

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 9th November, 2018

66. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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 Diamer-Bhasha and Mohmand Dam Fund?

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

The donations/contribution received from international sources in the “The Supreme Court of Pakistan and Prime Minister or Pakistan Diamer Bhasha and Mohmand Dam Fund” are Rs. 804 million.

71. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**

(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

80. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

86. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

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

Will the Minister for In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the roadmap of the Government to attract/invite investments in export industry of Pakistan?

Minister for In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: * Ministry of Commerce is formulating Trade Related Investment Policy Framework (TRIPF) 2018-23 that will be integrated in the Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2018-23 to channelize investment into export-oriented production and competitive import substitution. The five-year policy aims to provide a comprehensive package of incentives to attract investment in the export-oriented production and competitive import substitution. The TRIPF is focusing on priority sectors such as footwear & bags, apparel & textile, aluminum sheets & foils, high technology steel making, juice & syrups, confectionary, edible oil, fish & fish products, oil refinery & petrochemicals, data processing/ ITC equipment, telecom, led lights, solar panels, consumer electronics, integrated circuits manufacturing, automotive electronic, electrical equipment, and chromium bromide batteries.

* Besides, BOI is formulating an Investment Strategy in consultation with all the stakeholders. Based on detailed sector scanning exercise a framework integrating TRIPF would be designed to attract investment in import substitution or export based.

* These measures would be instrumental to attract substantial investment in export industry of the country.

202. ***Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether or not Bhawalpur is included in the project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): CPEC is an inclusive project wherein development initiatives are not distributed on district-wise basis. It will promote over all socio-economic development of the country, particularly the less developed areas.

An energy project 'Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park' is located in Bahawalpur.

203. ***Mr. Shahid Ahmad:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the province-wise names of schemes alongwith amount and to whom fund were released during last five years?

Reply not received.

204. ***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 names of 436 Pakistanis surfaced in panama leaks with reference to offshore companies;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that petitions were filed in the Supreme Court against persons as mentioned above; and*
- (c) *if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons for not taking any action in this regard and the time by which the present Government intends to initiate inquiry against the said alleged 436 persons?*

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

(a) According to FBR's records names of 444 Pakistanis have been identified in Panama Leaks.

(b) FBR has not filed any petition in Supreme Court in Panama Leaks.

(c) * It is factually not correct that no action has been taken in the cases of Panama Leaks.

* In 294 cases, notices under relevant section of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 have been issued by field offices. However, notices in remaining 150 cases could not be issued as these cases were untraceable due to incomplete particulars.

* Details of the proceedings initiated in these 294 cases, are as per following details:

- Proceedings not initiated as being hit by prescribed time limitation at the time of receipt of information. However, in view of subsequent legal changes enhancing the limitation period, the cases are being pursued for initiating proceedings	242
- Proceedings dropped on the bases of Being non-resident	04
- Individuals who have died	12
	258
- Remaining cases	36
- Cases in which audit proceedings finalized	15

* So far, demand of Rs. 10.9 billion has been created in 15 cases, out of which as sum of Rs. 6.2 billion has been recovered. In remaining cases of Panama Leaks, proceedings are underway.

- * Federal Board of Revenue has also forwarded requests to the relevant jurisdictions under OECD's Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters to purify the information and render it actionable.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Ministry for linking roads of Islamabad with Sector I-14, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the time by which worn out roads of the said sector will be repaired; and*
- (c) *the time by which the ditches around Sector I-14/3, Street No. 22 and I-14/2 will be filled and the steps taken for the provision of water and other facilities to the said sector?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Rehabilitation work for 24 feet wide metalled road starting from GT road and linking sectors I-14 to sector I-16 is in progress and the same will be completed during current Fiscal Year.

(b) Repair /Rehabilitation work for worn out roads will be carried out during current Fiscal year.

(c) Ditches along roads in sector I-14/3 and street 22 Sector I-14/2 will be filled within four weeks since work is in progress .

Water supply, Sanitation , Sewerage and Street Lights pertains to MCI.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that skyscrapers are being built in Islamabad without obtaining No Objection Certificate from Capital Development Authority; if so, the reasons thereof why the Government is not taking action against responsible persons?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): No Skyscrapers / high-rise buildings have been/are being built without obtaining NOC from the Authority. However, on the outskirts of the Sectoral areas, a number of such buildings have been constructed and were being constructed without approval. In this regard, it is submitted that prior to promulgation of the Local Government System in the Federal Capital, the responsibility of exercising the building control rested with the local government / ICT. After promulgation of the Local Government Act, 2015, the responsibility of exercising the building control in the area of ICT has been assigned to Capital Development Authority. The Authority is in process of strengthening building control & a separate Building Control Directorate for Housing Societies have been established to control all illegal / un-authorized constructions. A number of buildings have been sealed on account of construction without approval. Moreover, the utility departments including IESCO and SNGPL have asked not to provide utility connections to any building without having the NOC from CDA.

207. ***Mr. Mohammad Aslam Bhootani:**

(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has a steering committee on Gwadar/CPEC regarding master plan and other issues;*
- (b) if so, the names of the members of said steering committee; and*
- (c) whether elected representatives i.e. MNA and MPA from Gwadar town are included in said committee?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) Smart Port City Master Plan of Gwadar is a CPEC Project. Gwadar Development Authority, Government of Balochistan has constituted a steering committee to monitor implementation of the project in October 2017.

(b) List of the members is annexed at I.

(c) As above at b.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that expiry date of passport has been increased from five to ten years while that of Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) is ten years and it has not been changed;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that by increasing the expiry date of the CNIC from ten years to fifteen years, the rush of public at NADRA Centres will be decreased and would facilitate the public; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the expiry date of the CNIC up to fifteen years; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Machine Readable Passport (MRP) with 10 years validity can be obtained by an applicant, However, it is optional and the applicant has to choose either 05 years validity or 10 years validity passport. This facility is available only to the applicants above 15 years of age.

(b) Increasing the expiry date on CNIC from ten years to fifteen years is not technical viable/feasible due to reasons mentioned in subsequent reply.

(c) Currently there is no such proposal under consideration to increase the expiry date of CNIC from ten years to fifteen years. Some reasons are:

1. The Standard useful life of CNIC/SMART Card is ten years.
2. It is Pertinent to mention that National Database ought to be kept update with every stage/event of a citizen's life. Consequently, frequent changes in applicant's demographic data particularly appearance in young citizens do not permit to extend the expiry period up to fifteen years.

209. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state whether there is any plan to develop Agricultural Development Zones under CPEC; if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons thereof?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): Present government attaches great importance to cooperation in agriculture sector with Chinese under CPEC.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed during the Prime Minister's visit to China in November 2018 to further expedite cooperation in this sector. The cooperation will include Ministerial level visits, Expert and Technical level visit. Salient of MoUs are:—

- i. Both countries to cooperate in conservation of genetic resources for livestock, poultry and aquatic products.
- ii. Both countries to conduct joint research on conventional and genetically modified varieties of seed breeding, precision agriculture, biotechnology and biological application for disease and pest control
- iii. Both countries to collaborate in technology of pre and post-harvest storage and processing.
- iv. Both countries to cooperate in field of water conservation and management through use of water efficient technologies.
- v. Both countries to encourage investment in agriculture infrastructure for sustainable food systems.
- vi. Both countries cooperate to boost food sector export.

210. ***Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state details of camp office set up during the tenure of previous Government alongwith year-wise expenditure?

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: Details of camp office set up during the tenure of previous government alongwith year-wise expenditure is at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

YEAR WISE EXPENDITURE OF THE CAMP OFFICES DURING LAST 5 YEARS

Prime Minister's Office (Internal) Islamabad

(Rupees in Million)

Camp Office's/Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Camp Office: Jatiumra Raiwand	1.780	2.083	2.201	2.202	0.960	9.226
Camp Office: F-7/2	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.137	5.025	5.1624
Total	1.780	2.083	2.201	2.339	5.985	14.388

211. ***Mr. Shad Waseem:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) *the basic features/ structure for restructuring Federal Board of Revenue as planned by the Government alongwith time frame of each stage of such restructuring;*
- (b) *whether cost-benefit analysis has been conducted therefor; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the details of year-wise benefits being expected therefrom?*

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

(a) Government is committed to the reform and institutional development of FBR. Measures are being taken to enhance the capacity of FBR to collect revenue, make it an agency which provides fair and justice treatment to the tax payers. The reform agenda is ongoing and being developed in consultation with the stakeholders. Short terms measures are for current financial year, medium term for three years and long term are a perspective plan. In this regard following major reforms are being contemplated *i.e.* Activation of policy board. Constitution of Tax Reforms Commission.

(b) Cost-benefit analysis would be an integral part of the reform agenda.

(c) The year-wise benefit would be in the form of enhanced tax collection and tax payers' satisfaction.

212. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to collect waste/garbage from all the sectors of Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether any landfill site for the proper disposal of garbage exists in Islamabad Capital Territory; if so, its location-wise detail?*

Reply not received.

213. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a dry port was planned to be constructed at Havelian as part of China Pakistan Economic Corridor project during the previous Government regime; and*
- (b) *whether the said project was initiated; if so, its details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) Yes.

(b) Construction of Havelian Dry port is part of Pakistan's Railways ML-1 up-gradation project which is under negotiation with the Chinese side.

214. ***Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the locations of the plots in Islamabad for which NOC has been issued by CDA since the present Government; and*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that the construction work on certain buildings has been stopped and NOC has also not been issued; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) No such NOC has been issued by the Capital Development Authority since the present Government.

(b) Out of 8 building, 34 number of buildings have been sealed by the Authority on account of construction without approval. Remaining buildings have been occupied and are being used as residence. Moreover, the matter is subjudice in Supreme Court of Pakistan and Honourable court has directed that properties already constructed shall not be demolished by CDA but no person shall be entitled to raise new construction by an inch or lay a brick from this day onward. All those properties which are sealed shall remain sealed and any person who violates or break such seal shall be held for contempt of court on account of disobedience of the court order. The such judgment is for areas of Bani Gala & E-II, Court ordered to constitute a committee regarding regularization / framing policy / bye laws within a period of 06 mouths.

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

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

- (a) *the year-wise details of the amount deposited in retention money of PSDP during the last ten years;*
- (b) *the profit earned annually from it alongwith the, name of bank in which the said amount was deposited;*

- (c) *the year-wise detail of percentage of interest given thereon; and*
- (d) *the reasons for not depositing the said amount in National Bank of Pakistan alongwith the detail thereof?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that nationality is being granted to Afghans and Benegalis residing in the country; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): Nationality in Pakistan's governed under the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 and the Naturalization Act, 1926. No special package or policy has been devised so far from granting Citizenship to the Bengalis and Afghanis.

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

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

- (a) *budget estimates and releases for K-IV project during the last five fiscal years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Government could not release funds, as budgeted for the project during the aforesaid period; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the work on K-IV project expeditiously by releasing required funds on priority basis?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the status of National Action Plan and its implementation?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): The detailed reply to the Question is enclosed at Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state the district-wise details of projects for Southern Punjab, including Muzzafargarh which are part of China Pakistan Economic Corridor?

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): China Pakistan Economic Corridor is an inclusive initiative where projects are not distributed on district-wise bases. It will improve over all socio-economic development of the country, particularly remote regions, however, the project of Multan-Sukkur Motorway is part of CPEC portfolio which passes through South Punjab.

220. ***Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) whether Government has taken notice of billions of rupees of citizens of Pakistanis in credit of Swiss Banks; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) what steps are being taken by the Government for recovery of such amount from Swiss Banks and collect the particulars of the accounts of depositors of said amount; and*
- (c) whether there is any agreement between Pakistan and Swiss Government for sharing of information of such deposits; if so, the details thereof; if not, what steps are being taken in this regard?*

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

(a) All territories where Pakistani citizens may stashed their fund, are in FBR's focus. Federal Government/FBR is taking all possible measures to obtain information about the Pakistani nationals' assets in other countries including money kept in Swiss Banks for the application of tax laws.

(b) Upon receipt of actionable tax information about Pakistani tax-resident persons, if the funds remitted out to Switzerland are found to be unexplained, tax demand could be raised that is recoverable against the assets located in Switzerland under Article 11 of the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (Multilateral Convention).

(c) Both Pakistan and Switzerland are signatories to the Multilateral Convention along with 126 jurisdictions, which is an OECD initiative, geared to combating, tax evasion through Exchange of Information amongst signatory states. Pakistan under Article 5 of the Multilateral Convention can seek information from Switzerland about Pakistanis who may have stashed funds therein.

Moreover, 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.

Briefly, the new Article 26 of the OECD Model Tax Convention provides that the Contracting States shall exchange information and no state shall decline to provide information merely for the reason that such information is of no interest to it, or because the information is held by a bank or other financial institution. According to the new version of the Article, the Contracting States shall exchange such information on request as is foreseeably relevant for carrying out provisions of the ADTA or to the administration or enforcement of the domestic tax laws of the requesting state.

After completing all the procedural formalities, the renegotiated ADTA, including the latest version of the Article on exchange of information, has been signed on 21st March, 2017 in Islamabad. The mechanism for exchange of information under the revised ADTA is effective from January 1, 2018.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the details of Government land recovered from encroachers and how this land will be utilized?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): In the wake of recent major demolition operations conducted in Islamabad, CDA has retrieved government land from adverse possession of illegal occupants / entities, in following areas:

- I. Green area behind Marriott Hotel.
- II. Link Road occupied by Serene Hotel,
- III. Commercial Plot, utilized for general car parking and labors portable by Centaurus Mall.
- IV. Car Show Rooms, Workshops, Service Stations etc. at Major Road, F-11/3 & 4 (Bhekha Syedan)
- V. Right of Way (ROW) of Kashmir Highway, Sector G-12.
- VI. Nullah Korang flowing at Shahpur, Bani Gala and other catchment area.
- VII. Parking Area / Public Pathways in F-8 Markaz.
- VIII. ROW of Kashmir Highway nearby Sai Mirchoo Shrine.
- IX. Illegal bus terminal established at loop leading from Murree Road towards IJP Road at Faizabad.
- X. Farm No. 09, Orchard Scheme Murree Road.

Utilization:—

- a) Commercial plots would be auctioned through competitive process in order to generate revenue for the Authority.
- b) An effective tree plantation will be launched in collaboration with public and private sector in line with the vision of Prime Minister at the land reserved for green areas and ROW.
- c) The parking areas would remain in access of all general public instead of particular employees of organization / entities.

222. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the E-Ticketing System for challans/ fine in Islamabad is being introduced; if so, details thereof; and*
- (b) *the details of expenditures incurred thereon alongwith the time by which the process of said System will be completed?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a)

- Yes, Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) introduced E-Ticketing System in the Capital which is operational since 1st March 2018 in collaboration with National Bank of Pakistan (NBP).
- After approval from the Ministry of Interior, on 08-02-2018, signing ceremony of MOU between the President National Bank of Pakistan and Inspector General of Police, Islamabad was held in Police Lines HQ Islamabad.
- National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) sublet it remittance of deposit of challan fine through ADCs (Alternative Deposit Channels) wherein the traffic fine amount can be deposited in different centers of JS Cash apart from the NBP counters meant for the deposit of government receipts.

(b) No expenditures incurred on the project as the National Bank of Pakistan arranged Mobile Android Phones with challan application/ software installed on the said Android Phones. The system is operational since 1st March, 2018.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the number of foreigners to whom Pakistani Computerized National Identity Cards were issued during the last five years alongwith the number of cases registered against them and the action taken against the persons involved therein?

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): NADRA does not issue CNIC to any foreigner. If any foreigner is able to obtain the CNIC through fraudulent mean then same is cancelled after due process as given in NADRA Ordinance 2000. In past five years NADRA has Cancelled approx. 9000 x CNICs which were obtained illegally by individuals posing themselves as Pakistanis.

224. ***Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan:**
(*Transferred from 3rd Session*)

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no Passport Office in NA-7, Lower Dir; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to establish a Passport Office in NA-7, Lower Dir;*
- (b) *if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Regional Passport Office at Lower Dir (Timergarah) was made functional / operational *w.e.f* 15-03-2008. The said office is extending the passport facilities to the resident of said area in a smooth manner.

(b) -

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

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state the innovative future strategy for increasing the tax base?

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state why ban on non-filers of tax returns has been lifted?

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

Through Finance Act, 2018 National Assembly introduced section 227C in the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 whereby non-filers, have been restricted from booking, registration or purchase of a new locally manufactured motor vehicle or an imported vehicle not registered yet. Any authority or person responsible for registration, recording or attesting the transfer of an immovable property exceeding fifty million rupees have been restricted from accepting or processing application of non-filers for registration, recording or attesting the transfer of such property.

The ban on purchase of property / vehicle by non-filers continues. However, following have been excluded from the purview of aforesaid restriction:

- (i) Motorcycle having engine capacity of 200 cc; motorcycle rickshaw, agriculture tractor or any other motor vehicle having engine capacity of less than 200 cc;
- (ii) A person holding a Pakistan origin card or a national identity card for overseas Pakistani who produces a certificate from a scheduled bank of receipt of foreign exchange remitted from outside Pakistan through normal banking channels during a period of sixty days prior to the date of booking, registration or purchase of a motor vehicle or registering, recording or attesting the transfer of an immovable property; and
- (iii) A legal heir acquiring an immovable property in inheritance.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any plan to ply electric buses in Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, the number thereof and the time by which same will be plied?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) & (b) ICT, Administration exercises regulatory and supervisory oversight on Public Transport in ICT. Currently, there is no proposal for launching of electric buses at its end.

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

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

- (a) *the total amount of loan borrowed by Pakistan from International Financial Institutions during the last five years;*
- (b) *the total amount of loans outstanding against Pakistan at present;*
- (c) *the amount of interest paid annually thereon; and*
- (d) *the strategy being adopted by the present Government for repayment of said loans?*

Reply not received.

49. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the category-wise names of approved and unapproved housing societies existing in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) at present;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that hundreds of unapproved housing societies are functioning in ICT and plundering millions of rupee from people;*
- (c) *if so, why the Government failed to act promptly and stop such illegal societies at once;*
- (d) *if the answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) above are in affirmative, whether government intends to make audit of such societies from registration authorities and matters ancillary thereto afterwards to hold accountable those who abetted such illegal activity in the affairs of such societies and private persons?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) All registered Cooperative Housing Societies, Companies and privately owned Housing schemes obtain NOC prior to launching of Housing Scheme. The Housing scheme is developed as per LOP approved by the concerned Development Agency *i.e.* Capital Development Authority / RDA / TMA. Primarily the issue of approved and unapproved housing societies existing in Islamabad Capital Territory is the subject of CDA and therefore, CDA is in better position to explain the issue of approved and unapproved housing societies.

The Cooperative Societies Department, ICT, Islamabad deals with the Cooperative Housing Societies registered under Section 10 of the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925. There are 41 Cooperative Housing Societies registered with Cooperative Societies Department, ICT, Islamabad. Out of which 18 Societies are functioning in CDA Zone-II & Zone-V.

(b) N.A.

(c) All Societies are liable to seek the approval of NOC and Layout plan (LOP), from the concerned Development Agency or Municipal Authority. In this regard, CDA is empowered under CDA Ordinance 1960, to enforce LOP and take penal actions against any violation thereof and offences and penalties are specified in the schedules of CDA Zoning Regulations 1992, Building Control Regulations 1993. It may also be mentioned that CDA has an exclusive court *i.e.* Deputy Commissioner, CDA which may exercise powers to decide such cases.

(d) N.A.

50. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether Government intends to establish a branch of Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited at Naseerabad, Tehsil, District Qamber Shahdadkot of Sindh; if so, then the steps being taken to establish the said bank?

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): Presently ZTBL has no plan to open branch in Naseerabad because as per procedure in the Annual Branch Expansion Plan of ZTBL a detailed

feasibility/ viability is obtained for business & projected profitability of each proposed branch to be opened which is accordingly submitted to State Bank of Pakistan for approval/ grant of License. In the case of Naseerabad District Qambar Shahdadkot of Sindh, opening of Branch has not been found viable/ feasible. However, ZTBL has four branches viz Warah, Mehar, Dori & Larkana which are already operating in the vicinity of Naseerabad catering to the credit needs of the farmers of that area.

51. ***Ch. Khalid Javed:**

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

- (a) *the names of those Federal Government and Constitutional Institutions of the Federation whose employees are getting House Rent as per Ceiling with their salary alongwith the details of the procedure for payment thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that from the payment of House Rent Ceiling alongwith in pay of employees helps in austerity campaign of the Government, decreases file work, helps computerization of system and make payment process smooth for employees; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to pay House Rent Ceiling with salary to the employees of Federal and Constitutional institutions and the time line thereof?*

Reply not received.

52. ***Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state what will be the use of amount received by the auctioning of buffaloes of the Prime Minister's House?

Reply not received.

53. ***Chaudhry Iftikhar Nazir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tax exemptions extended to the consumers of cellular phone companies on the directions of Supreme Courts, do not extend to the users of post-paid consumers; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *what steps are being taken to extend tax exemptions to the postpaid users, and rationalize the rate of taxes to the postpaid users, as it is being done for prepaid users?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) Under the provision of section 236 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 there is an adjustable advance income tax on telephone and internet users including tax on telephone bills and prepaid telephone cards.

There is no exemption under the aforesaid law. However, honourable Supreme Court vide an order dated 11-06-2018 in Human Rights Case No. 18877 of 2018 has suspended collection, of withholding tax on prepaid calls and internet services by using mobile phones. The said order is however subject to final decision of the honourable court in the aforesaid case.

The honourable court in its short order dated 16-10-2018 extended the suspension of withholding taxes to the post-paid consumers of the cellular companies.

(b) As stated above, the honourable Supreme Court has suspended the collection of tax through above mentioned interim orders for both prepaid and post-paid consumers of cellular companies.

There is an advance income tax at 12.5% in case of both prepaid telephone card and mobile phone subscriber.

Earlier the tax rate was 15% which was rationalized to 14% vide Finance Act, 2014 and further rationalized to 12.5% through Finance Act, 2017.

54. ***Syed Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for existence of pollen allergy in Islamabad; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

55. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state that:

- (a) whether the prices of Government Quarters in Sector G-6 for ownership of residents were fixed by Capital Development Authority to the occupants of the said quarters;*
- (b) if the answer of part (a) is in affirmative, the detail of prices?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) & (b) No.

56. ***Mr. Ali Khan Jadoon:**

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

- (a) the Union Council wise number of Education and Health Institutions damaged during earthquake 2005;*
- (b) the said institutions which were rebuild;*
- (c) programme to rebuild the remaining said educational institutions; and*
- (d) alternative arrangements made for studies in the said institution mentioned in part (c)?*

Reply not received.

57. ***Rana Tanveer Hussain:**

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

- (a) *year-wise details of number of tax payers since 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by Government to broaden the tax net?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) Following is the year-wise detail of total number of tax filers since 2008:-

Year	Filers with Nil Tax	Filers with Tax Paid	Total Filers
TY-2008	290,277	477,896	768,173
TY-2009	328,522	526,867	855,389
TY-2010	284,153	542,406	826,559
TY-2011	422,813	406,316	829,129
TY-2012	432,018	403,927	835,945
TY-2013	409,327	527,177	936,504
TY-2014	455,395	662,743	1,118,138
TY-2015	455,956	838,667	1,294,623
TY-2016	511,005	961,757	1,472,762
TY-7017	534,090	1,074,792	1,608,882
TY-2018	Last date of filing of return is 30th November, 2018		

(b) Following is the detail of steps taken by the Government to broaden the tax net:

BROADENING OF TAX BASE IN PAKISTAN

Though Pakistan's Tax System is usually blamed for its extremely narrow (practically shrinking) Tax Base, but the real dilemma is system's inelastic ability to integrate the inherent and ever expanding tax potential of our economy. It is systemic failure, offshoot of adverse tax culture, deep slumber of tax collectors or a bye

product of lopsided statutes; reasons whatsoever stagnancy in revenue is the end result. Though over the last few years some bold attempts have been made by FBR to address the underlying challenge and there is a visible increase in number of filers as well, yet the desired growth in revenue is missing. This material deficiency calls for review of the whole scheme of BTB based on analysis of all interconnected concepts so as to evolve a workable BTB system and strategy, wherein the ultimate stakeholder i.e. Pakistan's Tax System must reap the benefits both quantitatively as well as qualitatively.

Similarly in Pakistan's context the expression of "**Broadening**" is more or less confined only to numerical expansion i.e. increase in number of tax payers, whereas in real terms it denotes expansion in revenue base as well. Thus Broadening has both quantitative as well as qualitative aspects. Inherently Direct Taxes are progressive in nature and are levied according to the paying capacity of the person. Thus Broadening of Revenue Base is beyond mere increase in number of taxpayers and it warrants;

- a. Levy & collection of taxes in line with the capacity of the taxpayers
- b. Collection of all taxes payable by the taxpayers in question i.e. Income Tax, Sales Tax and FED.
- c. Documentation of economy whereby potential un-registered persons/entities are identified, segregated and seamlessly mainstreamed in the tax system
- d. Simplified, IT based processes & procedures for broadening

In pursuance of the aforementioned goals in the 1st phase of BTB restructuring plan, during the last week of November, 2017, 03 dedicated BTB Zones have already been operationalized at Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad. In the 2nd phase, 06 BTB Zones at Hyderabad, Multan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi & Peshawar and in the 3rd phase 07 BTB formations at Sukkur, Quetta, Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, Sargodha, Sialkot&Abbotabad have been envisaged.

1. BTB initiatives, performance & results: 2017-18

Based on the above strategy parameters the salient features of this BTB initiative can be summarized as under:-

- * High value & Live cases of regular income to be captured with the help of technology and strengthened with third party data.
- * Meaningful & Sustainable BTB, ensuring filing of regular returns with matching additional revenue.
- * Ground based BTB to replace Desk based exercise.
- * Integrated broadening: Income Tax, Sales Tax and FED.
- * Strengthening BTB through IT and Technology aids.
- * First Returns/Assessments to be enforced/finalized with consent of tax payers.
- * BTB Zones at Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad have started BTB operations:-
 - Discreet field visits by BTB officers at Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad for identification of “High Value Un-Registered Tax payers”.
 - Plazas Mapping in Newly/Recently developed areas at Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad.
 - Mapping of major Housing & commercial Projects i.e. Towers, Complexes and shopping Malls at Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad.
 - Mapping of all Housing Schemes/Societies in the said cities.
 - Focusing “Investors” and Big Businesses.
 - Exhaustive surfing of Real estate websites like “zameen.com”.
- * Close liaison with NADRA for identification of potential but un-registered taxpayers
- * MOU signed with M/S Trakkar Private Limited for taxpayers mapping, to begin with Islamabad. Around 20,000 un-registered

entities have been identified for issuance of notices. Issuance of notices are underway.

- 237,000 unregistered individuals identified from Tax withholding statements, for bulk registration; after focused sifting for high value taxpayers notices issued.
- A user friendly & conversational **e-filing 3rd party software**: an international best practice, is being pursued for quick, hassle free and affordable filing of returns by new taxpayers
- The position of Commissioner (BTB) HQs was revived in Financial Year. The following initiatives were taken during the year:
 - a. Established Computer Centre at FBR HQs to streamline centralized issuance of Notices. This office has identified around 326,000 cases of un-registered persons from FBR's Withholding Portal and got these CNICs verified from NADRA. After enrichment of data bulk Notices u/s 114(4) (to enforce tax returns) issued in 153,200 cases.
 - b. In addition to the above, this office has forwarded valuable data of economic activities undertaken by un-registered persons to three dedicated BTB Zones at Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and other RTOs for issuance of notices. Resultantly:-
 - Income Tax Returns received by 30th June, 2017= 1,185,123
 - Income Tax Returns received by 30th June, 2018 = 1,440,496

ROADMAP FOR 2018-19 FOR BTB FORMATIONS

Directorate General BTB has decided to develop & circulate the yearly roadmaps keeping in view the amendments in tax laws, ground realities and trends in economy. BTB Roadmap for 2018-19 is shared hereunder.

I. Mapping Big Businesses & Services (MBBS)

In order to achieve a desirable expansion in Revenue Base, for FY 2018-19 Directorate General BTB plans to focus four big & flourishing businesses like;

- Private Hospitals/Diagnostics/Labs/pharmacies
- Eateries & Food outlets/Bakers/Wedding Halls
- Entertainment sector, Event Management concerns, professionals linked with showbiz, sports, Drama, film, music and theatre. Amusement parks & facilities
- Private Educational Institutions, especially joint ventures with International universities.

II. Focusing Real Estate Sector

Pakistan's Real Estate sector is the largest parking ground of inland investments. This sector which witnesses countless transactions each year,(mostly falling outside formal tax regime) is infested with concealment, gross understatement and duplicate documentation. Like the previous year BTB Zones must keep on focusing this vital sector of our economy during FY 2018-19.

III. Broadening of Sales Tax Base

While recent tax reforms have impacted Income Tax Base & collection in a big way, by and large sales tax regime remains intact. Sporadic efforts made by BTB Zones Lahore and Karachi during 2017-18 need to be reinforced through organized & directional campaign for the broadening of sales tax base. The following roadmap may serve the said purpose.

- i. Sifting of new & potential liable to sales tax cases from Income Tax profiles. Last year this exercise has been conducted at BTB Zone Karachi in an organized and professional manner. BTB Zones Lahore and Islamabad may like to follow the same pattern.
- ii. Digging new & potential liable to sales tax cases through Field visits. BTB Zone Lahore's experiment is worth replication at Karachi and Islamabad. However SOP (evolved by Directorate General BTB-

Copy attached) for action u/s 38 needs to be followed in letter & spirit.

- iii. Sales Tax withholding statements may be downloaded and analyzed for registration of new cases on Income Tax side.
- iv. BTB Zone Islamabad needs to focus “The ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY (TAX ON SERVICES) ORDINANCE, 200”. This Ordinance gives a lot of space for new registrations.
- v. For broadening the sales tax, the following measures are in place:
 - (a) Only registered persons are allowed to import or export taxable goods through the customs computerized system (WeBOC);
 - (b) Government departments and public sector organizations have been directed only to purchase taxable goods from registered persons;
 - (c) Supplies of taxable goods made to unregistered persons have been made chargeable to further tax @ 1%;
 - (d) Purchases of taxable goods from unregistered persons are subject to withholding tax @ 1% of the value of such purchases;
 - (e) Supplies of electricity and gas to unregistered persons having industrial or commercial connections and monthly bill exceeding Rs. 15,000 is chargeable to extra tax @5%.

For further expanding sales tax registration, data-sharing and co-ordination with the following departments / databases will be pursued:

- (a) Customs databases
- (b) Income Tax databases
- (c) Utility companies
- (d) Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP);
- (e) Provincial departments
- (f) State Bank of Pakistan

OPERATIONAL STRATEGY: BTB

In the light of foregoing, following operational strategy has been evolved for the field formations.

- i. Each RTO to maintain dedicated & fully equipped BTB formation.
- ii. Directorate General BTB FBR HQs would act as regulator, coordinator, facilitator and performance evaluation forum on BTB. It shall be responsible for policy guidelines, internal checks, maintenance of Data Base and linkages with other Databases. It shall directly report to Chairman/Secretary Revenue Division.
- iii. Two separate but parallel streams of BTB be maintained;
 - a. HQs based regular BTB stream focusing bulk registrations & filers,
 - b. RTO based fast track for processing of potential revenue yielding cases.
- iv. For any meaningful, sustainable and transparent exercise, Income based BTB is the only solution. Live cases of income (business, property, manufacturing, services providers, salary etc.) need to be identified, registered and streamlined.
- v. Each registration, especially business and manufacturing is to be checked for ST/FED purposes as well.
- vi. For identification of live income cases, following ways and means can be utilized;
 - a. discreet video/snapshot/field survey, (mobile based)
 - b. enforcement measures (premises search),
 - c. access to other Data Bases (Utilities, NADRA, Provincial Revenue & Excise, Development authorities etc.) and
 - d. Inter-linkages with FBR's all operational softwares .

- vii. Through constant market research new & emerging businesses and professions need to be identified so as to tap tax potential of all such segments.
- viii. Different vibrant sectors of economy shall be identified for en-block registration of hitherto unregistered individuals/businesses.
- ix. For quick and fruitful processing separate BTB Rules & procedure is required.

58. ***Mr. Shaukat Ali:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise details of the budget allocated each year for Benazir Income Support Program since its inception;*
- (b) *the province-wise number of families getting benefits from this program;*
- (c) *the quota system thereof; and*
- (d) *the details of yearly amount being paid to each family?*

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs (Mr. Asad Umer): (a) Year wise budget allocated for BISP since its inception.

Year	Budget allocation (PKR in Billion)
2008-09	34
2009-10	70
2010-11	50
2011-12	50
2012-13	70
2013-14	75
2014-15	97
2015-16	102
2016-17	115
2017-18	121
2018-19	124
Total	908

(b) Province wise number of beneficiary families getting cash assistance under Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) programme is as under.

Province	No of Beneficiaries
Gilgit Baltistan	44,463
FATAs	140,832
Punjab	1,743,877
AJ&K	97,593
Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	1,083,579
Balochistan	202,216
Sindh	1,768,896
Capital	8,047
TOTAL	5,089,503

(c) There is no quota system for provision of cash assistance under Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) programme.

(d) Each beneficiary family is currently being paid Rs. Rs. 20,000/- per year (@ Rs. 5,000/- per quarter), under UCT programme.

59. ***Ms. Aisha Ghaus Pasha:**

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs be please to state that whether it is a fact that the Government is going to IMF for a bailout package; if so, the details 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 depleting foreign exchange reserves.

An IMF team will be visiting Pakistan from 7th - 20th November 2018, to discuss details/ modalities of a possible assistance program.

60. ***Mr. Ahmad Raza Maneka:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of youth from the age of eighteen to twenty eight years who have indulged in drug addiction in the country at present; and*

(b) *the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?*

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

(a) According to the last survey of drug users in Pakistan conducted with the collaboration of UNODC in 2013, approximate 6% of the population or 6.7 Million people between the age of 15-64 years are using any illicit drug including misuse of prescription drugs. Out of which, about 16.5% (i.e. 1.1 Million) of youth between the age of 18-to 28 years is using illicit drugs (Graph at Annex-A). **Fresh Survey for drug users is underway.**

(b) Following steps/ endeavors have been taken by the Ministry of Narcotics Control:

- Ministry of Narcotics Control (MNC) has conducted 352 awareness raising activities during the last five years throughout the country in order to aware the masses about the hazards of drugs. These activities include seminars, lectures, awareness walks, sports events, tableaux, essay competitions, sports events, free medical camps, advertisements in print & electronic material and distribution of informational material etc. (Detail at Annex-B)
- MNC has launched Youth Ambassador Program which aims to engage the youth in propagation of awareness against drug abuse, especially in educational institutions.
- Recently, MNC has undertaken following significant drug demand reduction initiatives in order to alert general public about hazards of drugs:-
 - i. Publication of Public Service Message “Say No to Drugs” on public sector advertisements published in newspapers.
 - ii. Inscribing Public Service Message on Sui Gas Consumer Bills.
 - iii. Inscribing Public Service Message on inland postal envelopes issued by Pakistan Postal Department.

- iv. Displaying Public Awareness Message “Say No to Drugs” at Metro Bus Terminals in Lahore and Islamabad/ Rawalpindi.
- v. Inscription of Public Awareness Message “Say No to Drugs” in NTC regulated telephone bills.
- vi. Inscription of Public Awareness Message “Say No to Drugs” on title page of helping books of different publishers.
- vii. Inscription of Public Awareness Message “Say No to Drugs” at Bus Terminals and Tickets of different Transport Services in Lahore and Islamabad/ Rawalpindi.
- viii. Displaying Public Awareness Message “Say No to Drugs” in popular shopping malls e.g. Centaurs Shopping Mall, Giga Mall and SAFA Gold Rawalpindi / Islamabad.
- ix. Inclusion of drug awareness material in class 6-8 of Federal and Provincial Government schools.
- x. Rehabilitation Centres in Islamabad, Sukkur and Karachi provide free treatment, free boarding and lodging to drug addicts since 2005. Rehabilitation centre Quetta has been closed due to unavailability of staff since January, 2016. 15,289 drug addicts have been treated in these centers..
- xi. MNC sponsored resolution titled “Strengthening Efforts to Prevent Drug Use in Educational Settings” (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 purpose of the meeting was to devise integrated strategy to control drugs from educational settings.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

61. ***Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to prevent the recurring fire incidents in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government for-strict implementation on building laws to avoid such incidents?*

Reply not received.

62. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of countries with whom Pakistan has dual nationality arrangements alongwith the benchmarks thereof;*
- (b) *terms and conditions upon which a Pakistani national can acquire the nationality of a country with whom Pakistan has dual nationality arrangement alongwith advantages and disadvantages of acquiring dual nationality under said arrangements; and*
- (c) *whether authorities concerned inform or publish such advantages and disadvantages for prior information of the persons concerned who want to acquire dual nationality; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Dual Nationality is a mutual agreement which is made / signed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the consultation of Ministry of Interior and other stake holders. There are nineteen (19) countries with whom Pakistan has dual nationality, agreements. List is attached at **Annex-“A”**.

(b)&(c) 40 Every country got its own laws and rules for granting citizenship. They are not linked with dual nationality agreements. Every individual has to make his own choice for obtaining citizenship of relevant country which has its own rules / regulations regarding grant of citizenship.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

63. ***Rana Sana Ullah Khan:**

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

- (a) *the details of the estimated amount which Federal Government intends to save for the current fiscal year via Prime Minister's austerity drive;*
- (b) *whether the austerity drive will be applicable to all state institutions including judiciary and military establishment?*

Reply not received.

64. ***Mr. Shaukat Ali:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reasons of blocking the Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs);*
- (b) *the reasons to stop the National Passport after issuance of the CNIC alongwith verification process of CNIC and the role of local/public representatives in this regard; and*
- (c) *the time by which NADRA and other verification agencies complete the process alongwith the details of black list?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Generally CNICs are blocked due to following reasons:

1. Fake Particulars
2. National Status

(b) NADRA shares with IMPASS the - data of cancelled CNICs. Subsequently IMPASS cancel/places the Passports on blacklist which were issued on the cancelled CNICs. If these CNICs are restored by NADRA, the Passport data against these restored CNICs also get cleared from blacklist after confirmation from NADRA immediately.

- (c) NADRA doesn't deal with Black list. Block cases are of two types:
1. Complex cases (Confirmed Aliens): Are those cases which are blocked on agency report and their National , status is decided by District Level Committee (DLC) within 30 days after appearance of applicant.
 2. Routine cases (Suspect Cases): These cases are decided by NADRA Verification Boards and their disposal is done in 45 days after appearance of applicant.

65. ***Ms. Kishwer Zehra:**

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

- (a) *the procedure under which increased expenditures would be distributed due to delay in the construction of K-4 project as the half funding had to be made by both Federal and Provincial Government respectively;*
- (b) *the action plan that would be adopted for delay in K-4 project; and*
- (c) *whether the Federal Government would have some authority in this connection as Federal Government would support in funding?*

Minister for Planning Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar): (a) The project titled "Greater Karachi Water Supply Scheme (K-IV) Phase-I 260 MDG" was approved by the ECNEC on 18-07-2014 at the total cost of Rs. 25,551.77 million to be funded on 50:50 cost sharing basis between the Federal Government and Govt. of Sindh.

In case of any change / increase in scope and cost of the approved provisions due to delay or any other reason; the revised project PC-I requires to be submitted by the sponsors for the consideration of the competent forum i.e., **ECNEC**

(b) The revised PC-I to be prepared by the sponsors / executing agency must encompass reasons for delay alongwith action plan to complete the project as early as possible.

(c) The implementation of the project rests with Government of Sindh. Further, Projects Wing Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform monitors project periodically. **However, Federal** Government has already provided its share of **approved cost**.

66. ***Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reasons for blocking the Computerized National Identity Cards and Passports of Pakhtoons since long; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by Government in this regard and when will these be un-blocked?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) It is clarified that CNICs are not blocked on any racial basis (language/ethnicity etc.). Generally CNICs are blocked due to following reasons:

1. Fake Particulars
2. National Status

(b) In order to decide the fate of blocked cases, on the recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on blocked CNICs, Ministry of Interior issued Notification # 8/37/2016- NADRA dated 19-04-2017 Annex "A". As per Notification, Ministry of Interior approved the following mechanism for clearance of blocked CNICs:-

1. Blocked CNICs will be cleared if applicant provides one or more of following documents:-
 - (i) Land record registered prior to 1978 (verified by Revenue Deptt).
 - (ii) Local / Domicile Certificate issued prior to 1978 and verified by issuing authority.

- (iii) Pedigree (Shajra-e-Nasab) issued & verified by Revenue Deptt.
- (iv) Government employment certificate (or of blood relative), employed before 1990.
- (v) Verified Educational certificates (issued prior to 1978).
- (vi) Passport issued to applicant prior to 1978.
- (vii) Any other document issued by Government of Pakistan prior to 1978 and verified by issuing authority (including Arm License, Driving License or Manual NIC issued prior to 1978 duly verified by record).

2. NADRA will handle routine cases while complex cases will be dealt by District Level Committee.

3. MNA of respective District will monitor the progress however responsibility of verification will be on the Deputy Commissioner/Political Agent.

4. District Level Committee will decide verification status of blocked CNICs within 30 days.

In the light of above mentioned mechanism, following actions were taken:

a. Routine Cases: Being dealt by NADRA Verification Board.

- (1) 153,352 x CNICs (Routine Cases) were temporarily cleared and notices under Section 18 of NADRA Ordinance 2000 were issued to the applicants.
- (2) 90 x NADRA Zonal Boards were constituted to deal routine cases.

b. Complex Cases: Being dealt by District Level Committee.

- (1) Above mentioned Ministry of Interior Notification was shared with all DCOs / PAs along with case load of 162,315 x Complex cases.
- (2) List of digitally impounded CNICs was posted at NADRA website.
- (3) District Level Committees were constituted.

c. To mobilize applicants, an advertisement published in seven leading newspapers.

- i. Jang (combined)
- ii. Express (combined)
- iii. Dunya (Islamabad)
- iv. Mashriq (Quetta)
- v. Ummar (Karachi)
- vi. Nawa-e-Waqt (Lahore)
- vii. Aaj (Peshawar)

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

67. ***Syed Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the areas in Islamabad wherein mulberry trees exist which cause pollen allergy alongwith the total number of said trees?

Reply not received.

68. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that trails on Margala Hills are deprived of basic facilities;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there are no arrangements of drinking water and wash rooms on trails;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide drinking water and wash rooms; if so, the detail and if not, reasons;*

- (d) *whether it is further a fact that cleanliness of trails is not conducted regularly as the number of waste bins are insufficient and the number of staff deputed for cleanliness and the action taken against the responsables; and*
- (e) *whether it is also a fact that there are no proper arrangements of light and security on trails; if so, the details and steps being taken for the provision of said facilities; if not, reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

69. ***Ch. Khalid Javed:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reason for not spending the amount of hundred millions in Sector I-12, Islamabad from Capital Development Authority (CDA) budget in the year 2017-18 alongwith the details; and*
- (b) *the time by which the plots will be handed over to allottees; and*
- (c) *the time by which the approval of roads from CDA Planning Department is expected alongwith the details and the present status?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) The re-survey of Sector I-12 has been taken up by Planning wing, CDA through Survey of Pakistan. Moreover the amount of Rs. 100.000 (Million) allocated for ongoing project in fiscal year 2017-18 could not be utilized due to non issuance of revised layout plan of Sector I-12, by Planning Wing, CDA.

(b) Pertains to Sector Development because to possession of plots is handed over after completion of sector development *i.e.* construction roads and laying of infrastructure.

(c) Layout Plan of Sector I-12 is already approved. Five major roads have also been constructed at site. Due to some topographic problems in survey and on ground construction of roads, layout Plan of Sector was to be amended. Therefore, Survey of Pakistan was requested to conduct Topographic Survey. Now, the Survey of Sector I-12 has been received on 27-10-2018 from Survey

of Pakistan. The Layout Plan of Sector will be amended and after getting approved in four weeks time, the same will be issued to concerned formations for amendment in infrastructure design & the development of Sector.

70. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) the number of Task Forces constituted by present Government; and*
- (b) the names of said Task Forces alongwith the complete detail thereof?*

Reply not received.

71. ***Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) the names of five task forces in which the consultants have been appointed on recommendations of Government alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) complete details of perks, privileges, office vehicles, staff and salaries of each consultant thereof?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 8th Novermber, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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For Friday, the 9th November, 2018

18. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Airport arrangements are run with the collaboration of different departments like Customs, ANF, ASF, CAA and FIA. As far as FIA is concerned it provides round the clock immigration facilities to international passengers with a professional attitude to the Passengers coming in or leaving the country. Flyers are placed at immigration Counters to address frequently asked question of passengers in a transparent manner. FIA immigration has extended/ increased its immigration counters for Overseas Pakistanis and immigration staff has been given special training on documents scrutiny and other professional skills.

(b) Special CIP/VIP lounges are exception. "No Protocol" signs have been displayed at entry of Immigration Halls. Instructions have also been displayed in Immigration area about restriction of protocol and maintenance of discipline.

(c) Administrative issues are handled by Civil Aviation Authority.

(d) Related to Civil Aviation Authority.

(e) Related to Civil Aviation Authority

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

(Defferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

21. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) About 70% of the gas network is laid in Sub-Sector D-12/4 by M/S SNGPL which are undertaking the provision of gas network in Sector D-12 as deposit work for CDA. Only those areas in sub Sector D-12/4 are left which were not included in the initial Demand Notice issued by M/S SNGPL in 2006, which includes newly created plots by CDA ad few pockets of areas which were under adverse possession.

(b) It is a fact that only 70% of the Gas network is laid in Sub-Sector D-12/4 by M/S SNGPL apart from new created plots and few pockets of the areas with adverse possession. Whereas the rest of the area in Sub-Sector D-12/4, where gas network is laid, M/S SNGPL is providing gas connections to all houses as per their own policy.

(c) The previous Government had imposed a ban/moratorium on the gas connections to the Housing Schemes, but now for the remaining areas in Sector D-12 which includes newly created plots in Sub-sector D-12/3 & 4 and few pockets of areas in D-12/1 & 4, M/S SNGPL has issued a Demand Notice amounting to Rs. 33 (M) to CDA on 25-09-2018, which is in process of payment at the Finance Wing of CDA, after completion of all codal formalities, payment will be made to M/S SNGPL for laying of the remaining gas network in all Sub-sectors of D-12, Islamabad.

22. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

Will the Minister for Interior 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?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Recently a detailed survey of Agro Farm Houses in Islamabad including the same adjacent to Murree Road has been conducted. According to the survey report no commercial activity exists in any of the farm houses.

(b) Show cause notices are issued to the violators of terms and conditions of allotment.

25. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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?*

Disallowed on re-consideration.

26. **Ms. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) The whole exercise of rationalization of fee was carried out on a Suo-Motu notice taken by Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in which it was observed by the Honorable Court that a subsidy was extended to ID cards issued in Pakistan at the cost of Overseas ID cards and Supreme Court ordered to rationalize overall fee structure. Subsequently, as a result of rationalization carried out by NADRA with Ministry of interior, Federal Cabinet approved fresh fee structure and was notified in Gazette Notification by GOP. In the revised fee structure, fee for overseas cards was substantially reduced. It is also pertinent to mention that fee for National ID cards issued in Pakistan, in mandatory category, has also not been increased, however, for the executive services, the fee was revised. For example, the three cheapest cards were for “free, Rs. 400 and Rs. 800” and after the revision the card cost is “Free, Rs. 400 and Rs. 750”.

Previously the smart cards were issued only in single category for Rs. 1500 in executive category whereas, in the first revision (in last 5 years) three categories were introduced and smart, card based National ID cards were made available at following reduced prices:—

Normal	Rs. 400
Urgent:	Rs. 800
Executive:	Rs. 1600

The second revision was made on the Suo-Motu notice taken by supreme court of Pakistan in which the fee for overseas cards was substantially reduced.

NADRA cannot increase fees. Only Federal Government can make changes in the fee.

Gazette Notification of Federal Government is at “**Annex-A**”.

(b) Detail of renewal fee is as under:—

Normal:	Rs. 400
Urgent:	Rs. 800
Executive:	Rs. 1600

As per new fee structure, NADRA has made substantial reduction in overseas card fee and no change has been made in inland ID card less those cards which are being issued in executive categories. It is worth mentioning that Supreme Court has reduced the subsidiary on ID cards.

Price incurred by NADRA for each ID card	:	Rs. 976
Fee earned against each card by NADRA	:	Rs. 936
Subsidiary withdrawn on each card by Supreme Court	:	Rs. 40

(c) 238828 number of ID Cards have been renewed since revised fee structure.

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

27. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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?*

Minister of State for Interior (Mr. Shehryar Afridi): (a) Janitorial services at Parliament Lodges is being carried out through "OUTSOURCE MANAGEMENT". No employee has been hired by CDA

(b) The employees are working under outsourced system.

(c) The work was awarded to M/s M. Maqsood & Co. through competitive procedure. Agreement cost which is of Rs.26,833,299/-

29. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

31. **Ms. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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:**
(Deferred on 01-11-2018)

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.

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

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether administration of Islamabad Capital Territory has taken notice of illegal charging of parking/ adda fee by persons from every passenger vehicle at Kallar Syedan Road, Rawat, which falls under the administrative control of Islamabad Capital Territory, despite the fact that Kallar Syedan Road at Rawat was not included in the contract for collecting parking/ adda fee at GT road Rawat; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to stop such illegal charging of parking fee forthwith and hold the responsible persons/ accountable?*

Reply not received.

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

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to attract the foreign investors; and*
- (b) *the details of plan made by the Government in this regard?*

Transferred to Prime Minister's Office for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) *the total number of officers of the Senate and National Assembly Secretariat who have applied for Motor Car Advance since 01-01-2016 alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which Motor Car Advance will be granted to said officers?*

Reply not received.

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

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

- (a) *whether the present Government has succeeded to attract the foreign investment in the country; if so, the year-wise success ratio since 01-06-2013 thereof; and*
- (b) *the name of countries who have agreed to make investment in Pakistan during the said period?*

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) The Government has succeeded to attract the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country as reflected in the given table below:

Year	Inflow*	Outflow*	Net FDI*	Growth
FY13	2,665.3	1,208.9	1,456.5	-
FY14	2,847.4	1,148.8	1,698.6	16.6
FY15	2,797.0	1,809.1	987.9	(41.8)
FY16	3,165.2	859.9	2,305.3	133.4
FY17	3,451.0	704.2	2,746.8	19.1
FY18	3,794.7	702.7	3,092.0	12.6
Total	18,720.6	6,433.6	12,287.0	-

*Million US\$

(b) The names of the counties from where major investment was received during said period are China, USA, UK, UAE, Austria, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, South Korea, Netherland and Hong Kong. Detailed country-wise net FDI for the last five years is **annexed**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that funds were allocated for honorarium of the employees of the Accountant General Pakistan Revenues during the year 2015-16; if so, the details thereof separately;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the payments have not been made to said employees so far; if so, the reasons alongwith the present status thereof; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to investigate the said matter; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

64. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Transferred from 3rd Session)

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

- (a) the details of officers above BS-16 who went on foreign trainings/seminars/tours abroad since 2008 till date;*
- (b) the details, of officials below BS-16 who went on foreign trainings/seminars/tours abroad since 2008 till date;*

- (c) *how many of them were fully funded, partially funded and not funded scholarships; and*
- (d) *how many of them have visited more than once alongwith reasons thereof with regard to FTC proforma?*

Reply not received.

29. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Sohan Margala Town Link Road T Chowk is in dilapidated condition and over flow of water on road has been a matter of routine;*
- (b) *the budget allocated for the said construction of the road alongwith complete details;*
- (c) *the time by which the construction of said road will be started alongwith its completion date and the reasons for its delay; and*
- (d) *the action taken against those officers who are responsible for its delay alongwith details and the time by which action will be taken against them?*

Reply not received.

30. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the condition of Margala Town Public Parks and multipurpose sports ground is in highly dilapidated including jogging track and there is no arrangement of lights and security alongwith unchecked growth of bushes;*
- (b) *the total staff deputed for the maintenance of Margala Town parks alongwith name of each employee and other details thereof*

and the budget allocated for the parks during the current year alongwith the details thereof;

- (c) the action taken so far against those responsible for the dilapidated condition of the park and the employees who did not discharge their duty honestly alongwith the detail thereof; if not, the reason therefor and the time by which the action will be taken against the responsables; and*
- (d) the steps being taken to improve the condition of parks and multi purpose sport ground alongwith the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

31. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of persons to whom licenses of beer and wine have been issued in Islamabad Capital Territory during last two years; and*
- (b) the details of amount received and revenue generated therefrom?*

Reply not received.

32. **Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the results of the recent visit by the Saudi investment delegation to Pakistan?

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: As a follow up to the Prime Minister's first visit to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Saudi delegation headed by Mr. Ahmed Hamed Al-Ghamdi, Adviser to Saudi Minister for Energy along with representatives of Saudi Aramco, MAADEN and ACWA Power visited Pakistan from Sept. 30th till Oct. 05, 2018 to hold discussions with their counterparts in Government of Pakistan for investments in mega projects.

During visit of the delegation to Pakistan, the Saudi side has shown keen interest in establishment of Oil Refinery in Gwadar. A Government to Government draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two countries was also exchanged for further deliberations.

Relevant Ministries/Agencies dealing with different economic sectors briefed the delegation on prospects of investments in their respective areas. Saudi investors were more interested in renewable and non-renewable energy sectors.

33. **Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the measures being taken by the Islamabad Administration against the growing tendency of house owners to construct guardhouses and install their power generators on the footpaths, forcing pedestrians to walk on the traffic road?

Reply not received.

34. **Syed Javed Husnain:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of vehicles purchased for PM House alongwith the prices thereof;*
- (b) the amount paid to print and electronic media for the advertisement relating to auction of the said vehicles alongwith the total amount collected after auction?*

Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) Model of each vehicles and price of purchase is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Advertisement bill for auction of vehicles is yet awaited from the concerned advertisement agency.

(c) Total amount received through auction of 54 vehicles is **Rs. 193.06 million**. List is at annexure-I.

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

35. **Syed Javed Husnain:**

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

- (a) the percentage of mark up on which loan is given to industries and the percentage of mark up of Zarai Taraqiati Bank;*
- (b) whether the Ministry of Finance intends to equalize both these mark up; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal/ project under consideration to grant loan to farmers on crop as loans is given to Industrial project?*

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

(a) Markup rates on the loans for agriculture provided by ZTBL varies in range from 12.5 % to 14% for production loans and 14.8% for all development loans (Medium + Long term).

Likewise, markup rate for loans under manufacturing/industrial sector also varies in range, e.g. 11 percent to 13 percent for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and on overall basis around 7.2 percent on average for the entire industrial/manufacturing sector.

The reason for comparatively high mark-up in agricultural financing than corporate and commercial loans is due to the size of the loans, cost of operation and associated risk of the segment/client. In agricultural financing, banks extend loans to the farming community, particularly small farmers, involves significant cost of operation, vulnerability of natural disaster, crop marketing and risk of default etc. However, for lending to large corporates and industrial loan, the risk rating is low due to low operational cost, well-maintained and verifiable credit documentation, audit reports, bank records and credit history etc

(b) At present, there is no such plan to equalize both markup as the industrial and agriculture sectors have different business dynamics, operations, loan size and associated risks, therefore the breakup of their markup rate varies as per the nature of business.

(c) At present no such proposal is under consideration.

36. **Mr. Muhammad Akhtar Mengal:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the province-wise total employees working presently in F.C Balochistan?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 8th November, 2018.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.