

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 4th May, 2010

6. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of goats, cows, buffaloes and sheep exported / imported during the year 2008-09 indicating also the names of the concerned countries?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: The numbers of goats, cows, buffaloes exported from Pakistan during 2008-09 *vis-a-vis* the names the countries are as follows:—

| S. No. | Name of animals | Quantity in no | Country |
|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Goats | 200 | UAE |
| 2. | Cows / Bulls | 630 | Afghanistan |
| 3. | Buffaloes | 455 | Afghanistan |
| 4. | Sheeps | 00 | — |

None of the above mentioned animals were imported during the specified period.

A list showing the numbers of different live animals including goats, cows, buffaloes exported from Pakistan during the 2008-09 alongwith names of concerned countries and value thereof in. US \$ is annexed for kind perusals.

7. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

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

(a) the number of branches of National Bank of Pakistan in district Haripur; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of the said bank in that district, if so, its details?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are eleven (11) branches of National Bank of Pakistan functioning in district Haripur as per list attached.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

8. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the amount of taxes collected from each province by the Federal Government during the last ten years?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: FBR does not classify or compile tax collection data on provincial basis nor does the system identify a taxpayer with reference to the place where taxes are paid. However, amount of tax collection reported by FBR's field offices located in all the four provinces during the last 10 years is given in the table below:—

(Rs. in billion)

| Tax Head | F.Y | Khyber Pukhtunkhwa | Punjab | Sindh | Balochistan | Total |
|----------|---------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 1999-00 | 23.9 | 122.0 | 191.3 | 9.9 | 347.1 |
| | 2000-01 | 19.9 | 135.0 | 228.6 | 8.8 | 392.3 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Total | 2001-02 | 19.1 | 149.9 | 225.3 | 9.6 | 404.1 |
| | 2002-03 | 19.0 | 170.0 | 263.2 | 8.4 | 460.6 |
| Taxes | 2003-04 | 20.1 | 190.4 | 300.3 | 10.0 | 520.8 |
| | 2004-05 | 22.8 | 216.5 | 342.7 | 8.4 | 590.4 |
| | 2005-06 | 18.9 | 277.0 | 410.4 | 7.1 | 713.4 |
| | 2006-07 | 20.1 | 347.9 | 470.7 | 8.5 | 847.2 |
| | 2007-08 | 20.7 | 421.7 | 557.4 | 8.3 | 1008.1 |
| | 2008-09 | 21.8 | 498.3 | 628.8 | 8.1 | 1157.0 |

Note.—Tax collected in the federal capital (Islamabad) is included in the Punjab Province

9. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 8:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in the offices / branches of National Bank of Pakistan in Balochistan during the last three years with district-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of persons of the said offices / branches promoted during the said period?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The Bank has been approached for providing the said information. As the required information is not readily available with the Bank, two weeks lead time may be allowed to Ministry of Finance for submission of reply in the august House.

10. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of exports registered during the financial year 2009-10; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance exports?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) Exports worth US\$ 14.162 billion were registered during July-March 2009-10, (the last available data).

(b) The steps taken by the Government to enhance exports are at Annex-I.

Annexure-I

STEPS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ENHANCE EXPORTS

Government of Pakistan with its new mandate of focusing products and markets is putting efforts in broadening the base of Pakistan's exports by upgrading export potential of products where Pakistan has competitive advantage & increasing their market share in traditional as well as new markets.

Government of Pakistan has taken following initiatives to boost Pakistan exports:—

1. Development of new Export Strategy
2. Products/ Services Focused Export Development
3. Market Focused Export Development

Government of Pakistan has performed following promotional activities for focusing Export Development:—

1. **Focusing on New/Non Traditional Markets:**

Diversification of markets is an important thrust of our strategy. Government is focusing following markets and special promotional efforts are taken for these markets to enhance exports:—

- China
- Russia
- CARs
- Japan
- Korea
- Australia
- Africa
- South America
- Eastern Europe

2. **Participation in Exhibitions:**

Focused, Trade Fair participation is an important promotional tool for the marketing of Pakistan's products in the world. Government organized Pakistan's participation in 129 fairs/exhibitions worldwide during March 2008-January 2010.

3. **Organize visit of Trade delegations abroad:**

Trade Delegations provide an update on the current situation of a market, its trends, product developments, state of the art and state of the industry in manufacturing and technology. Furthermore, it also provides an opportunity for direct buyer-seller contact through matchmaking meetings. From March 2008-January 2010, Government organized visit of 36 trade delegations abroad.

4. **Incoming Buying Mission:**

Government has invited following three buying Missions from Russia, South Africa and Yemen.

- Government invited a high profile **textile buying mission from Russia** in last week of February 2009. Government organized matchmaking meetings of delegates with 60 textile exporters at Karachi and Faisalabad and also organized Factory visits. This delegation has open new avenues for Pakistani exporters and given a break through to them. The visit of the delegation was highly appreciated by business community in Karachi and Faisalabad.
- Government invited a high profile general delegation from South Africa from 19-25th July 2009 to Pakistan. Government arranged meetings of delegation at Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad and Sialkot.
- Government invited a high profile Pharmaceutical/Surgical Instruments buying Mission from Yemen from 23-27th November 2009. Government arranged introductory meeting of delegation, visits to the factories, match making sessions in Karachi, Lahore and Sialkot, hotel accommodation, protocol arrangements, security and presentation of gifts.

- Pakistani Pharmaceutical companies which had meetings with Yemeni delegation are expecting increase in exports (probably by two folds) of their pharmaceutical products in Yemen which were US\$ 0.439 million in 2008-09. During the visit of delegation, two MOUs, were signed.
- M/s. Pharmix Laboratories, Lahore signed an MOU with Mr. Lutf, through which his company is appointed authorized exclusive agent in Yemen.
- Nabiqasim Industries, Karachi has signed an agreement with M/s. Wadi Al — Durr for Medicines & Medical Appliances, Yemen for the sales & promotion of their products in the Yemeni market.

5. **Seminars/Interactive Sessions:**

Government has been regularly organizing **Interactive Sessions** with Commercial Counselors, Consul Generals, Ambassadors and Foreign Trade Officers deputed in Pakistan to improve market knowledge of exporters. These interactive sessions have been **highly appreciated by exporters** as they have been acquiring market know-how without any fees. Interactive sessions in Government have been organized recently with following:

- (a) Mr. Nail Ersoy (Turkish Commercial Attaché in Karachi)
- (b) Ms. Saira Najeeb (Pakistani Commercial Secretary in London)
- (c) Mr. Faisal (Pakistani Honorary Commercial Counselor of Sudan)

11. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to print more currency notes during the current financial year i.e. 2009-10; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to control inflation in the country?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has been requested for provision of reply. However, reply from the SBP is awaited. Therefore, Finance Division may kindly be granted two weeks lead time for collection of information and submission of the same in the Honourable House.

12. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the number of officers / officials promoted in FBR during the last two years with province-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: 1. Interim reply is attached at Annex-I. Break up in respect of officers of Customs & Excise Group and Income Tax Group, in BS-17 and above, is attached at Annex-II, Annex-III, Annex-IV and Annex-V.

2. Information in respect of officials from BS-1 to BS-16 is awaited from field formations which will be communicated shortly.

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

13. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the name and educational qualifications of the present Chairman, FBR indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:

Name = Mr. Sohail Ahmad

Educational Qualification = (i) Masters in Public Management (USA)
(ii) Masters in English Literature.
(Punjab University)

Salary = Rs.53485/- per month.

Allowances = Annexed.

Other fringe Benefits = As admissible to the officers of BS-21 of Federal Government.

14. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons working in CDA with grade-wise break up; and

- (b) *the quota allocated to each province and the position of its implementation in the said department with grade-wise details; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts in that department and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

Reply not received.

15. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of loans granted by Zarai Taraqiyati Bank Limited (ZTBL) to the farmers during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the rate of interest being charged on the said loans?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) During the last three years *i.e* 2007 to 2009 the Bank disbursed loans of Rs 77.680 billion, Rs. 70.698 billion and Rs. 55.912 billion to the farmers respectively. Province-wise/ Year-wise break up is attached at Annex-I.

(b) ZTBL is charging markup rate of 9% on all types of agriculture loans with 1% rebate on timely repayments.

Annex-I

(Rs in million)

| PROVINCES/ AREAS | DISBURSEMENTS | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| PUNJAB | 62,794.338 | 56,427.325 | 44,326.577 |
| SINDH | 9,757.469 | 8,882.687 | 7,384.166 |
| K.P.K. | 4,354.111 | 4,786.290 | 3,802.305 |
| BALUCHISTAN | 204.306 | 154.213 | 99.356 |
| GILGIT (BALTIKISTAN) | 307.614 | 226,908 | 168.234 |
| A.J & K | 262.593 | 220.912 | 131.380 |

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL | 77,680.431 | 70,698.335 | 55,912.018 |
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16. *Mst. Afia Zia: (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of persons provided financial assistance under wasiela-Haq programme with province-wise break up?

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) Pre- qualified identification of the Waseela-e-Haq beneficiaries is made every month through random computer balloting. So far total qualified beneficiaries from the first four draws are **895**.

Province wise break up is as follows:—

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| i. Punjab: | 384 |
| ii. KPK/FATA: | 184 |
| iii. Sindh: | 286 |
| iv. Balochistan: | 27 |
| v. AJK: | 11 |
| vi. Gilgit Baltistan: | 3 |

(b) **242 beneficiaries** have gone through the process of counseling/training arranged by Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund-the implementation partner of BISP for this initiative, and disbursement to these beneficiaries has started.

*Islamabad :
The 3rd May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Tuesday, the 4th May, 2010

1. **Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of Agro-farms leased out in Islamabad so far indicating also the name of the allottee, size and address of the farm, period of lease, terms and conditions of the lease and amount received in each case?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd May, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.