

BUDGET SPEECH 2009-10

Mr. Speaker Sir!

It is my proud privilege to present second budget of this democratically elected Government before this august house, and I avail the opportunity to thank the Chief Minister Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani, the Governor Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Magsi and my colleagues for extending support to me in discharge of my duties without their active support, and guidance this would have not been possible.

Before I apprise this house what the Government of Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani did for the general welfare of the people, what problems it faced and what challenges lay ahead, let me briefly touch upon the state of economy that we inherited when we took-over and what concerns were being aired by prophets of doom.

Immediately after presenting first budget, the Coalition Government under able leadership of Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani took stock of overall financial, administrative and law & order situation.

We found out that the economy was in shamble, the writ of the Government had eroded and administrative machinery became ineffective. Balochistan was facing an overdraft of Rs.17.00 billion and we were draining out our meager resources to service this ever increasing loan. This was effecting both our developmental activities as well as our current expenditure.

Financial Constraints

Law & Order situation was at it lowest ebb. Internal unrest, due to apathy of earlier Governments, external and regional turmoil was destabilizing the Government machinery. Government was fast losing its writ.

The Government of Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani resolved to confront the situation instead of maintaining the status quo. It evolved a two pronged strategy of putting the fledgling economy back on track and to initiate process of reconciliation with those annoyed political forces that developed differences with Government.

Realizing very well that without strong economic base other issues cannot be addressed, the chief Minister took the initiative and contacted the Federal Government for converting the huge Over Draft into soft loan. He also visited Governor State Bank of Pakistan in Karachi and invited her to Quetta and finalized an agreement for conversion of Over Draft in soft loan. The State Bank also agreed to raise Ways and Means' limit from 1.7 billion to 2.5 billion, which created a breathing space for government.

Despite conversion of Over Draft into soft loan, government was paying Rs 350 million every month to retire this liability and it was a big drain on our limited financial resources. Your government continued efforts for write off of this back breaking burden. On the direction of the Chief Minister, I paid a visit to the honourable President of Pakistan Mr Asif Ali Zardari and sought his intervention, who after learning the financial problems, consulted the Prime Minister, Sayed Yousuf Raza Gillani and Advisor on Finance Mr Shoukat Tareen, very graciously decided to freeze Over Draft of Rs.17.500 billion for six months upto June, thereafter it was to be picked up by the Government of Pakistan.

This was a big help by the President and the Prime Minister, which relieved us from a big insurmountable burden. Now we are in a position to use Rs.350.000 million per month for welfare of our people who elected us and bought us to this august house.

Political Reconciliation

Things do not work smoothly unless there is political harmony in the province. Government can pay proper attention to socio economic issues while all stakes older are

on board. Due to high handed policies of the Federal Government some of our friends were under detention and some were facing fabricating cases in various cases in the Province and outside the Province. The Chief Minister Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani after taking over asked concerned departments to scrutinized and get main stream leaders. To bring our disgruntled back in the main stream following steps were taken:

Withdrawal of cases registered against the political leadership and workers.

Grant of parole to detained political leaders.

Release of political activists held under Maintenance of Public Order.

Abolition of FC Check Posts from Quetta and parts of the province.

This Government took up cases of missing persons with the federal government at highest lever after preparing lists all such persons. Consequently 126 persons have since been found and efforts are on for recovery of others who still remain untraced.

Chief Minister Balochistan Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani with the active support of Governor Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Magsi and his cabinet initiated contact with those estranged political leaders who have gone in exile to persuade them and to come to negotiating table for the good of general masses has both these leaders and the Government strive for better and brighter future of Balochistan. We hoped that within parliamentary formwork we shall resolve all issues amicably.

Federal Assistance

It has all along been our effort to convince the Federal Government that economic future of Pakistan lays in Province of Balochistan. Developed Balochistan along guarantees developed Pakistan. As a result of this effort the Prime Minister of Pakistan ordered allocation of Rs.50.000 billion in next year PSDP for the Province, besides reauthorizing balance of Rs.21.000 million of current year allocation in 2009-10. This realization is going to be harbinger of positing change and pace of development would pickup.

As I already stated above economic slow down world over effected Pakistan which in turned had its effect on Balochistan. Sailing had not smooth, but it will give pleasure to know that despite economic slow down and extra expenditure on law and order, your government under able leadership of chief Minister Nawab Aslam Khan Raisani did not apply any cut to development outlay.

It is big challenge for this democratic government to fulfill the aspiration of people, we have low resource based and socio economic indicators in the Province are lowest in the country. The gap created in last 62 year is not easy to bridge. Allocation of resources on the basis of population will accentuate the situation instead of resolving them.

As I am presenting the second annual budget of this coalition government, I can say with confidence that every effort is being made by the government under able leadership of Chief Minister Nawab Mohammad Aslam Raisani to deliver on the commitment made.

This government has consistently placed citizen's welfare at the core of its responsibilities. We are well aware of life-time concerns of our people which have been our objectives: job opportunities, poverty alleviation, promotion of agriculture and livestock, development of infrastructure, health, education and clean drinking water. These objectives will be pursued vigorously.

Mr Speaker

Let me now briefly review the progress in some important area, initiatives and achievements.

Financial Discipline

We are making all out efforts to boost up our revenues and to reduce expenditures. This strategy can offer us savings to cater needs of our people.

we have been successful in receiving our share of Rs.170.385 million from amount recovered from National Accountability Bureau. We have dug out an amount of Rs.3.000 billion lying in dormant private bank accounts of various departments and process of retrieval for this amount is underway.

This year government, inspite of addition of two new departments and restoration of six divisional tiers, has been able to control current expenditure by Rs 1.413 billion. The size of current budget was Rs 47.522 billion and under Revised Estimates Rs 45.550 has been released.

I feel elated to mention here that during current financial year we have achieved our revenue Rs 3.47 billion.

The current year PSDP has received its 100 per cent of its allocation.

General Administration

Mr Speaker

A strong, effective and acceptable local law enforcement force is indispensable for maintenance of law and order. To ensure peace and tranquility and protection of life, honour and property this government took the corrective measure of revival of Lives Force. The decision of merger of Lives Force in Police was contrary to ground realities and time proved its futility. We are sure with this step will improve law and order situation. Consequently investor's confidence will be regained.

Mr Speaker

Similarly, for the sake of good governance the office of established significance-Divisional Commissioner-was also revived in the province. This tier will improve control and coordination and facilitate rapid and effective decision.

Mr Speaker

Prior to advent of Local governments the head of the district administration was responsible for maintenance of law and order along with other duties. The new system divested the head of the district with most of his requisite powers including that of a Magistrate. To sort out daily problems and for ready redress of public grievances we have decided to approach the Federal government for restoration of Executive Magistracy. Simultaneously, necessary amendments to remove flaws in Police Ordinance-2002 have been sought.

Mr Speaker

We after an extensive exercise on the subject of local government have submitted our proposals and recommendations for a durable and sustainable Local government and community development.

Mr Speaker

We are pleading our case with the Federal Government for equitable division of resources. We want expansion in the distribution criteria for the National Finance Commission Award beyond population to geographical size, backwardness, level of development, cost of service delivery and contribution of revenue.

Education

Mr Speaker

The commitment of a government to social justice is gauged from literacy level of the nation. A literate environment guarantees handsome job opportunities, reduction in poverty. Reduced child and mother mortality, hygiene, check on population growth and patriotism. To promote education and offer quality education

This year regular classes have been started in three cadet colleges- Killa Saifullah, Pishin and Jafferabad. And three more at Panjgur, Noshki and Kohlu will be started soon.

Under Science Education project sixty laboratories have established in various high schools in the province and sixty multipurpose halls have also been constructed throughout Balochistan.

Free text books of worth Rs 180 million have been distributed among students upto secondary level.

I.T Laboratories of various high schools in Balochistan have been made functional.

In collaboration with donors computers have been provided to high schools in the province.

A project for strengthening of Teachers Training Institution and training of 3000 teachers has been started.

Next year 109 Primary schools will be upgraded to middle level, 108 middle to high level and 111 new schools will be opened. In higher education 4 inter Colleges will be upgraded to Degree level and 14 new colleges will be opened.

Mr Speaker

An amount of Rs 76 million has been allocated in next year budget for awarding Mohtarama Benazir Bhutto Scholarships to 60 students of secondary level and 180 for higher level.

Mr Speaker

This year the Government of Punjab, from its endowment fund, has been gracious enough to award 63 scholarships to students of Balochistan and 63 more have been announced.

From next financial year Grant in aid for five public sector universities in Balochistan has been enhanced from 150 million to 200 million.

It has been decided to create 1000 posts of teachers in the next financial year.

Mr Speaker

It is pertinent to cite our effort to help our youth preparing for Central Superior Services Examination since last year. Consequently 29 candidates have qualified this prestigious examination last year and this year number of candidates prepared by us is 229.

Time Scale for College Teachers

Mr Speaker

With a view to facilitate teacher from the next year time scale is being granted to College teachers as well. This will carry a financial impact of Rs 35.46 million. May I dare to call for a proportionate attention towards duty.

Health

Mr Speaker

Poverty and disease are interrelated. Health facilities in the private sector are beyond reach of common man therefore special attention has been laid upon providing health facilities to people.

During current financial year Rs 211.181 million were allocated for 19 ongoing schemes and at cost of Rs 112.200 million 71 incomplete schemes were completed. Almost all the Basic Health Units under Peoples' Primary Health Initiative have been made functional.

During current financial year Rs 20 million has been released to health department for purchase of medicines and equipments for cardiac surgery.

Mr Speaker

During this year Motherma Be-Nazeer Bhuto Shaheed Hospital has been made functional in Gulistan Town, Quetta.

Seven Twenty / Fifty bedded hospital of Labour and Manpower at Dera Allah Yar, Ustam Muhammad, Pishin, Muslim Bagh, Nukandi, Dalbandin, Chamalang have also been operationalized.

Three hundred Pharmacists / Drug Inspector have been recruited

To reduce infant and Maternal Mortality rate extra components of maternal and reproductive health care in form of MNCH and LHW programme have been added to basic health service. Through MNCH Programme RHCs in the province are being made functional.

During next year, a 100 bedded Nawab Ghous Bux Raisani Memorial Hospital at Mastung and seven other fifty bedded hospital at Khuclack, Kalat, Panjgur, Gwadar, Pasni, Washuk and Kholu are expected to complete. A College of nursing at Quetta and three nursing school at Kech, Khuzdar and Dera Murad Jamali are being planned to be established.

Mr Speaker

In the next financial year CT Scans and MRI Scanners will be provided to Bolan Medical Complex hospital and Sandman Provincial hospital by the Federal Government at a cost of Rs 137.055 million and 244.490 million respectively. Radiotherapy/oncology and Urology departments of Sandman provincial Hospital will also be given equipments and medicines at a cost of Rs 277.725 million and 71.645 million respectively.

Agriculture

Mr Speaker

Never losing sight of our commitment to the common man and recognizing that sustenance of majority of our rural population is dependent on agriculture focused attention has been given to this sector.

During current financial year Rs 259.369 million has been released for various schemes of this sector. On account of Agriculture Tube well subsidy this government is paying Rs 2.00 billion per annum.

This year 2,80,000 bulldozer hours were utilized to bring 16800 hector waste lands under cultivation and next 300,000 hours will be used to bring 18000 hectares more land under cultivation.

In district Panjgur spray of date palm trees affected by a deadly viral disease has been completed .This is expected to have salubrious effect of these trees.

It has been decided to introduce an incentives Package for wheat growers. On divisional basis Farm machinery of Rs 5 million will be distributed on best performing farmers.

Livestock

Mr Speaker

Cattle are a vital integral of our rural economy.

We have been successful in containing adverse effects of drought on productive capacity of livestock. To achieve objective of preventing disease among livestock 6.6 animals were vaccinated. In this sector for 19 schemes Rs 194 million were allocated.

A project with the help of the Federal government of Rs 121.612 million to control Congo virus is in progress.

The government of Balochistan with the collaboration of Higher Education Commission upgraded the Research Institute of Livestock and Dairy Development to Advanced in Vaccinology and Biotechnology (CASVAB). This institution is not only producing vaccines for livestock but also offers M.Phil and Ph.D in disciplines of Microbiology, Nutrition Physiology and Biotechnology.

Public Health Engineering

Mr Speaker

We are alive to basic needs of people and striving hard to provide drinking water to entire rural population.

This year 13 incomplete schemes were completed at a cost of Rs 25.740 million and another 264.072 million was given new schemes, among these major were- restoration of Akara Kaur Dam and rehabilitation of Suntsar source from Gawadar town.

A project of Clean Drinking Water at a cost of Rs 930 million is in progress through out Balochistan. Under this project water purification are being installed in all Union Councils.

Mr Speaker

With a view to ensure availability of drinking water and drainage of waste water a project-Quetta Water Supply and Environmental Improvement Project (QWSEIP)- was started. This project was near completion but viewing its utility it has been decided, in the interest of citizens of Quetta, to extend this project.

From the next year a new scheme- Shaheed Mohtarama Benazir Bhutto water supply- is being initiated. For this scheme land will be provided by government and infrastructure will be funded by philanthropists and friendly countries.

Irrigation

Mr Speaker

During current financial year 29 schemes have been completed which irrigates 30,000 acres of agriculture land. This will help to recharge depleted ground water.

Other major projects of this sector are: Mirani Dam which stands completed benefiting 33200 acres and Sabakzai Dam almost completed benefitting 6680 acres. Work on Kachhi canal is yet to be completed which is about more than 40 per cent complete.

There are 13 federal water projects; one of these is construction of 100 dams in Balochistan, funded by the Federal government for a cost of Rs 29359.26 million. On completion these projects will irrigate 3, 34000 acres of agriculture land.

Mr Speaker

Our prevailing water rate, due to previous formulation, was three times higher as compare to Sindh. You're this democratic government reviewed water rates and decided to lower and bring it at par with that of Sindh.

Youth Affairs

Mr Speaker

For promotion of healthy activities among youth of this province resources are being made available. To construct a Sports complex at Nausar 100 acres of land has been allotted and construction of a state of art sports training academy at a cost of Rs 550 million is on cards. We are also trying to establish sports offices at district levels.

We are making sincere efforts to offer opportunities for development of youth of Balochistan. This year work of Youth Development Center at Quetta was completed and Youth Mela was held at district levels. Study tours were arranged both within and outside country.

Environment

Mr Speaker

The nascent Environment Protection Agency is working in full swing to ensure safeguard pollution. In this connection Environment protection Tribunal has also started functioning.

Labour and Manpower

Mr Speaker

A Hi Tech training center has been established at Quetta for imparting training in Computers hardware, Industrial electronics and Media management technology. Two vocational centers, Kalat and Quetta have been provided necessary equipments worth Rs 10 million Vocational Training centers at Noshki and Mach are near completion. The NAVTEC with a cost of Rs 188.189 million is establishing vocational training centers in 13 tehsils of Balochistan.

Prosecution

Mr Speaker

We have made functional the newly established Prosecution Department for an efficient and performance based Criminal Justice system .

Food

Wheat flour is the staple diet of entire population and to ensure availability of whet at an affordable price during current financial 300,000 MT were procure. For this purpose the government was paying Rs 600 million as subsidy annually but it has been decided to enhance this amount to Rs 1.00 billion from next financial year. The wheat procurement target for next financial year is 350,000 MT.

Communication

Mr Speaker

Priority is given to basic minimum needs of the people. One of those is the construction of good road networks and improvement of existing ones. During this Financial Rs 4817.718 million were allocated year for 196 road projects. Another 73 road projects were executed by Balochistan Development Authority at a cost of Rs 1137.906 million.

Traffic jams have become a daily occurrence in Quetta city. This is not only causing wastage of precious fuel but also casting severe negative impacts on psyche of people and environment. To settle this menace two Fly overs are proposed to be constructed at Kohla pahthak at a cost of Rs 1025.923 million and other at Sarryab Pahtkak at a cost of Rs 1414.451 million.

Mines and Minerals

Mr Speaker

The mineral sector in Balochistan offers for a future prosperity and progress to its people. At present Pakistan is producing 50 mineral, of these 40 are being extracted from Balochistan. Major Mineral deposits in Balochistan are: Saindak copper-Gold deposits, Rekodiq copper-Gold deposits, Duddar Lead-Zinc deposits and Dilband iron ore deposits. It is Saindak and Rekodiq projects and their products, copper and gold, which introduced Pakistan for the first time in the international metal market.

This province has been the biggest coal producer for last more than a century. The estimated deposits of our coal are 217 million tons. Chamalang coal field has been made operational which provides more than 57000 jobs.

Relief for Government Servants

Mr Speaker

Our employees are the implementing arms of our administration. For efficient delivery of service they are to be kept contented and happy as far as possible .An amount Rs 270

million, earned through proper fund management, has been disbursed among employees of provincial government, other than Police and Education departments employees, on account of death/injury compensation, marriage grant and scholarships. The families of deceased Provincial government employees have received Rs 183 million and this amount is over and above the prescribed pensionary benefits.

Mr Speaker

Welfare of our people is at our heart. The provincial government has also paid heed to growing constraints of pensioners and decided to increase the minimum pension from Rs 150 to 1000 and from 300 to 2000. This increase in minimum pension carries a financial impact of Rs 400 million a year. Besides this, last year this provincial government paid more than Rs 2.17 billion on this account.

Mr Speaker

We realize that government servants are not paid sufficiently. In order to compensate them I am pleased to announce ad-hoc relief allowance of 15 per cent of pay for serving government servants of the province from July 01,2009.. The retired government servants will also get 15 per cent increase in their pension from July 01, 2009.

Rehabilitation of Earthquake Affectees

Mr Speaker

For rehabilitation of our sisters and brothers in three earthquake hit districts an amount of Rs 2.137 billion has so far been utilized. In this direction we are trying hard to complete rehabilitation process in all respects.

Compensation of Terrorist Activities Affectees

Mr Speaker

It is further mentioned here that an amount of Rs 62.225million has been disbursed as compensation of lives and property to victims of terrorist activities.

Mr Speaker

Balochistan is the imminent hub of future investments. It lures investors because of its potentials. I would say it is high time to have provincial policies on major sectors of economy importantly Mineral & mine development, Fisheries, Oil & Gas and others. The province should have a say in vital decision on economic progress.

Balochistan is poor it should be rich. It has a relatively small population and vast resources of fossil fuel and precious metals like gold, silver and copper.

Mr Speaker

Always resources are scarce and needs virtually unlimited. This constraint is faced by each of the more than eight billion so people around the world. It is faced by farmers, by labourers by shepherds, by me, by your honour and even by governments of the day. When I say resources I mean financial resources. By grace of Allah Almighty Balochistan has been given other resources generously.

Mr Speaker

This year we have created 4212 new posts in various departments. You will be pleased to know that keeping in view burden of common man our next budget is Tax-free.

Honourable Speaker, now allow me to present the Annual Budget Statement for the Financial Year 2009-10.

Revised Estimates 2008-09

The Budget estimate for the total receipt for year 2008-9 was Rs 51.52 billion and revised estimate is Rs 56.083 billion. The Provincial own receipt for the year 2008-9 were estimated at Rs 3.476 billion but revised estimates put it at Rs 3.697 billion. Budget estimate for Federal transfer was Rs 48.051 billion but it has been revised at Rs 52.385 billion. The budget estimate for total current expenditure for the year 2008-9 was Rs 47.521 billion. Its revised estimate is Rs 46.108 billion. The Budget estimate for Development expenditure for the year 2008-9 was Rs 11.757 billion. But its revised estimate is Rs 13.358 billion.

Budget Estimates 2009-10

The budget for the financial year 2009-10 is proposed at Rs 74.247 billion. This includes the **Development outlay** of Rs 18.536 billion including Rs 5.107 billion of FPA. The **Current Budget** is Rs 53.081 billion.

Total estimated receipts are Rs 59.054 billion, Provincial own resource receipts are Rs 3.645 billion and Federal transfers Rs 55.408 billion.

Detail of Provincial own resource is as under:-

Rs in Billion

<i>Tax Receipts</i>	1.132
<i>Non-Tax Receipts</i>	2.512

Detail of Federal Transfers is as under:-

Rs in Billion

<i>Direct Transfers</i>	12.227
<i>Subvention /Grants</i>	13.975
<i>Share in Taxes</i>	29.204

Total estimated receipts are Rs 65.914 billion. The budgetary deficit for financial year 2009-10 is Rs 8.332 billion .This deficit will be met from promised grants by the Federal Government- Rs 3.00 billion for budgetary support and Rs 3.00 billion for Public Representative Programme and the remaining deficit of Rs 2.332 billion will be met from province own resources.

Mr Speaker

I am once again thankful to the Chief Minister Balochistan Nawab Mohammad Aslam Raisani, the Governor Balochistan Nawab Zulfiqar Ali Magsi, my colleagues and this House, who posed confidence on me and with whose cooperation I shouldered my responsibilities efficiently. I am also thankful to the Chief Secretary Balochistan, the

Secretary Finance Balochistan and his team who despite severe financial constraints made this budget possible.

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