

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Tuesday, the 19th January, 2010

@80. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 14:20:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for repatriation of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: According to Dr. Aafia's family, she allegedly went missing in March 2003 from Karachi. She was found in Afghanistan after her arrest by Afghan Police on 17 July 2008. She was transferred to U.S.A. in August 2008 for prosecution purpose. Government of Pakistan has paid US\$2 million as fee for hiring services of three (03) lawyers to defend her case in the local court of New York. The Court in New York will hold trial on 11 January 2010. The team of Defence attorneys have filed certain motions in the court on behalf of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui.

2. The Embassy has sent several note verbales to the Department of State (October 16 and 31, 2008, November 18 and 24, 2008, January 26, 2009, February 17, 2009, May 12 and 21, 2009 and June 12, 2009) requesting for withdrawing charges and repatriation to Pakistan on humanitarian grounds and also because of her deteriorating mental condition.

3. The Ambassador in his meetings with the US Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey on 17 November 2008, Assistant Secretary Richard Boucher on 24 November 2008 and Director, FBI, Robert S. Muller on 18 December 2008 requested for Ms. Siddiqui's repatriation to Pakistan. The Ambassador made similar requests in his meetings with Deputy Secretary James Steinberg in the Department of State on 23 February 2009 and the US Attorney General Eric Holder on 23 April 2009 in Obama Administration.

4. Embassy has worked with the concerned authorities to ensure that she is fairly treated. On Embassy's intercession her brother M.A. Siddiqui was granted permission to meet his sister during her confinement at Carswell Hospital, Texas. Ms. Siddiqui has been calling on telephone her family (brother, mother, sister), receiving proper medical treatment, and Halal food etc.

5. Once, the U.S authorities declared Aafia Siddiqui was fit to stand trial, the Embassy on the recommendation of Ms. Siddiqui's family engaged a team of attorneys Linda Moreno, Charles Swift and Elaine Sharp for defense of Ms. Siddiqui. In her meeting with the Ambassador at Carswell Hospital, Texas on June 9, 2009, Ms. Siddiqui agreed not to oppose their appointments.

6. Judge Berman of New York City Court who will be supervising the trial, held a court hearing in the subject case on November 19, 2009. Ms. Aafia Siddiqui also attended the court proceedings. The court heard a number of motions filed by defense attorneys.

7. The U.S. Judge, granted defense attorney's permission to take two depositions in Afghanistan (One defence attorney appointed by the GOP and one provided by the Government of the US to defend Aafia Siddiqui to record the evidence from witnesses). This according to defense attorneys is a rare victory. In the light of the decision of the court, prosecution and defense attorneys would visit Afghanistan.

8. In response to one of the defense's motion lodged by Attorneys, the U.S. Government has conceded that Ms. Siddiqui's statement which was recorded by the FBI from the time to time when she was under custody, will not come on the government's case, because it was obtained illegally by the FBI.

9. As expected by the defense attorneys, the motions to dismiss the charges based on jurisdictional grounds was dismissed by the Judge.

10. The next motions deadline is December 14, 2009, (*i.e.* limitation imposed on the US government to file any witness or evidence against Dr. Aafia Siddiqui). These motions are critical as it will determine what evidence will come in at trial, beyond Aafia Siddiqui's statements.

11. On the insistence of the Embassy, the defense attorneys continue to work for arranging a video monitoring set-up so that Ms. Siddiqui can watch the proceedings from her cell, and not have to go through the strip-searches each time she is forced to come to the court. They are working with the Bureau of Prisons to get this in place prior to her trial.

12. The trial date is scheduled for January 19, 2010. The status conference was heard by the court on January 11, 2010, wherein discussions were held with attorneys of both sides to decide the pre-trial evidentiary issues.

133. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 08:25:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 105, replied on 8th October, 2009 and state the district-wise location of water filtration plants installed in Balochistan?

Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan: The Clean Drinking Water programme comprises two projects, *i.e.* Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI) Project and Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) project. Whereas, CDWI Project 2004 envisaged installation of one water filtration plant in each Tehsil, the CDWA Project 2006 envisages installation of one plant in each Union Council. So far 102 plants and 319 plants have been installed in Balochistan under these two projects, respectively. District-wise lists are at Annex-A and B, respectively.

(Annexures have been placed on the table of the House as well as Library)

134. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 10:10:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- (a) *the duration after which the water filtration plants installed by the Government are cleaned; and*
- (b) *the criteria adopted to check proper functioning of these plants?*

Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan: (a) UF Membrane, Activated Carbon Filter and Sand Filter are the components of water filtration plant, which require regular cleaning and service.

These filters are cleaned twice a day by the inbuilt auto-backwashing system.

The raw water tank is cleaned manually on monthly basis.

(b) The Operation and Maintenance of the water filtration plants is to be carried by the contracting firm for 3 years after their installation, alongwith signal based central monitoring system. This system shall check / monitor proper functioning of installed water filtration plants. The signals emanating from this system shall provide the following informations:

- Operational / Non-operational status of plants.
- Backwashing time and duration.
- Hourly water flow rate.

The water quality is to be checked through sample testing. The contractor is required to submit water quality test reports from reputed laboratory on monthly basis.

135. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 12:15:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of urea fertilizer reached at Gawadar Port since January 2008; and*
- (b) *the names and addresses of the Transport Companies / Transporters to which contract for transportation with quantity of the said fertilizer was awarded?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The quantity of urea fertilizer reached at Gawadar Port upto 31st December, 2009 is 1,405,277.35 M.Tons.

(b)

S. No.	Name / address of the Transport Company	Quantity of fertilizer awarded (M.Tons)
1	Aziz Brothers carriage contractors, Multan.	122268.5
2	Azad Goods Transport company Karachi.	17783
3	Bahria Foundation, Karachi.	26021

4	Classic enterprises, Karachi.	32685
5	Dynamic logistics international(Pvt) Ltd Karachi.	39451
6	Faisal Movers, Sargodha.	165225.7

S. No.	Name / address of the Transport Company	Quantity of fertilizer awarded (M.Tons)
7	Ghurab goods transport Company Gwadar.	8794.75
8	Hamsafer goods transport company, Gwadar, Karachi.	55107.75
9	Ibrar enterprises, Sahiwal.	28672.5
10	Imran & Co, Multan.	36679
11	Inam Company, Islamabad.	8826.5
12	Jam Carriage, Multan.	249255.6
13	Mekran traders, Kaachi.	48484
14	Malik enterprises, Lahore.	60431.5
15	Mengal goods transport company, Karachi.	38317.5
16	Mehran tanker Company, Karachi.	20787
17	Moro trading Company, Karachi.	28444
18	Murad & Company, Mardan.	40134

19	Popular goods transport (Pvt) Ltd. Lahore.	151076.35
20	Sania enterprises, Multan.	123384.75
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S. No.	Name / address of the Transport Company	Quantity of fertilizer awarded (M.Tons)
21	Salah-ud-Din & sons, Gwadar.	35156.5
22	Syed Fazal and Company, Karachi / Quetta.	30949.5
23	Tariq associate (Pvt) Ltd. Lahore.	12148
24	Zahid traders (Regd) Quetta.	25016
25	Other (self).	177.95
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	Total	1405277.35

136. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 20-10-2009 at 08:40:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of establishment of Pakistan Steels; and*
- (b) *the income, expenditures and profit earned or losse sustained by the said mills during last ten years with year-wise break up?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Pakistan Steel Mills Corporation Limited was incorporated as a Private Limited Company under Companies Act 1913 on 2nd July, 1968 in the Public Sector.

(b) The income, expenditures and profit/losses earned by the Mill is as under and year wise break up is at Annex:

(Rs. In Million)

Year	Income	Expenditure	Profit/(Loss)
2000	14,463	15,604	(1,141)
2001	17,508	16,956	552

Year	Income	Expenditure	Profit/(Loss)
2002	16,166	16,064	102
2003	22,918	21,894	1,024
2004	25,950	21,098	4,852
2005	32,422	25,690	6,732
2006	23,985	23,055	930
2007	32,421	29,262	3,375
2008	43,097	40,722	2,375
2009	34,094	56,237	(22,143)

138. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 08:20:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the number of Utility Stores in Sindh and NWFP and the steps taken by the Government to open more stores in Sindh?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: The number of stores in operation in the Province of Sindh and NWFP are as under:

Sindh:	1039
NWFP	1024

In accordance with criteria approved by the Government for opening of Utility Stores, the USC is required to operate one Utility Store at each Union Council Level. At present there is no proposal for opening of more stores in the Province of Sindh.

139. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 08:20:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the funds provided by WHO since 2006 with year-wise break up for health sector in Pakistan, indicating also its utilizations with year-wise and province-wise break up?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: WHO allocation of funds and its utilization for last three years is as under:

2006 Budget Allocation(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	39,438,279

Budget Utilization(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	36,248,145

2007 Budget Allocation(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	39,438,279

Budget Utilization(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,542,254	36,248,145

2008 Budget Allocation(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,654,000	46,141,013

Budget Utilization(US\$)

Regular	Other Sources
2,654,000	44,141,013

WHO does not allocate funds province-wise. However, WHO collaborative Polio, EPI and STOP TB programmes have regular provincial expenditure. A list of yearly province-wise expenditure breakup is at **annex-I**.

140. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**(Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 10:40:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of the foreign donors who have provided aid for control of Malaria, Hepatitis and Cancer disease in the country during the last five years and the extent of the donations?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: During the last five years, the Ministry of Health has not received aid from any foreign donor for prevention and control of Hepatitis and Cancer in the country. For control of Malaria, the Directorate of Malaria Control has received financial assistant only from Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) as per following details:

Year	Assistance received from GFATM (US\$)
2004-05	3.27 million (Round-II)
2005-06	0.78 million (Round-III)
2006-07	12.0 million US\$ (Round-VII)
Total	16.05 million

141. ***Mr. Muhammad Ghufraan Khan:**(Notice received on 24-11-2009 at 17:05:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts of nurses in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of nurses working against the said posts with province-wise break-up?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) There are total number of 2232 sanctioned posts of nurses in the Federal Govt. Hospitals in the country. Their province-wise break up is at Annex-I. These include 150 posts of SKBZH, Quetta which are not yet filled-in.

(b) There are a total number of 1930 Nurses working against the said posts with province wise break up at Annex-II.

142. ***Mr. Muhammad Ghufraan Khan:** (Notice received on 24-11-2009 at 17:05:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of doctors working in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to the unemployed doctors in the country?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The number of doctors working in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country with province-wise break-up is as under:—

Sindh	=	307
Punjab	=	605
NWFP	=	145
Balochistan	=	56
FATA	=	28
Northern Areas	=	23
AJ&K	=	16
Islamabad	=	03

Total:— 1183

(b) The Government is taking a number of steps to increase gainful employment opportunities and balance the distribution of doctors between urban and rural areas of Pakistan. Some key initiatives are:

- (i) Development and planning of a Human Resource for Health strategy (HRH strategy) to growing challenges of staff retention, recruitment, distribution, attrition, career development, and satisfying work environment.

- (ii) The new Health Policy envisages that development of the Essential Health Services Package will lead to more efficient, effective and integrated delivery of health services and human resource management including creating enhanced employment opportunities for doctors.
- (iii) The Health Policy also envisions a greater role of public-private partnerships in increasing employment opportunities and balanced redistribution of doctors in areas of greatest need; and
- (iv) Shifting towards a more proactive and expedited recruitment process for hiring of doctors for primary and secondary level health facilities will also increase employment opportunities and reduce the number of unemployed doctors in the country.

143. ***Mr. Muhammad Hamayun Khan:** (Notice received on 25-11-2009 at 08:57:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Pakistanis in Indian Jails who have completed their tenure of punishment imprisonment; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for their release?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) According to information available, there are 79 Pakistani prisoners in Indian Jails who have completed their prison sentence.

(b) The Government of Pakistan regularly raises the issue of repatriation of all Pakistani prisoners including fishermen in Indian jails. This is a humanitarian issue and remains a high priority for this Ministry. The issue is followed up at the following levels:

- (i) Efforts by the High Commission of Pakistan in New Delhi:

As soon as this Ministry receives any information regarding a Pakistani prisoner in Indian jail, our High Commission in New Delhi is directed to approach the Indian authorities for provision of Consular access. Once Consular access is provided to our nationals by the Indian authorities, we request the Ministry of Interior to confirm the national status of the prisoner. Upon confirmation of the national status, our High Commission in New Delhi issues travel documents and approaches the Indian authorities for early release/repatriation of the prisoner. Indian authorities take their own time to respond and repatriate a Pakistani prisoner.

- (ii) Pakistan — India Judicial Committee

A Judicial Committee on Prisoners was established in 2007 to ensure humane treatment of prisoners in both countries and their expeditious release.

The Judicial Committee was able to influence both Governments to release prisoners who had completed their sentences or who were arrested for minor offences. These efforts resulted in the release of 108 Pakistani and 238 Indian prisoners including fishermen in 2008.

The Government of Pakistan has proposed revival of the Judicial Committee to the Indian side. The Indian side has not responded to our proposal so far.

(iii) Consular Access Agreement

During the visit of Indian External Affairs Minister to Islamabad on 21 May 2008, Pakistan and India signed the Agreement on Consular Access. The Agreement seeks to ensure humane treatment of nationals of either country arrested, detained, or imprisoned in the other country.

However, the Consular Access Agreement is not being implemented by India in letter and spirit.

144. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-10-2009 at 08:50:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the increase made in the prices of locally manufactured vehicles during the financial year 2008-09 with make-wise and horse power-wise details;*
- (b) *the authority which approved the said increase; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said prices, if so, its details?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Details of month wise prices of cars during the financial year 2008-2009 alongwith horse power is given at Annex- .

(b) Prices of cars/automobiles are governed by the market mechanism. Government has no control on any price fixation. Government provides Policy frame work including tariff and non-tariff policy measures.

(c) Prices are based on market mechanism. Government has abolished 5% Federal Excise Duty (FED) in budget 2009-10, prices were decreased, details are given at Annex-B. Declining exchange rate of Pak rupee is also one of the factors of price increase. However, Ministry of Industries and Production is in constant consultation with the local manufacturers to reduce prices.

145. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-10-2009 at 08:50:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated number of the hepatitis patients in the country; and*
- (b) *the details of free medical treatment being provided to the said patients?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The estimated number of hepatitis C&B patients in the country is as under:—

Hepatitis “C” Patients	=	8,800,000
Hepatitis “B” Patients	=	5,600,000

(b) 32,998 patients of Hepatitis C and 6270 patients of Hepatitis B have been extended free of cost treatment under the Prime Minister's Programme for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis. Details are as under:—

Financial Year	No. of Hepatitis C patients Treated	No. of Hepatitis B patients Treated
2005-06	10,815	1,000
2006-07	11,964	1,644
2007-08	1,500*	1,000*
2008-09	8,719	2,626
Total	32,998	6,270

In order to supplement the treatment initiative of Federal Government for treatment of Hepatitis B & C patients Provincial Governments of Punjab and Sindh developed their respective PC-I and have allocated budget for treatment of Hepatitis patients as under:—

Provincial Governments

Financial (FY 2008-09)	Treatment Provision for Hepatitis C patients	Treatment provision for Hepatitis B patients
Punjab	8,824	Nil
Sindh	10,000	2,000
Total	18,824	2,000

146. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-10-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of vehicles with their model and price purchased by Ministry of Health and its attached departments during the last five year?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The detail of vehicles purchased during the last five years with their model and price of each in respect of Ministry of Health and its attached departments may kindly be seen at **Annex — 'A'**.

147. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-10-2009 at 09:20:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose/objectives for setting up Central Research Fund ; and

(b) the amount deposited in the said fund since its establishment?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The purpose/objective for setting up of Central Research Fund was to provide funds for Research and Development in drugs, as provided under clause (b) of Sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the Drugs Act, 1976 read with rule 3 of the Drugs (Research) Rules, 1978, which entails the scope of utilization of this fund as under:

“The Federal Government may utilize the Fund for conducting research, development or evaluation of a drug either itself or through a research institution working under its control or disburse it among investigators or institutions for such purposes subject to such conditions as may be specified and for that matter, it may also utilize the fund to upgrade and establish Drugs Research and testing laboratories and a unit in the Drugs Control Section, Ministry of Health, for evaluation and monitoring of the research proposals and projects and management of the fund”

(b) The amount deposited in the said fund since its establishment and as reconciled on 30th June 2009 is Rs.643.428 million.

148. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-10-2009 at 09:10:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of administrative expenditures of the National Institute of Handicapped, Islamabad, during the last three years with year-wise break up?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The administrative expenditure of National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, (NIRM) Islamabad during the last three years with year-wise break up is as under:—

Financial Year	Expenditure
2006-07	Rs.76,695,242/-
2007-08	Rs.68,068,996/-
2008-09	Rs.73,081,973/-

149. ***Mr. Muhammad Ali Durrani:** (Notice received on 05-11-2009 at 09:40:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 105, replied on 8th October, 2009 and state the location of water filtration plants installed in Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar district so far?

Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan: (a) Under Phase-I of Clean Drinking Water Programme titled “Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI) project”, **14** water filtration plants have been installed in Tehsils of Districts Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur and Bahawalnagar. District-wise list of plants so far installed is annexed (Annexure-A).

Phase-II of the Clean Drinking Water programme, currently under implementation as “Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) Project”, envisages installation of one water filtration plant in each Union Council of the country. Accordingly, **347** water filtration plants are to be installed in Districts Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar and Bahawalpur. List containing district-wise locations for installation of water filtration plants is annexed (Annexure-B).

The executing agency in respect of installation of water filtration plants in Punjab Province is Local Government Department of the Punjab. The contract has been awarded and a

few demo plants, have been installed for replication after their inspection and approval. In addition, one plant each has been installed at Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawal Pur. Thus the process of installation of water filtration plants in Punjab has commenced and is likely to take off soon.

150. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be Pleased to state the number of recruitments made by the Ministry during the last two years indicating also the grade-wise and province-wise details thereof?

Mir Humayun Aziz Kurd: The reply of the question is annexed.

Annex,

Statement showing the recruitment made grade and province wise by the Ministry of Livestock and Dairy Development, Islamabad during the last two years.

Ministry of Livestock and Dairy Development was created on 03-11-2008, *vide* Cabinet Division's O.M.4-16/2008-Min.I, dated 03-11-2008. Previously it was Wing of MINFA, hence it has not yet completed 02 years life. However during this period the following recruitments have been made.

Total recruitments made 33 as per details given below:

S.No	Grade	Punjab including Islamabad	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	FATA	Total
1.	07	02	01	01	-	01	
2.	04	03	01	01	01	01	
3.	04	01	-	-	-	-	
4.	01	13	02	03	02	1	
Total		19	04	05	03	02	33

151. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 12:00:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) *the quantity of fertilizers available in the country at present with province-wise break up; and*

(b) *the estimated quantity of Di-Ammonium Phosphate and other fertilizers likely to be utilized during the Rabi Season, 2009-10 with province-wise break up?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Quantity of Fertilizer Available as on 31-12-2009 in the Country is 533,000 MT details are at (Annex-A).

(b) Expected Off-take/Utilization during Rabi 2009-10 with province wise break up is at (Annex-B).

152. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 04-12-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Power Looms Industry in the country is facing extreme crisis, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to make Power Looms Industry a profitable one?*

Reply not received.

153. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 05-12-2009 at 11:00:a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the funds allocated for food processing industry in the country during the last three years and the current financial year and the details of its utilization;*
- (b) *the details of problems being faced by that industry;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate a uniform food processing policy, if so, when; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that the Government has recently held some conferences relating to the said industry, if so, the results / outcome of those conferences?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: No funds were allocated to Ministry of Food and Agriculture for food processing industry, as the establishment of food processing industry does not fall under the purview of Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The question may be referred to concerned Ministry.

155. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 05-12-2009 at 12:45:p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to the Government to establish marble cities in the country, if so, its details?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) established by Ministry of Industries and Production as subsidiary of Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) incorporated as Public Ltd, under Section 42 of Companies Ordinance.

PASDEC is in the process of establishing following Marble Cities:

1. Marble City Risalpur.
2. Marble City FATA (Mohmand).
3. Marble City Karachi.
4. Marble City Islamabad.
5. Marble City Chitral.

6. Marble City Loralai.
7. Up-gradation of Marble City Gaddani.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th January, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.