Annexed



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
NATIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM
AUTHORITY ISLAMABAD

20 Points of National Action Plan

1. Implementation of death sentence of those convicted in cases of terrorism.
2. Special trial courts under the supervision of Army. The duration of these courts would be two years.
3. Militant outfits and armed gangs will not be allowed to operate in the country.
4. NACTA, the anti-terrorism institution will be strengthened.

5. Strict action against the literature, newspapers and magazines promoting hatred, extremism, sectarianism and intolerance.
6. Choking financing for terrorist and terrorist organizations.
7. Ensuring against re-emergence of proscribed organizations.
8. Establishing and deploying a dedicated counter-terrorism force.
9. Taking effective steps against religious persecution.
10. Registration and regulation of religious seminaries.
11. Ban on glorification of terrorists and terrorist organizations through print and electronic media.
12. Administrative and development reforms in FATA with immediate focus on repatriation of IDPs.
13. Communication network of terrorists will be dismantled completely.
14. Measures against abuse of internet and social media for terrorism.
15. Zero tolerance for militancy in Punjab.
16. Ongoing operation in Karachi will be taken to its logical end.
17. Balochistan government to be fully empowered for political reconciliation with complete ownership by all stakeholders.
18. Dealing firmly with sectarian terrorists.
19. Formulation of a comprehensive policy to deal with the issue of Afghan refugees, beginning with registration of all refugees.
20. Revamping and reforming the criminal justice system.
95. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamal Ud Din:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economics Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the head-wise detail of funds allocated, released and spent for the rehabilitation of the Interally Displaced Persons (IDPs) during the fiscal year 2016-17;*

- (b) *the head-wise detail of funds which have not been released out of allocated amount by the Ministry for the said IDPs so far; and*
- (c) *the head-wise detail of unspent amount out of said allocated amount at present?*

Transferred to States and Frontier Regions Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

102. ***Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

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

- (a) *the breakdown of Hydro, Coal, Solar and Wind Projects on which 35 billion dollars will be spent by the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC);*
- (b) *the details and types of jobs and contracts which will be offered to local Pakistanis by the CPEC projects;*
- (c) *the ratio of materials/equipments that will be imported versus the items and inventory that will be provided locally therefor; and*
- (d) *whether the Government has allocated funds to plant long life trees alongsides the CPEC routes?*

Reply not received.

31. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the posts of Assistant in BPS-16 and Superintendent in BPS-17 are not being upgraded in the Federal Government departments according to the decision of the*

Federal Service Tribunal given in the appeal No. 175(R)CS/2012 dated 5th January, 2015;

(b) *if so, the time by which such posts will be upgraded accordingly?*

Transferred to Establishment Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

32. ***Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that irregularities in different accounts of the Government departments are being reported;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen audit system of the Government departments?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) Yes, the irregularities in different accounts of the government departments are being reported every year in the form of Audit Reports and Appropriation Accounts by Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) in terms of Article 171 of the Constitution. Article 170(2) of the Constitution mandated the AGP to conduct audit.

(b) The Government strengthens the audit systems of its departments through recommendations given by the audit in its reports for remedial action, improvement of internal Controls and implementing directives given by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) after discussion of these reports. Different measures/steps have been taken to strengthen the audit system including the following:—

- (i) Pakistan Audit Department is following Financial Audit Manual (FAM) to conduct the audit of accounts of Government Institutions which prescribes a set of modern auditing standards, concepts, techniques and quality assurance arrangements that are consistent with international standards and provides methods and approaches of audit to be followed by the auditors for conducting the audit of government institutions.

- (ii) Office of Auditor General of Pakistan is an active member of multilateral professional bodies.
- (iii) The Auditors are being trained for various types of audit by imparting specialized training courses local and international through various incentive schemes, These Incentive Schemes are bringing valuable contribution towards capacity building of the Auditors to qualify and build necessary professional competence for accomplishment of its objectives and mandate.
- (iv) Office of AGP has signed many MOUs with different audit institutions of different countries for promoting mutual cooperation in the field of Public Sector Auditing, Increased bilateral cooperation and capacity building of members Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the region.

33. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of apex committees set up in January, 2015 to expedite the implementation of the National Action Plan; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that no formal notification, term of reference and chain of command have been defined for said committees so far?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

(a) All provinces as well as AJK, GB and ICT constituted their Apex Committees to review security situation/ threat perceptions and to ensure implementation of NAP at Provincial level. Punjab Apex Committee was constituted in December 2014, whereas Sindh, Baluchistan, AJK and GB constituted these committees on different dates in 2015, through formal notifications. KPK Government constituted apex committee in 2009.

(b) Apex Committees notified by Provinces have very explicit Terms of References with respect to review of security spectrum, addressing security issues and implementation of NAP.

34. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the name of the firms from whom number plates of motor car and motorcycle are getting prepared by Islamabad Excise and Taxation Office alongwith the rates thereof separately?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

M/s EHA Hoffman (Pvt) Ltd. Is preparing number plates of Motor Cars and Motorcycles for Excise & Taxation Department Islamabad. Category wise rates including all taxes of per pair Number Plate are as under:

Govt. Vehicle	-	Rs.900/-
Private/ Commercial Vehicle	-	Rs.1300/-
Motor Cycles	-	Rs.700/-

35. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) *whether steps have been taken to carry out estimation with regard to un-employed persons in current population census in the country; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the estimates of employment prior to the population census in the country?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) During the ongoing Census Operation-2017, the information regarding unemployment is being collected in the Column No. 11 of Census Form-2 (**Annex-A**) and the same will be compiled at the data processing stage. However, detailed information will be collected on Form 2-A (**Annex-B**) through Sample Survey which will be carried out after the main Census Operation is over.

The latest employment estimates in the country derived through Labour Force Survey 2014-15 are as under:—

(Million)

Civilian Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed
61.04	57.42	3.62

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

36. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the total number of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects which have been shelved so far alongwith the province-wise details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that most of the energy projects of Balochistan have been shelved; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal):

(a) Three energy projects under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) have been shelved. Province-wise details is at annex-I.

(b) No Energy project of Balochistan has been shelved. It is further informed that ground breaking ceremony of HUBCO Power Plant has been done.

Annex-I

**Shelved Projects of CPEC
Province-Wise Breakup**

Sindh

Name of project	Estimated Cost (US\$ M)	Mode of Financing
China Sunec 50 MW	125	Independent Power Producers (IPPs)

Punjab

Name of project	Estimated Cost (US\$ M)	Mode of Financing
Salt Range Coal Based Power Project 300 MW including Mining	800	IPPs
Zonergy Solar Project, Bahawalpur (GoPb) 900 MW	1,302	IPPs

37. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the details of schemes started in Mardan by Rural Development Project since June 1st, 2013 alongwith the present status as well as details thereof?

Transferred to Planning, Development and Reform Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

38. ***Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the total number of persons to whom loans have been given under the Prime Minister's Interest Free Loan Schemes alongwith the percentage of women thereout?

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): As of 31st March, 2017, a total of 283,321 persons have been given loans under Prime Minister's Interest Free Loan Scheme. Out of these persons, 62% are women.

39. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to repair streets of Sector G-7/3, Islamabad?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

Yes a proposal is under consideration for repair / maintenance of streets of Islamabad including streets of Sector G-7/3. The repair / maintenance work will start on availability of funds most likely in next fiscal year.

40. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pak-Afghan Border has been opened by the Prime Minister's order; if so, the date thereof?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

Yes, Pak-Afghan border was re-opened on 21st March, 2017 for all types of traffic, under The Prime Minister's order.

41. ***Ms. Laila Khan:**

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state the total number of projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor that are under implementation at present?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal):

The details of projects under implementation under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are at annex-1.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

42. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the remedial steps being taken by the Government to fix shortcomings expressed in quarterly reports of the State Bank of Pakistan since June 1st, 2013?

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): The Government takes into consideration the recommendations and weaknesses made by / pointed out by all stakeholders including State Bank of Pakistan while formulating Economic and financial policies. The government has taken various measures to remove the shortcomings in its policies including the following:—

- The government has focused on bringing improvement in the real sector growth through agriculture, industrial and services sectors. In this connection, a number of public sector development programs have been initiated in productive and infrastructure sectors.
- The government has focused on increasing public sector development spending. There is phenomenal increase in development spending since 2013. It increased from Rs. 348.27 billion during FY 2013 to Rs. 800 billion in FY 2017. A number of massive infrastructure, power and other projects have been initiated which will remain instrumental in attracting private sector investment.
- Consolidation efforts are on track since government has successfully curtailed the fiscal deficit at 4.6 percent of GDP in FY 2016, 5.3 percent of GDP during FY 2015 and 5.5 percent in FY 2014 on account of prudent expenditure management and increase in revenues. It is worth mentioning that the fiscal deficit was successfully brought down from 8.2 percent of GDP in FY 2013.
- The government's efforts to improve Pakistan's business climate to attract higher investment inflows have been underpinned by the National Doing Business Reform Strategy 2016. The reforms focus on regulatory changes, improving technology and building capacity of implementing agencies for simplification of procedures involved in making businesses operational. As a result of the successful implementation of key reform measures, Pakistan's ranking on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index has improved by four points to 144 out of 190 economies in Doing Business Report 2017 and the country's has been recognized as one of the top ten reformers globally in the area of business regulation.
- The inflation rate has been kept under control due to effective monetary and fiscal policies. This price stability maintained the confidence of economic agents to enhance economic activities in the country.
- Under PSE Reform Strategy the government is focused on improvement in corporate governance, restructuring of PSEs and Strategic Partnership through Privatization. The Government has appointed Financial Advisers for various public sector corporations.
- The Implementation of National Power Policy 2013 has resulted in reduction in line losses of power sector distribution companies (from 18.7% in FY 2014-15 to 17.9% during FY 2015-16) and

increase in collections (from 89.2% in FY 2014-15 to 94.6% in FY 2015-16), During H1 FY 17, the line losses have declined further to 17.2 percent.

- The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with an investment of \$46 billion is a testament of Pakistan's rising potential and the government's commitment to use this opportunity as a game changer for the country in coming decade. Twenty five industrial zones are being established on three routes of CPEC. The CPEC projects include investment of \$34 billion in the energy sector and \$12 billion in building roads, highways, railways ports and airports.

43. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the annual revenue being collected from Weekly Bazaars in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the laws and departments that are regulating the said Bazaars at present?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

(a) The amount collected from the stall holders at Weekly Bazaars is not a rent. However, conservancy fee, charged from the Stall Holders is approx Rs. 19.8 Million per annum.

Presently, the Weekly Bazaars are regulated by the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad. However, after promulgation of the Agriculture Produce Market Ordinance, 2002 and Agriculture Produce Market (General) Rules, 2014 as well as constitution of the Market Committee ICT, the regulation of the Weekly Bazaars is the legal responsibility and mandate of the Market Committee ICT Islamabad under Section-10 & 23 and Rule-13, 21 & 56.

44. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether it is a fact that works on all projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are continued promptly?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal):

It is to inform that work on CPEC projects is in full swing. Road Infrastructure projects are targeted to be completed by 2018 / 19; energy early harvest projects are expected to be completed by 2017 / 18 except hydel projects which will be completed by 2020 / 21. Further, Gwadar and Railways projects are expected to commence soon. Industrial Parks / SEZs are to be established by as per decision taken in 6th JCC.

45. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the capacity building measures of police and other institutions of Criminal Justice System have ensured that they can handle terrorism single handedly; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *how to strengthen our first line of defence against terrorism?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

(a) 1. In pursuance of point No. 8 of the NAP "Establishing a Counter Terrorism Force; provincial governments have raised CTDs in their respective police departments, as a first line of defense for fighting terrorism. Details are as under:

Unit	Sanctioned	Present
ICT	1000	500
Punjab	1500	1182
Sindh	1000	728
Bal	1000	1000
KP	2200	2200
GB	-	168
AJK	500	260

2. The new raised CTF are being imparted specialized training in the Elite training centers, having specialized modules and specialized training courses. International partners have also imparted anti-terrorist training program to enhance tactical and operational capacity as per international standards.

3. European Union is extending financial assistance to support Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) a program (2016—19), to enhance capacity

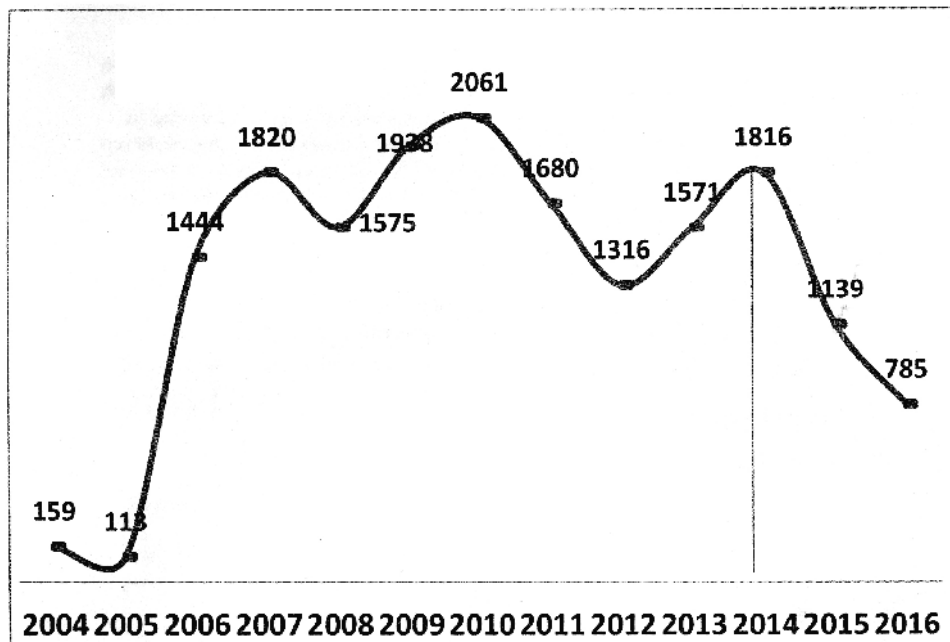
of prosecution, police and judiciary departments to address the issues in the serve delivery of the Criminal Justice System.

4. As result of implementation of NISP and NAP, pragmatic and effective steps have been taken by Federal and Provincial Governments against terrorist elements in the country. These have resulted in a significant reduction in the number of terrorists incidents in the country (**Annex-A**).

(b) Following steps may be taken to strengthen first line of defense against terrorism.

1. Effective coordination amongst LEAs.
2. Capacity building through training.
3. Use of modern techniques and equipment.
4. Enhanced operational budget of LEAs for combating terrorism.
5. Improving Human Resources as per Security requirements in Balochistan.
6. Raising separate special force for VIP security.

Annex-A



46. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) *the targets given by the International Monetary Fund during its last review;*
- (b) *the total targets out of them achieved by the Government; and*
- (c) *the reasons for not achieving the remaining targets?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) In the last review (12th Review) under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) with the IMF, the Government agreed to the following Quantitative Performance Criteria (QPC) and Indicative Targets:

End-Jun 2016, Program Targets	Adjusted Target	Actual
Quantitative Performance Criteria (QPC)¹		
Floor on Net International Reserves of the SBP (USD Millions)	6310	7560
Ceiling on Net Domestic Assets of the SBP(stock in Rs. billion)	3023	3029
Ceiling on Overall Budget Deficit (Cumulative Excluding Grants, in Rs. billion)	1292	1349
Ceiling on SBP's stock of foreign currency swaps/forward position (USD Million)	2000	1985
Ceiling on net government budgetary borrowing from the SBP (Stock, Rs. billion)	1800	1412

¹**Quantitative performance criteria (QPCs)** are specific and measurable conditions that have to be met to complete a review. QPCs always relate to macroeconomic variables under the control of the authorities, such as monetary and credit aggregates, international reserves, fiscal balances, and external borrowing.

End-Jun 2016, Program Targets	Adjusted Target	Actual
Indicative Targets (IT)²		
Cumulative Floor on targeted Cash Spending (BISP, Rs. billion)	95	101
indicative Targets		
Floor on Net Tax Revenues collected by FBR (Cumulative, Rs. billion)	3104	3112
Ceiling on Power Sector Payment Arrears,(flow, Rs. Billion)	18	(10)

(b) * Most of the agreed upon, end-June 2016, Quantitative Performance Criteria (QPCs) were met except the QPC on the budget deficit and Net Domestic Assets (NDA) of the State Bank of Pakistan.

* All Program Indicative Targets (ITs) were met.

(c) * The end-June PC on Net Domestic Assets (NDA) was missed by a small margin of PRs 6 billion (0.2 percent of NDA) due to higher-than-expected demand for currency, mostly driven by the financial transactions tax on non-filers of income tax returns and strong precautionary demand for liquidity in advance of the Eid holidays in early July.

* The Performance Criterion (PC) on the general government budget deficit (excluding foreign grants) was missed by PRs 57 billion (0.2 percent of GDP), due to higher-than-expected expenditures at the provincial level in the last quarter, while the federal government compensated for a shortfall in nontax revenue by rationalizing expenditure.

² **Indicative targets** are established in addition to QPCs as quantitative indicators to assess the member's progress in meeting the objectives of a program. Sometimes they are also set when QPCs cannot be, because of data uncertainty about economic trends (*e.g.*, for the later months of a program)

47. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that branch of the Government Bank has not been established in Mughal Market, Sector I-8/1, Islamabad; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a branch of the Government Bank in the said area; if so, when it will be established?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) At present Government owned banks have not established any branch in Mughal Market, Sector I-8/1, Islamabad due to the fact that the area had a low business potential and opening a branch in this area was not commercially viable.

(b) National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) has informed that based on the survey report / market analysis of February, 2017 and considering the business viability, it has been decided that a branch of NBP at this location will be opened during 2017.

48. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the total number of persons hailing from Balochistan whose Computerized National Identity Cards are still blocked at present?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):
A total of 33,090 x CNICs are blocked in Balochistan at present.

49. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the total amount spent on the "Waseela-e-Taleem" programme under the Benazir Income Support Programme during tenure of the present Government?

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): Total amount of **PKR. 2,957.36 million** has been spent on the “*Waseela-e-Taleem*” programme under the Benazir Income Support Programme during tenure of the present Government.

50. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the name of borders of the countries except Iran where Pakistan has erected borders wires up till now?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan): No border wires have been erected at any borders. However, at the selected places in all 7 x Agencies in FATA, Security fence is proposed to be erected / constructed.

51. ***Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose ban on smoking and commercial use of “Sheisha” in Islamabad;*

(b) *if so, the time by which the said ban will be imposed?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):
(a) Import of Sheesha was banned in Pakistan by Ministry of Commerce in 2016 under SRO 970 (I)/2016. The use of sheesha in Islamabad is also prohibited under Section 5 of “Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance 2002”. Whereas smoking is already banned at all public places in Islamabad as a result of strict enforcement of “Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smoker’s Health Ordinance, 2002”.

(b) As above.

52. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that survey of the Benazir Income Support Programme has been started again; if so, when; and*
- (b) *the time by which it will be completed?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) BISP launched first Phase of new survey of BISP beneficiaries (National Socio Economic Registry update) in February, 2017 and the National Rollout will be launched in November 2017.

(b) The First Phase of survey will be completed by July, 2017 and the survey in the remaining districts (National Rollout) will be completed in March, 2018.

53. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise loans taken by the Government from the State Bank of Pakistan since 01-01-2013;*
- (b) *the details alongwith the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *the amount of interest paid on said loans?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) Year-wise Loans taken by the Government from State Bank of Pakistan since 01-01-2013 are as under:

(Rupees in Billion)

Period	Borrowing
Jan-13 to June-13	2274.7
July-13 to June-14	5925.4
July-14 to June-15	5210.6
July-15 to June-16	4294.3
July-16 to March-17	4337.2
Total	22042.2

(b) Public Debt is mainly obtained to finance fiscal deficit which is approved by the Parliament. Government borrows from different sources (domestic, external) to finance its fiscal deficit. Domestic sources mainly include commercial banks, SBP and various National Savings Schemes.

(c) An amount of Rs. 853.3 billion has been paid as interest on these loans.

54. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- (a) *the total amount of domestic and foreign outstanding liabilities of Pakistan as on 30-06-2013, 30-06-2014, 30-06-2015 and 30-06-2016 respectively;*
- (b) *the total amount of domestic and foreign debt of Pakistan at present separately;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that overall debt of the country is increasing; if so, the justification of better economy of the country; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure self dependence and generate financial resources in the country?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) The domestic and foreign public debt position on the said dates is as follows:

	Net Domestic Debt	Foreign Debt	Net Public Debt
(Rs.in billion)			
30-06-2013	8,686.2	4,796.5	13,482.7
30-06-2014	9,551.3	5,071.5	14,622.8
30-06-2015	10,804.8	5,181.8	15,986.6
30-06-2016	11,773.5	6,051.1	17,824.6

(b) The domestic and foreign public debt position at present is as follows:

	Net Domestic Debt	Foreign Debt	Net Public Debt
	(Rs.in billion)		
31-12-2016	12,310.1	6,063.6	18,373.7

(c) Pakistan is a developing country which needs to pursue high growth objective to expand its capacity and maintain its competitiveness. Consequently, running a budget deficit becomes a necessity. The other option is to stifle growth by curtailing development expenditures that can in turn have socio-economic implications.

Government came to office to re-fix the economy and bring macro-economic stability. Prior to 2013, the country was facing serious challenges like macro-economic instability, frequent power outages and dire security situation. Agriculture, large scale manufacturing and services sectors were all underperforming. The foreign exchange reserve position had reached precarious levels; the interest rates and inflation were high. The external sector was heavily out of balance, and the performance of state owned enterprises had severely deteriorated.

The present government has paid attention to all these issues and achieved considerable success in resolving them. Necessary steps were taken to avoid predicted default, and ensure fiscal discipline and consolidation. In this regard, structural reforms, including restructuring Public Sector Enterprises, and other measures including reduction in un-targeted subsidies and broadening of the tax base were undertaken. Measures were also taken to build foreign exchange reserves, contain inflation and overcome energy shortages. Despite repayments of foreign loans amounting over US\$ 13.6 billion by the present government which was mainly obtained by the previous governments, the foreign exchange reserves presently recorded at over US\$ 21.5 billion up from US\$ 11 billion as at end June, 2013. As a result of the above corrective measures, the country ratings have been improved by rating agencies as an acknowledgement of achievements by the present government.

(d) Following are the main steps taken by the government to ensure self-dependence and generate financial resources in the country:

- Fiscal consolidation remained on track as fiscal deficit continued to fall for the fourth year in a row. Fiscal deficit was contained at 8.2 percent in 2012-13 (down from a projected 8.8 percent), due to the concerted efforts by the government soon after assuming the office. Fiscal deficit was reduced significantly in 2013-14 and recorded at 5.5 percent of GDP (lower than its budgeted target of 6.6 percent) and recorded at 5.3 percent of GDP in 2014-15. Fiscal deficit was reduced further at 4.6 percent of GDP during 2015-16 supplemented by enhanced revenue mobilization and rationalization of non-development expenditure. Government has set 4.1 percent fiscal deficit target for current year 2016-17 which will be further brought down to 3.5 percent of GDP by 2018-19. It may not be out of place to mention that borrowing both domestic and foreign is undertaken to meet the fiscal deficit as can be seen from above, there has been a dramatic decrease in fiscal deficit as a result of which borrowing requirement have also been slashed as percentage of GDP. Furthermore, by increasing domestic revenues, the dependence on loans is reduced as the fiscal gap is narrowed. In this context, domestic resource mobilization strategy helped in achieving higher revenue growth and tax-GDP ratio in recent years. The FBR tax revenues have increased significantly during the last three fiscal years. In 2012-13, the revenue collection was Rs.1,946 billion which has increased to Rs.3,112 billion in 2015-16, registering an overall growth of around 60 percent;
- Tax-to-GDP ratio which was below 9.8 percent of GDP in 2012-13 has been increased to 12.4 percent of GDP during 2015-16;
- The development budget has been gradually and adequately raised in order to meet the investment requirements of a growing economy. Federal PSDP gradually increased from Rs.348.3 billion during 2012-13 to Rs.800 billion for 2016-17, showing a cumulative increase of over 129 percent; Pakistan's economy continues to maintain its growth momentum above 4.0 percent for the 3rd year in a row with real GDP growing at 4.71 percent in 2015-16 which is the highest in eight years. Economic growth is projected to continue its upward acceleration in the coming years;
- The conducive economic environment coupled with supportive monetary policy provided opportunity for the government to reduce

the interest rates on its wholesales debt instruments along with aligning the rates on retail debt instruments with the market yields. As a result, the cost of domestic borrowing has been substantially reduced as the weighted average interest rate on government domestic debt portfolio is reduced to a single digit as at end June, 2016. Accordingly, the government domestic interest expenditure is reduced to 26 percent of total revenue during 2015-16 as compared with 31 percent during the last fiscal year.

55. ***Ms. Shahjehan Munir Mangerio:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has any plan to bring back black money stashed in foreign countries; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the estimated quantum of black money of Pakistanis stashed in foreign countries at present?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) It may be mentioned at the outset that the repatriation of black money kept abroad by Pakistanis does not fall in the domain of FBR. However, the Federal Government / FBR has taken several measures to obtain information about the Pakistanis wealth lying in secret deposits and investments around the world for the purposes of taxation. These measures include the following:

- i. **Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters** The Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters is an OECD initiative, the hallmark of which is combating tax avoidance and tax evasion through Exchange of Information amongst signatories of the Convention. The Convention covers all three strands of Exchange of Information amongst its signatories *i.e.*
 - (a) Exchange of Information on Request.
 - (b) Spontaneous Exchange of Information, and

(c) Automatic Exchange of Information.

Given that Exchange of Information on request has limited scope and potential, the world is moving fast towards spontaneous and automatic exchange of information. The spontaneous exchange caters for the transfer of information to the concerned jurisdiction as and when it comes into the knowledge of the jurisdiction holding such information. The automatic exchange is however, the transfer of data on automatic basis each year amongst the jurisdictions on the banking and other details of the corresponding nationals and tax residents of such jurisdictions.

Subsequent to approval of the Federal Cabinet in January 2014, a request was sent to the OECD Secretariat, expressing strong interest in becoming signatory and party to the Multilateral Convention. Since then, Coordinating Body (CB) of the Convention was evaluating structure of Pakistan's laws and practices on confidentiality of information exchanged under international frameworks and on data security. The Coordinating Body also suggested certain amendments in tax laws which have been incorporated through the Finance Acts 2015 and 2016 respectively. After consistent efforts of the Federal Government spread over a period of two years. Pakistan was invited to sign the Multilateral Convention. The Convention was signed by the Finance Minister in the OECD Secretariat on 14th September, 2016 in the presence of the Secretary General. OECD and subsequently ratified by the Federal Cabinet. The Instrument of Ratification has now been deposited in the OECD on 14th December, 2016 and is in force with respect to Pakistan *w.e.f.*, April I, 2017 which will be covering the tax periods commencing from January 1, 2018 and onwards.

ii. **Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information:**

The Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes is a multilateral framework on tax transparency and exchange of information. The Forum ensures through its Peer Reviews that international standards on tax transparency are in place around the world. The implementation of such standards significantly contributes to the fight against offshore tax avoidance and evasion. The Global Forum's assessment and rating of a country's ability to

successfully and efficiently exchange information on international standards is essential for becoming signatory to the Multilateral Convention.

In view of the aforementioned advantages, Pakistan has joined Global Forum for Transparency and Exchange of Tax Information and successfully cleared its 1st Peer Review in June, 2015. The 2nd Peer Review report on Pakistan, subsequent to the OECD assessment team's visit to Pakistan in March 2016, was presented before the Global Forum in June, 2016. Accordingly, Pakistan has been assigned the rating of a "Largely Compliant" jurisdiction. The Largely Compliant rating determines how Pakistan's current and future treaty partners regard their ability to correctly apply international standards. An acceptable rating is a crucial strategic foundation for the FBR's ability to secure access to confidential tax information from other jurisdictions and has also influenced Pakistan's attempts to widen its exchange of information (EOI) treaty network by having been invited to join the Multilateral Convention.

iii. Pilot Project On Automatic Exchange of Information:

The Finance Minister has been pleased to approve the pilot project on the automatic exchange of information on financial accounts. The pilot project aims at putting in place the rules that require financial institutions to report information and follow due diligence procedures consistent with the OECD's Common Reporting Standard (CRS), the administrative and it infrastructure to collect and exchange information under the Standard and the confidentiality and data safeguards, etc. The project is being executed by FBR with the assistance of OECD's Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. United Kingdom is the Partner Country and FBR is assisted by the State Bank of Pakistan and the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan. The pilot project will enable Pakistan to move quickly towards the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) which shall facilitate Pakistan in few years time to automatically receive information on financial accounts of its residents from the other contracting states and jurisdictions.

iv. **Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement with Switzerland:**

FBR has successfully renegotiated the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement (ADTA) with Switzerland which, *inter alia*, contains the Article on exchange of information on request for tax purposes. This Article has recently been renegotiated and updated with Switzerland on the basis of the latest OECD/UN Models which extends its scope beyond the information available with tax administration in normal course of business. The re-negotiated version of the agreement has been initiated by both sides. After completing all the procedural formalities, the renegotiated ADTA, including, the latest version of the Article on exchange of information, has now been signed on 21 March, 2017 in Islamabad. The ADTA will come into force once the formalities for ratification are completed by both the states.

v. **Updating the Article on Exchange of Information**

Pakistan is also in the process of updating and replacing the Article on exchange of information in its Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements with the latest text of the OECD Model. The new Article extends the scope of the provision of information considerably and provides that the information shall be provided to the requesting state whether it is at the disposal of the tax authority or held by any other authority in the requested State. The requested state is also obliged to provide information even if it is held by a bank, other financial institutions, nominee or a person acting in an agency or fiduciary capacity and even if that State does not need such information for its own tax purposes.

(b) No information is available with the FBR about the actual quantum of black money of Pakistanis stashed in the foreign countries at present. However, with the help of the aforementioned measures. FBR would, in future be able to obtain information about the Pakistanis' wealth lying in secret deposits and investments around the world for the purposes of taxation.

56. ***Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total cases of Cyber Crimes reported in the Ministry since 01-01-2013;*
- (b) *the total number of cases out of them solved so far;*
- (c) *the steps taken to reduce cyber crimes in future; and*
- (d) *the total persons arrested by FIA against Cyber Crimes during the said period?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

(a) Eight hundred ninety four (**894**) cases have been registered at Cyber Crime Wing of FIA since 01-01-2013.

(b) One hundred seventy nine (**179**) cases registered at Cyber Crime Wing of FIA have been decided so far.

(c) The steps taken to reduce Cyber Crimes in future are at **Annex-I**.

(d) Six hundred eighty nine (**689**) accused persons have been arrested by the Cyber Crime Wing of FIA during the said period.

ANNEX-I

**CRIME PREVENTION AND DETECTION THROUGH AWARENESS,
TRAINING AND RESEARCH / DEVELOPMENT**

AWARENESS AND TRAINING

- * Technical facilitation extended through digital forensic analysis, cyber tracking, digital crime investigation to local law enforcement agencies in cases such as murder, robbery, extortion and many more
- * Technical trainings on cyber crime, digital forensics, information security to law enforcement agencies like IB, ISI, NAB, ANF, Local Police
- * Conducted awareness workshops and seminars at various academic institutes and organizations

- Trainings imparted on digital forensic comprehension for interpreting forensic reports, evidence extraction methods, laws application to judicial community
- 12, 458 individuals from all walks of life have been trained by NR3C to serve the purpose of cybercrime mitigation

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENTS

- Developed LEAD “Live Evidence Acquisition Dongle” a forensic tool to extract live evidence
- Developed a tool to help track and identify the location of e-mails originating from unknown source
- Developed in-house software application for forensic request management
- Developed in-house software application for complaints management and tracking
- Inputs regarding 5 year counter cyber terrorism strategy to NACTA
- Furnished a report on problems faced by law enforcement agencies to trace down the sub-standard mobile phones with same IMEI number

57. ***Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *the total number of officers working as Chief Editor of Debates, Chief Interpreter, Chief Reporter and Chief Translator in the Federal Government Departments and the Constitutional Bodies who are drawing their salaries from the Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR), Islamabad at present alongwith the names and designations thereof;*

- (b) *the names of officers out of them who have been drawing their salaries from the AGPR from the last twenty years in same scale alongwith their names, designations, departments and length of service alongwith justification thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade the above mentioned posts; if so, when; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) Total number of officers working as Chief Editor of Debates, Chief Interpreter, Chief Reporter and Chief Translator in Federal Government currently drawing pay from AGPR Islamabad is five (05), Names and designations are mentioned in annexure.

(b) As per available record, only one officer Mr. Muhammad Furqan, Chief Reporter (BPS-19) of the office of National Assembly Secretariat has been drawing his salary from AGPR for last twenty years in same scale.

(c) Subject of upgradation of posts pertains to Establishment Division, However, Finance Division has so far not received any such proposal for consideration from Establishment Division.

ANNEXURE

NAME OF OFFICERS

S. No.	NAME OF OFFICER	BPS	DESIGNATION	DEPARTMENT	DATE OF Promotion
1	MUHAMMAD FURQAN	19	CHIEF REPORTER	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT	01-02-2004
2	ABDUL HADI CHANNA	19	CHIEF EDITOR OF DEBATES	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT	01-11-2008
3	IZHARUL HASAN	19	CHIEF REPORTER	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT	01-01-2008
4	JAHAZEB SHAH	19	CHIEF INTERPRETER	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT	1-05-2013
5	MUHAMMAD ABID SIDDIQI	19	CHIEF TRANSLATOR	NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT	01-01-2011

Note: Date of promotion mentioned against each does not depict the actual date of promotion rather it only show the date on which scale was changed/ updated in system. For exact date of promotion, the concerned department needs to be contacted.

58. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the present Government has made a plan to control rising crime rate in Islamabad?

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

In order to control the crime rate in Islamabad, the following steps have been taken:—

- Identification of Crime pockets.
- Crime cluster Analysis.
- Action against car lifters, kidnapping for ransoms & robbers/dacoits.
- Establishment of Nakas.
- Data Base (survey of Kachi Abadies)
- Intelligence Based Policing.
- Combing/Search Operations.
- Random checking of Guest Houses/ Hotel/Motel.
- General Hold-ups (Surprise checking)
- Survey of Rented Accommodation, illegal settlements & Deeni Madaris.
- Surveillance of suspected Elements.
- Action against Brothels, Narcotics dens.
- Data proofing of released prisoners.
- As a result of above steps the crime ratio under various heads has considerably decreased.

ISLAMABAD:
The 16th May, 2017

JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 17th May, 2017

27. **Ms.Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

(Deferred during 29th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state the details of land regained in the rural areas of Islamabad by the Ministry during the tenure of the present Government?

Reply not received.

34. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

(Deferred during 29th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control 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.

22. **Mian Abdul Manan:**

(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No. 15 replied on 02-09-2016 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the hotels in Islamabad is following by One Dish System in marriage functions;

- (b) *whether ban has been imposed by the present Government on any hotel in Islamabad so far; and*
- (c) *the details of hotels penalized by the Government during the period from 01-01-2016 to 30-06-2016 alongwith the dates of inspections made therefor?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control 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.

42. **Shazia Marri:**
(Deferred during 39th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the hair dressers/experts do hair cut in unhygienic ways and without proper utilization of clean water and sterilizers in saloons/beauty parlours/shops in various markets in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the prescribed method for utilization of sterilizers for said purpose;*
- (c) *whether water is not available in said shops/saloons/beauty parlours at present;*
- (d) *the total number of dressers available in each market in Islamabad at present alongwith the details thereof;*
- (e) *whether law has been made by the Government therefor; if so, since when;*

- (f) *the charges/rates of hair dressers in Islamabad at present;*
- (g) *the prescribed penalties for cutting hair in unhygienic ways; and*
- (h) *the amount of penalties charged by the Administration from 01-01-2016 to 30-06-2016 alongwith details thereof?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control 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 and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Ministry/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.

50. **Dr. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral:**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

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

- (a) the progress made in the introduction of a Biometric Verification System (BVS) of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP);*
- (b) the total number of districts of Punjab for which BVS has been introduced so far;*
- (c) the details of beneficiaries of district Nankana Sahib (NA-137) under the BISP;*
- (d) the authority who is checking the data of the BISP; and*
- (e) the improvements made in operations of the BISP during the last six months?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) BISP launched pilot Biometric verification System (BVS) in Larkana District in March, 2015. From July, 2016 till date, the mechanism has been extended to 42 more districts.

(b) As of now, 11 districts of Punjab have been converted to Biometric Verification System (BVS).

(c) Details of BISP's beneficiaries pertaining to district Nankana Sahib are enclosed as Annexure-A.

(d) Some aspects of data of BISP Beneficiaries have been checked / verified by NADRA e-g CNIC, gender, marital status etc. Biometric verification of BISP beneficiaries has also being done by NADRA. BISP has also hired some 3rd party organizations to check the quality of data through spot checks and process evaluations.

(e) Some of the major improvements made in the separations of BISP in FY 2016-17 are as under:—

- Implementation of Biometric Based System (BVS) in 43 Districts.
- National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) update launched as pilot (Phase-I) in 16 Districts. BISP has successfully tested the Desk approach in 4 districts. Door-to-Door survey is ongoing in 12 Districts which is expected to be completed in June 2017. National Roll out (Phase-2) of the survey will commence in September 2017.
- Hiring of two firms for carrying out various Waseela-e-Taleem related activities, such as supply capacity assessment, registration/ enrolment, attendance compliance, social mobilization and capacity building.

Annexure-A

S. No.	District	Tehsil	Bank	Payment Mode	Total No. of eligible beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries with CNIC	No. of beneficiaries without CNIC
1	Nankana Sahib	sangla hill	UBL	Benazir Debit Card (BDC)	4247	3132	1115
2		nankana sahib			28869	17976	10893
3		safdarabad			4	4	0
4		shah kot			4623	3505	1118
Total					37743	24617	13126

56. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of applications submitted by the officers of the National Assembly and Senate Secretariats for grant of Motor Car Advance since 1-1-2016 alongwith the names thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which Motor Car Advance will be given to the said officers?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): (a) 8 applications of officers of National Assembly Secretariat and 33 applications of officers of Senate Secretariat have been received in AGPR Islamabad since 01-01-2016 for grant of Motor Car Advance. Detail is Annexed.

(b) The estimated time for grant of Motor Car is mentioned against each name in enclosed Annexure. Grant of Motor Car Advance is, however, based on availability of funds.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

86. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that memberships were issued by the Civilian Employees Cooperative Housing Society (Regd.) (CECHS), Islamabad through cheque No.0112663 and 0112664 against the registration Nos.430 and 2562 respectively; if so, the name of applicants thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no communication was made by the CECHS for allotment of plots to said applicants so far; if so, the reasons alongwith the action taken against responsables thereof; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to allot plots to said applicants; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the prescribed criteria thereof?*

Reply not received.

18. **Mr. Sanjay Perwani:**
(*Deferred during 41st Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the steps taken/works made by the Government in the areas of economic growth and finance?

Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization (Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar): * Pakistan has seen a visible economic turnaround over the last three years, due to the successful implementation of a comprehensive programme of economic revival to enhance economic growth and achieve sustainable development. Economic stability has been achieved gradually since FY2014 and GDP growth has picked up and remained above 4.0 percent, with 4.71 percent in FY2016, the highest in the last eight years.

- * The government has focused on bringing improvement in the real sector growth through agriculture, industrial and services sectors. In this connection, a number of public sector development programs have been initiated in productive and infrastructure sectors.
- * The government has focused on increasing public sector development spending. There is phenomenal increase in development spending since 2013. It increased from Rs.348.27 billion during FY 2013 to Rs. 800 billion in FY 2017. A number of massive infrastructure, power and other projects have been initiated which will remain instrumental in attracting private sector investment.
- * The government's efforts to improve Pakistan's business climate to attract higher investment inflows have been underpinned by the National Doing Business Reform Strategy 2016. The reforms focus on regulatory changes, improving technology and building capacity of implementing agencies for simplification of procedures involved in making businesses operational. As a result of the successful implementation of key reform measures, Pakistan's ranking on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index has improved by four

points to 144 out of 190 economies in Doing Business Report 2017 and the country's has been recognized as one of the top ten reformers globally in the area of business regulation.

- The inflation rate has been kept under control due to effective monetary and fiscal policies. This price stability maintained the confidence of economic agents to enhance economic activities in the country.
- The policy rate which is lowest in decade at 5.75 percent augurs well for monetary expansion and credit to private sector leading to economic growth through multiplier effect.
- Financial sector reforms have improved access to finance, especially for small and medium enterprises through implementation of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy and legislative measures including establishment of credit bureaus, the deposit protection fund and strengthening of legal rights of lenders and borrowers.
- Under PSE Reform Strategy the government is focused on improvement in corporate governance, restructuring of PSEs and Strategic Partnership through Privatization. The Government has appointed Financial Advisers for various public sector corporations.
- The Implementation of National Power Policy 2013 has resulted in reduction inline losses of power sector distribution companies (from 18.7% in FY 2014-15 to 17.9% during FY 2015-16) and increase in collections (from 89.2% in FY 2014-15 to 94.6% in FY 2015-16),
- The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) with an investment of \$ 46 billion is a testament of Pakistan's rising potential and the government's commitment to use this opportunity as a game changer for the country in coming decade. Twenty five industrial zones are being established on three routes of CPEC. The CPEC projects include investment of \$ 34 billion in the energy sector and \$ 12 billion in building roads, highways, railways, ports and airports.
- Consolidation efforts are on track since government has successfully curtailed the fiscal deficit at 4.6 percent of GDP in FY2016, 5.3 percent of GDP during FY 2015 and 5.5 percent in FY 2014 on account of prudent expenditure management. It is worth mentioning

that the fiscal deficit was successfully brought down from 8.2 percent of GDP in FY2013.

19. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the National Assembly Employees Cooperative Housing Society has cancelled the basic memberships of several members of the said Society; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (b) *whether notices were issued to members of said Society; if so, the details of notices issued to them;*
- (c) *the relevant provision upon which such memberships were cancelled; and*
- (d) *the measures being taken to restore memberships at the earliest?*

Reply not received.

21. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) of Pakistanis blocked during the year 2015, 2016 and 2017 alongwith reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of said CNICs which have been cleared/verified so far?*

Reply not received.

22. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.29 replied on 26-1-2017 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that payments including the cost of land and development charges have paid against Membership No.12499 issued by the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Zone V, Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that plot number is not being allotted against the said Membership; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said Society has allotted number of plots to applicants who have not paid the cost and development charges of the land to the said Society; if so, the justification thereof?*

Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan):

(a) Yes. The cost of land and development charges have been paid against membership No.12499 issued by the Jammu & Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.

(b) Plot No. 222 Block-A Khayaban-e-Kashmir-II Zone-V has been allotted against the said membership

(c) Only those members have been allotted number of plots who have cleared the cost of land and minimum 03 installments of development charges.

23. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**
(Deferred during 41st Session)

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the sub-street situated between House No.23 and 24, Category-II, Street No.52, Sector G-10/3, Islamabad is full of grass/bushes; if so, reasons thereof;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that persons throw garbage in said sub-street;*
- (c) *whether any security guard has been deputed to control the same;*
- (d) *the prescribed punishment for persons involved therein; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (e) *the time by which the law will be made therefor;*
- (f) *the actions taken against responbiles thereof during the year 2016-17; and*
- (g) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to utilize blade to clean the said sub-street, if so, the time by which it will be cleaned; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

5. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state the details of terms and conditions for provision of funds for projects launched/to be launched by China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Mr. Ahsan Iqbal):

Energy projects are in IPPs mode, while transport infrastructure projects are conessional loan with 5 year grace period and 15 years repayment, Gwadar Eastbay Expressway is interest free loan and Gwadar Airport is a grant provided by Chinese side.

6. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that no payment has been made to exporters against refund payment orders issued since 01-07-2016;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that over 150 billion rupees have been accumulated in the Federal Board of Revenue; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that refund money is being shown as tax collection?*

Reply not received.

7. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tap water is not being supplied to the residents of House No. 24, Category-II, Street 52 and House No. 8, Street No. 49, Category-II, Sector G-10/3, Islamabad since long; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of complaints have been registered in the concerned inquiry offices for supply of water to the said residents; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take actions against the responsables thereof; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which water will be supplied to the said residents?*

Reply not received.

8. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the road along the water Complaint Centre opposite to the Federal Government Housing Foundation, Sector G-10/4, Islamabad is in a dilapidated condition since long; if so, the reasons alongwith the time by which it will be repaired; and*

(b) *the total expenditure to be incurred thereon?*

Reply not received.

9. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an inquiry is being conducted against the previous and present elected bodies and employees of the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad who have earned billions of rupees from the said Society; if so, the total amount recovered therefrom alongwith the name of responsables thereof;*
- (b) *the date on which order was given to conduct said inquiry;*
- (c) *the date on which the report of said inquiry will be finalized;*
- (d) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the negative, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

10. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society has issued provisional allotment letters for six kanal farm houses in zone four Islamabad; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the details of members who have deposited full payment therefor alongwith the time by which allotment letters will be issued to them;*
- (c) *the reasons for not issuing allotment letters to those members who have deposited full payment for allotment of plots in said Society;*

- (d) *whether it is further a fact that possession has not been given to whom provisional allotment letters have been issued; and*
- (e) *the reasons for issuing provisional allotment letters to those members of the said Society who have not deposited full payment?*

Reply not received.

11. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad has not purchased some pockets of land in Sector G-15/4, Islamabad; if so, the steps taken in this regard;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said case is subjudice; if so, the name of the Court, the year in which the case has been filed and the number of hearings made thereof so far; and*
- (c) *the time by which inquiry will be conducted against the present and ex-office bearers and employees of the said Society;*
- (d) *the time by which said inquiry will be finalized;*
- (e) *the total amount recovered therefrom so far;*
- (f) *the persons from whom the said amount has been recovered?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 16th May, 2017.

JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK,
Secretary.