

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 19th May, 2010

122. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of nurses appointed in the Federal Government Hospitals during the last two financial years; and*

(b) *the number of registered nurses in the country who are unemployed at present?*

Reply not received.

123. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *the steps taken by the government to ensure availability of seed, fertilizers and pesticides in the country; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to control the sale of spurious and substandard seed, fertilizers and pesticides in the country?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure the availability of seed, fertilizer and pesticides in the country;

Seed

Targets of various crop seeds have been set and arrangement are made to ensure availability of good quality seed through public and private sector seed agencies. During the current year, availability of various crop seeds for wheat, cotton, paddy and maize was 19.07%, 31.01%, 48.01% and 9.83% respectively of the total seed requirement. Cases of 9 BT cotton seed varieties have almost completed the approval process, only clearance from National Bio-safety Committee (NBC) of Ministry of Environment for commercial release is awaited.

Fertilizer

- *In pursuance of ECC's decision dated 20-2-2010, the arrival of 0.1 million MT of urea has started which will be completed by the end of May, 2010.*
- *The import of Urea arranged through Saudi Credit Facility of US\$ 100 million has also started arriving.*

- *Due to 20% gas curtailment to the fertilizer industry by the government, the ECC of the Cabinet, in its meeting held on 3-5-2010 has approved the proposal for import of 0.4 million tons of urea through the Trading Corporation of Pakistan to meet the shortfall.*
- *The total annual production of DAP in the country is about 660,000 MT against total requirement of about 1,600,000 MT. To meet the shortfall, DAP is imported by the private sector.*
- *In the recently held Fertilizer Review Committee's meeting on 20-4-2010, Ministry of Food & Agriculture has urged the importers of DAP to import DAP on time to meet the requirement during the Kharif-2010.*

Pesticides

The import, distribution and sale of pesticides is with the private sector. The private sector according to the requirement of the country imports the pesticides. However, Department of Plant Protection an attached department of M/o. Food and Agriculture have taken the following steps to ensure the availability of quality pesticides in the country:

- (a) Registered pesticides.
- (b) Fast track registration.
- (c) Pre-shipment Inspection.

(b) Seed

Government controls the sale of spurious and substandard seed of notified varieties under Section 10, 11 of the Seed Act, 1976, Seed Amendment Bill, 2010 is in Standing Committee for Food & Agriculture.

Fertilizer

- As per following fertilizer control Act/orders, the provinces are responsible for controlling/checking the adulteration in the fertilizers:
 - *Punjab Fertilizer Control order, 1973;*
 - *Sindh Fertilizer (Control) Act 1994;*

However, with regard to imported fertilizer, the custom department does not clear the consignment till the importer furnishes a "Certificate of Analysis" issued by the globally recognized international surveyor company having its own hi-tech accredited lab.

Pesticides

The quality control of pesticides at import stage is done by the Federal Government through the international Pre-shipment agencies, while in the field; the quality control is carried out by the respective Provincial Agricultural Department under the provision of Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance, 1971 and Rules, 1973.

124. ___ ***Begum Najma Hameed** :(Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Federal Government Hospitals in the country providing free medical treatment to the patients of TB, Aids and heart diseases;*
- (b) *the number of the said patients treated in the said hospitals during the last three years with disease-wise and hospital-wise break up; and*
- (c) *the procedure laid down for treatment of the said patients in those hospitals?*

Reply not received.

125. ___ ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to provide clean drinking water to all citizens in the country; and*
- (b) *the authority responsible for maintenance and cleaning of water filtration plants; indicating also the procedure adopted for cleaning of the said plants?*

Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan: (a) The Government of Pakistan initiated a Clean Drinking Water Program in 2005-06 to provide clean and safe water to citizens of the country. Under Phase-I of the program "Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI) Project" was started in 2005-06. Under this scheme 406 water filtration plants all over the country at tehsil level were installed.

In 2006-07, "Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) Project" was launched as Phase-II of the program, whereby one Water Filtration Plant is to be installed at each Union Council of the country. Thus total 6626 water filter plants under the scheme will be installed. The project is under implementation in all Provinces / Regions and AJK.

(b) As per contracts signed between Provincial Governments and the contractors, the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of installed plants is to be carried out by the contractors. After three years, the Provincial / Regional Governments/Administration will take over the installed plants and will carry out their Operation and Maintenance. The plants are cleaned and flushed by chemical on weekly basis. However, the auto-backwash is done twice a day to keep the filters clean.

126. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-04-2010 at 8:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred Question Nos. 9 and 208 replies on 6th March and 16th October, 2009 respectively and state:

- (a) *the amount required for 200 bulldozers to be provided to the Government of Balochistan; and*

(b) *the date on which bulldozers were provided to the provincial governments last time indicating also the number of bulldozers provided in each case?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Rs. 2.20 billion would be required for provision of 200 bulldozers to the Government of Balochistan.

(b) Provincial governments were provided 1711 bulldozers during 1979 to 1994. The province wise/year wise detail is at Annexure-“A”.

127. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-04-2010 at 08:30:00)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of lady health workers in the country with province-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to appoint more lady health workers, if so, its details?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The Province-wise break-up is as under:—

Province	Number of Lady Health Workers
Punjab	57,187
Sindh	23,185
Khyber Pakhtoon	15,796
Khawa	
Balochistan	7,200
AJK	2,998
Gilgit Baltistan	1,361
FATA	1,920
ICT	353
Total	110,000

(b) The Program intends to appoint additional 10,000 LHWs in the year 2011 and further 10,000 LHWs would be appointed during the financial year 2014 — 15 to achieve the total number of 130,000 LHWs.

128. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 28-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of Pakistanis released from Indian jails since July, 2009;*

- (b) *the number of Indians released from Pakistani jails during the said period; and*
- (c) *the number of Pakistanis still in Indian jails?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) The total number of Pakistanis released from Indian jails since July 2009 is fifty nine (59).

(b) The total number of Indians released from Pakistani jails since July 2009 is one hundred and two (102).

(c) The total number of Pakistanis still in Indian jails is approximately nine hundred and twenty six (926). (According to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs the total number of Pakistanis in Indian jails is 614).

129. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of dairy development centers established in district Haripur so far; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for dairy development in that district?*

Mr. Humayun Aziz Kurd: (a) In district Haripur, six milk producing groups (MPGs) have been established so far.

(b) Steps taken by the Government for dairy development in Pakistan including but not limited to Haripur are as under:—

- i. To private sector led companies namely Livestock and Dairy Development Board and Pakistan Dairy Development Company have been established to increase the pace of development in the livestock sector.
- ii. Import of high yielding animal breeds for cross breeding to improve the genetic potential indigenous livestock is allowed. Animal quarantine fee to the tune of Rs.100 per animal and test fee Rs.75 per animal have been waived to encourage the importers of live animals.
- iii. Micro credit schemes through various Commercial Banks have been initiated for small livestock farmers to encourage livestock farming.
- iv. Veterinary Services has been strengthened through enhancing the mobility of the veterinary staff all over the country with the financial assistance of European Union to control the Animal Diseases.
- v. A five year project (2005-2011) has been launched at total cost of Rs.1568.350 million having following major components:—
 - a. Milk collection & marketing from small & landless farmers;
 - b. Support to market oriented rural dairy farmers;

c. Production of quality breeding animals and production of progeny tested bulls.

130. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m)

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

(a) the details of industrial enterprises under the control of the Ministry; and

(b) the number of persons working in each enterprise, with province-wise break up?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The Industrial Enterprises under the control of Ministry of Industries & Production include the following:—

1. State Engineering Corporation

- Pakistan Mechanical Tool Factory
- ENAR Petrotech Services Ltd.
- Pakistan Engineering Company
- Heavy Electrical Complex

2. Pakistan Steel Mill

3. Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation its four (4) units and 7 subsidiary companies.

4. Heavy Mechanical Complex

Further there are also other organizations and companies under control of this Ministry which cater to the development of Industrial Sector and Industrial Enterprises—

- National Industrial Parks Development & Management Company (NIP).
- Technology Up-gradation & Skill Development Company (TUSDEC)
- Karachi Tools Dies & Moulds Company (KTDMC)
- Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC)
- Pakistan Gems & Jewellery Development Company (PGJDC)
- Pakistan Hunting & Sporting Arms Development Company (PHSADC).
- PCE SSDC (Skill Development Centers)

- Engineering Development Board (EDB)
- Pakistan Industrial Technical Assistance Center (PITAC).

(b) The detail of persons working in the Industrial Enterprises *i.e* with province wise break up is at annexed.

1. State Engineering Corporation.
2. Pakistan Steel Mill.
3. Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation.
4. Heavy Mechanical Complex .

131. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 03-05-2010 at 09:27 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its attached departments and sub-ordinate offices against whom cases of corruption and misappropriation have been surfaced during the last five years indicating also the details and present status of the cases in each case?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Requisite information is as under:—

132. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 03-05-2010 at 09:27 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers and officials of the Ministry of Health, its attached departments and sub-ordinate offices against whom cases of corruption and misappropriation have been surfaced during the last five years indicating also the details and present status of the cases in each case?

Reply not received.

133. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 05-05-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount received from foreign countries and International Organizations in health sector during the last three years with country-wise and organization-wise break up and details of its utilization?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The amount received from International organizations during the last 3 years and its utilization is as follows:—

*Islamabad :
The 18th May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

