

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Tuesday, the 17th January, 2012**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No. 28. : Set down for answering on 4th May, 2011.
- (ii) Question Nos.92 and 93. : Set down for answering on 12th May, 2011.
- (iii) Question Nos.37, 39, 40 and 47. : Set down for answering on 16th September, 2011.
- (iv) Question Nos. 73, 74, 76, 77, : Set down for answering on 2nd November, 2011.  
78 and 79.
- (v) Question Nos. 27 to 30 and 32 : Set down for answering on 13th December, 2011.  
to 35.

28. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2011 at 13:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Spain during the last three years indicating also the nature of offense and the punishment, if any, awarded to each one of them separately; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government for their release?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Due to privacy laws, the Spanish authorities do not provide information about prisoners without their consent. Hence the Mission has no information about the exact number of Pakistani prisoners in Spain. As per information gathered from informal sources there are about 101 Pakistanis held in jails in Spain.

(b) In cases which receive greater publicity and where detained Pakistanis opt to appeal their detention and sentences, our Mission in Spain has been offering assistance. For instance in 2009, the lawyer hired by the ten Pakistanis facing terrorism charges was paid ₹15,000 by the Consulate General in Barcelona, while the remaining ₹7,000/- contributed by the Pakistani community in Barcelona. An additional expenditure of

₹20,000 on Lawyer's fee/legal aid to pursue the case of these Pakistanis in the higher appeal court is expected.

92. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of Pakistanis taken hostage by pirates since 2008 and their present status?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** According to the available information piracy cases with Pakistani crew members on board off-the-coast of Somalia during the period 2008-2011 are as under:—

- (a) **MV Shahzaib** Pakistan flagged vessel with 29 crew members all Pakistani nationals were hijacked by Somali pirates on 12 December 2009 and were released on January 3, 2010.
- (b) **Mv Iceberg I** The Panama flagged ship owned by M/s Azal Shipping Company of Dubai, UAE was hijacked on 26 March 2010. The ship has two Pakistani crew members and their names are as under:—
  1. Mr. Gul Badshah s/o Mr. Shahzada
  2. Mr. Ali Muhammad

(c) **MV Rak Aafricana** The Grenada Flagged vessel owned by Sindbad Shipping and Marine Co. from Ras-al-Khaima, UAE hijacked on 11 April 2010 and was released on 9 March 2011. The ship had five Pakistani crew members and their names are as under:—

1. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Nagar
2. Mr. Muhammad Ain Ul Haque
3. Mr. Salauddin Baloch
4. Mr. Muhammad Rauf Khan
5. Mr. Muhammad Naeem

(d) **Mv Suez** The Panama flagged ship owned by Red Sea Navigation, Egypt was hijacked on 1 August 2010. The ship has seven Pakistani crew members.

93. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister far Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the amount collected by each Pakistani missions abroad for issuance of Pakistani visas and providing other services during the lust five years indicating also the details of its utilization with mission-wise break up?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The Pakistan Missions abroad have collected an amount of Rs. 13,361,417,632/- for providing visa / consular services during the last five years. Details are as under:—

S. No.	Year	Amount Collected (Rs)
1.	2005 - 2006	3,572,882,476/-
2.	2006 - 2007	2,297,135,669/-
3.	2007 - 2008	2,093,356,047/-
4.	2008 - 2009	2,478,736,050/-
5.	2009 - 2010	2,919,307,390/-

As per standing instructions, consular fee is charged on consular services by the Mission on behalf of Ministry of Interior, Islamabad, and every month the credit on this account is duly accounted for in the monthly cash account by the Missions. The Office of the Chief Accounts Officer on receipt of monthly cash accounts, transfers the amount to the respective account of Ministry of Interior.

The Mission however, charges 20% over and above the consular fee which is transferred to the Pakistan Community Welfare & Education Fund (PCW&EF) and to the Fund for Improvement of Government Owned Buildings (FIGOB) equally, *i.e.*, 10% to each.

37. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-07-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/missions in Canada during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Canada during last three years under Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad) are as under:—

S. No.	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Toronto	57,464,424	63,178,223	84,186,297
2.	Montreal	3,451,562	4,215,518	4,299,742

3.	Ottawa	55,325,474	56,300,750	64 052 500
4.	Vancouver	32,704,815	36,641,916	41,706,722

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(b) The Dollar-Rupee exchange rate fluctuation and devaluation of the Rupee make it difficult to apply any cuts. Instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

39. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) There is no corporation under Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The expenditure incurred on Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its attached departments during the last three years are given as under:-

S. No	DEMAND	Expenditure in Pak Rupees		
		2009-10	2010-11	
2008-09				
1.	Demand No. 52 (Headquarter)	503,152,051	568 619,758	768,908,892
2.	Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad)	7,227,221,729	8,205,924,407	8,351,776,625
3.	Demand No.54 (Others)	1,827,417,576	1,409,953,784	1,546,753,626
4.	Demand No 181 (Capital Outlay)	68,333,919	18,631,425	100,983,822

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(b) The Ministry ensures that at HQs and at the Missions due diligence is exercised to avoid any excessive expenditure and all expenditure is justified and on need basis. Further more, the instruction of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline have been implemented in letter and spirit.

40. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ missions in Japan during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Japan during last three years under Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Tokyo	68,161,848	85,526,597	99,744,954

(b) The devaluation of the rupee *vis-a-vis* the dollar makes financial cuts difficult. Instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

47. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-08-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of officers in BPS-17 to 22 working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** At present 452 officers of Foreign Service of Pakistan (FSP) from BS-17 to BS-22 are working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Missions abroad.

73. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

(a) the amount presently invested by State Life Insurance Corporation indicating also the details of investment; and

(b) the amount being received as profit / mark up on that investment?

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a)

(Rs. In Million)

Investments (as of June 30, 2011)	(a) Investment	(b) Investment income
1. Investment		
(a) Government Securities	178,551	10,602
(b) Corporates Debts (net of Provision)	3,593	248
(c) Equities (net of provision)	24,743	2,084
2. Bank Deposits/ Placements in TDR	15,457	856
3. Investment Property (Net)	2,868	230
4. Loa In to Policy Holders	19,800	719
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>245,012</b>	<b>14,739</b>

\*Year end expected profit is around Rs. 30 billion.

74. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the profit earned by State Life Insurance Corporation during the last five years and the details of its utilization?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a)

(Rs. In million)

Description	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total actuarial surplus	9,147	10,278	14,096	15,587	19,974

Allocated as under:

(a) 97.5% to policy holders	8,918	10,021	13,744	15,197	19,475
(b) 2.5% to Shareholders	229	257	352	390	499
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>10,278</b>	<b>14,096</b>	<b>15,587</b>	<b>19,974</b>
Income					
Shareholder income	80	84	94	107	112
Surplus allocated to shareholders	229	257	352	390	499
Total shareholders income	309	341	446	497	611
Taxation	(26)	(110)	(150)	(178)	(204)
Income after tax	283	—	296	319	407
Shareholders income utilized					
(a) Increase in paid up capital	—	—	200	—	—
(b) Dividend paid to Govt. of Pakistan	283	231	96	319	356
(c) Dividend withheld for BESOS shareholders	—	—	—	—	51
	<b>283</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>407</b>

76. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 08-10-2011 at 13:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Women Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the country; and*
- (b) *the grants given to these chambers by the Prime Minister / Federal Government during the last three years?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) It is informed that 08 Women chamber of Commerce and Industry have so far been registered and licenced under Section 3 of Trade Organization of Ordinance in the country is annexed at 'A'.

(b) Ministry of Commerce (EDF Secretariat) has released funds (Rs. 500,000/-) to only one Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Quetta.

**Annexure-A**

S. No.	Trade Organisations Name	Licence No.	Date of Issue
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1.	Islamabad Women Commerce and Industry	128	10-Jul-2008
2.	Central and North Punjab Chamber of Women Commerce and Industry	121	4-Feb-2008
3.	South Punjab Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Multan.	47	3-Jul-2008
4.	Sindh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry	133	5-Sep-2009
5.	Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sindh.	134	5-Sep-2010
6.	Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mardan.	141	19-07-2010
7.	Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Peshawar.	143	8-Oct-2010
8.	Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry Quetta.	145	31-08-2010

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77. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy / mission in Germany:  
and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to  
reduce the number of such employees, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) There are two Pakistani Missions in Germany. The details of the officers/officials posted in the Foreign Office Component of these Missions in Germany are as follows:—

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S.	Mission	Officers	Officials	Local	Total
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No				based	
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, Berlin	5	9	9	23
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Frankfurt	2	5	4	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>

(b) As such there is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry to reduce the number of such officers/officials. Germany has a large concentration of Pakistanis. Accordingly, sufficient staff is required to perform multifarious functions with Embassy as well as to provide services to our expatriate in these countries.

78. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy / missions in UK;*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of those employees, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** There are 5 Pakistani Missions in the United Kingdom (UK). Details of the officers/officials posted in Foreign Office Component of these Missions in the UK are as follows:

S. No	Mission	Officers	Officials	Local based	Total
1	Embassy of Pakistan, London	8	26	13	47
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Manchester	1	4	2	7
3.	Consulate of Pakistan, Birmingham	1	3	3	7
4.	Consulate of Pakistan, Bradford	1	4	3	8
5.	Consulate of Pakistan, Glasgow	2	2	2	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>

79. **\*Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan Mandokhail:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether there are any guidelines for appointment in Foreign Service Group in BPS-17 on promotion basis, if so, its details;*

- (b) *the procedure laid down / qualifications prescribed for promotion against the posts reserved for promotion quota;*
- (c) *the number of posts reserved for and filled in through direct and promotional quota since framing of the said guidelines with year-wise break up;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that seats reserved for promotional quota are also being filled in through direct recruitment or on deputation basis, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to strictly implement / observe the quota reserved for appointment on promotion basis?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Initial entry to grade-17 in the Foreign Service of Pakistan (FSP Group) is made through competitive examination (CSS) of conducted by FPSC as part Occupational Groups of Pakistan Civil Services. The criteria and guidelines for the selection/appointment have already been published by Federal Public Service Commission.

(b) No promotion quota exists in the Foreign Service Group. The promotion of PFS officers to higher grade takes place through Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) and Central Selection Board (CSB) as per guidelines issued by the Establishment Division.

(c) No promotion quota exists in the Foreign Service Group.

(d) As there is no promotional quota in the PFS Group, therefore, the Question is not applicable to this Ministry

27. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce he pleased to state:*

- (a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and Mali during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the said trade volume?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The trade volume with Mali for the last three years is s follows:—

Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trade Balance
0.019	16.874	16.893	-16.855
0.064	16.221	16.285	-16.157

0.04

10.61

10.65

-10.57

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(b) Mali is a land-locked country of Africa with a population of 14.1 million. It has insignificant trade and economic profile:

- Its Real GDP in 2009 stood at USD 3.96 billion which constitutes 0.45% of total African GDP.
- Its total imports during 2010 (Jan-Dec) were USD 1.88 billion which constitute 0.42% of total African imports.

(a) Mali is accredited to our Mission in Algeria. Trade promotion for Mali is covered via South Africa, Algeria and Senegal which are the main sources of imports for Mali.

- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has been sending delegations of rice importers to Mali;
- Pakistan has been participating in the Algiers International Trade Fair, Algeria. TDAP will participate in the same fair in 2012 too.
- Pakistan has been participating in SAITEX Fair South Africa. TDAP will participate in the next fair too.

(b) The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) is negotiating an MOU with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Mali. The FPCCI has already invited the President of Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Mali to visit Pakistan for signing the MOU on

- Cooperation between Chambers of Commerce, & Industry of both the countries. Response of Mali Chambers is awaited.

28. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the said trade volume?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The annual trade volume of Pakistan with Azerbaijan during the last three year is as under:

Years	Exports	Imports	Total	Balance
2008-09	7.774	0.240	8.014	(+) 7.534
2009-10	4.223	0.039	4.262	(+)4.184
2010-11	14.623	0.001	14.624	(+)14.623

(b) Ministry of Commerce has taken steps to further improve the volume of trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan. In this regard Ministry of Commerce has sought willingness of Azerbaijan through diplomatic channel to enter in to a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) because PTA can be an effective tool for greater market access. Response from Azerbaijan is awaited.

- An MOU for the establishment of Joint Business council between Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce Industry (FPCCI) and Chamber of Commerce and industry (CCI) of Azerbaijan was likely to be signed during the session of Joint Ministerial Commission scheduled held in December,2011 but the host authorities pended it for some VVIP visit in future.

29. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-10-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of the buildings owned by State Life Insurance Corporation and their location; and*
- (b) *the number of buildings rented out indicating also the monthly rent being received for those buildings?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Details of Buildings owned by SLIC and its Income.

30. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the volume of trade with Chile during the last three years with year-wise break up: and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance the trade volume with Chile?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The volume of trade between Pakistan & Chile during the last three years is as follows:—

In US\$ million

Year	Export	Import	Total	Balance
2008-09	60.359	9.248	69.607	51.111
2009-10	65.015	6.468	71.48	58.54
2010-11	82.034	10.165	92.19	71.86

(b) Pakistan enjoys a very healthy trade surplus with Chile which has increased by 22% in- 2010-11 from previous year. Pakistan's exports to Chile have also surged by 26% from last year. In order to sustain this growth in exports to Chile, Ministry of Commerce, with the approval of Cabinet, has initiated negotiation on an MoU on Trade Promotion between Pakistan and Chile. The draft is presently with Chilean authorities for their consent.

32. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons in BPS-12 and above working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with province-wise break up?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** At present 452 (BS-17 to 22) and. 541 staff members (BS-12-16) are working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Their province wise break up is as under:

BPS	Province-wise break up						Total
	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	FATA/FANA	AJK	
22	5	2	4	1	—	—	12
21	21	5	4	—	1	—	31
20	51	22	13	5	4	2	97
19	52	21	13	4	7	2	99
18	53	14	12	2	4	2	87
17	69	27	14	6	7	3	126
Total	251	91	60	18	23	9	452

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16 As per rules it is 100% promotion post.  
No provincial quota is applicable  
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15	17	87	32	20	11	10	4	181
14	13	93	38	27	17	9	4	201
12	16	63	28	19	10	5	1	142
Total	4-6	243	98	66	38	24	9	541

33. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy / missions in South Korea; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of those employees, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The details of the officers/officials posted in the Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Mission in South Korea are as follows:—

S. No	Mission based	Officers	Officials	Local	Total
1.	South Korea	2	5	6	13

(b) There is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry to reduce the number of such officers/officials.

34. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-10-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

(a) *the quantity of lead ore imported during the last five years indicating also the -names of the countries ,from where imported and the rate at which imported; and*

(b) *the quantity of lead ore exported from Pakistan during the said period indicating also the names of the countries to which exported and the rate at which exported?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The country wise detail of imported lead ore of the last five years with quantity an rate is as under:—

YEAR	COUNTRY	QTY(MT)	VALUE (000, Rs.)
2006-07	Morocco	206	12602
2007-08	-do-	796	12530
2008-09	-do-	432	15577
2009-10	-do-	233	12294
2010-11	-do-	318	11708
<b>Total</b>		<b>1985</b>	<b>64711</b>

Source: FBS

(b) The country wise detail of lead ore exported from Pakistan to other countries during the last five years alongwith quantity and rate is as under:—

Country	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
	MT	000 Rs.	MT	000 Rs.	MT	000 Rs.	MT	000 Rs.	MT	000 Rs.
Australia	-	-	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	1313	-	-
China	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	1212	22	715
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	372
India	25	873	27	1058	156	4095	1721	61708	1893	54422
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	-	690	31531	353	17368
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	682	30691	160	5870
UAE	-	-	3852	131155	77	2054	80	2388	65	1332
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>3880</b>	<b>132227</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>6149</b>	<b>3258</b>	<b>128843</b>	<b>2505</b>	<b>80079</b>

Source: FBS

35. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-10-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

(a) *the details of food grain procured by the Government Departments during the last three years indicating also the rate of procurement in each case; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for the said procurement?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) **Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP)**.—TCP imported/procured wheat, sugar and rice during last three years as per details given below:—

(b) PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR PROCUREMENT

(i) **Procedure adopted by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP):**

TCP strictly follows PPRA Rules 2004 for imports/procurement of all commodities including food grains. The rules, *interalia*, require, inviting bids from the suppliers through tenders published in the press. The suppliers offer their bids in accordance with the tender terms. The tender is awarded to the lowest bidder.

(ii) **Procedure adopted by Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation (PASSCO):**

a. Wheat-Crop (2009, 2010 & 2011)

- For procurement of wheat PASSCO liberally use to establish purchase centers to reach out the genuine growers/farmers to ensure payment of support price at their door step.
- Regarding issuance of bardana to the growers, following are ensured:
  - a. Limits on issue of bardana levied by the Government (as per acreage etc)
  - b. System of verification/validation of farmers.
  - c. Documentation/authentication prior to and during the process of procurement (Revenue record/confirmation etc).
  - d. Monitoring by the Local Administration and supervision by the locally constituted committees of notables.

b. Paddy (2009, 2010 & 2011)

- ECC of the Cabinet during its meeting held on 1st September 2009, decided and approved that PASSCO will procure 10,00,000 MT Paddy directly from the growers at the following intervention price:—
  - a. Basmati Supper Rs.1250/- per 40 Kgs
  - b. Basmati 385/2000 Rs.1000/- per 40 Kgs
  - c. Irri-6 Rs. 600/- per 40 Kgs.
- PASSCO established Paddy purchase centres at hired 73 Rice Mills in Punjab, 5 in Sindh & 8 in Balochistan.
- As regards disposal of Head Rice/Bi-Products (retrieved from procured Paddy during 2009) entire quantity was disposed-off through open tenders.
- During 2010, paddy prices remained stable due to which PASSCO was not inducted for the task.



1. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-12-2011 at 17:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons appointed/posted as commercial attaches in Pakistan embassies since 2007 indicating also the date, place and duration of posting in each case?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** List of Commercial Attaches appointed / posted in Pakistan Embassies since 2007 alongwith their names, domicile, place & date of appointment and duration of posting is Annexed.

2. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/mission in Norway during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Norway during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1.	Oslo	48,970,000	63,151,076	62,026,104

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to apply any specific cuts other than envisaged by the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

3. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ mission in Malaysia during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Malaysia during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1.	Kuala Lumpur	55,507,552	70,241,880	74,488,557

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to apply any specific cuts other than envisaged by the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

4. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-12-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ mission in Germany during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/ Mission in Germany during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1.	Berlin	103,940,882	175,738,504	161,163,608
2.	Frankfurt	54,511,690	54,288,284	52,758,881

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to apply any specific cuts other than envisaged by the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

5. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 11:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Saudi Arabia since 2007; and*
- (b) the details of assistance provided to them by the Government of Pakistan / Pakistan Embassy in Saudi Arabia?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Saudi Arabia 1570 Pakistanis are presently imprisoned in Saudi Arabia since 2007(figures change on daily basis owing to addition of new and repatriation of old prisoners).

**(b) Details of assistance provided by the Mission to the said prisoners:**

- (i) Officers/officials of the Embassy of Pakistan in Riyadh and Consulate General in Jeddah visit various jails falling within their consular jurisdiction on regular basis in order to provide maximum assistance to the imprisoned Pakistanis and for their repatriation/ deportation.
- (ii) During the visits undertaken by officers/officials of the Missions, efforts are made to facilitate the prisoners/detainees in completion of formalities in their repatriation/deportation.
- (iii) Out passes/emergency passports are issued to those Pakistani prisoners who are without any valid travel documents enabling them to travel back to Pakistan.
- (iv) Services of Arabic interpreter are also provided to the under trial prisoners enabling them to plead their cases effectively.
- (v) The relevant authorities of the host government are frequently approached through Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs for waiving off of fines or payment of the same from Bait-ul-Maal. In some cases the Missions arrange fines for their early release through volunteer Pakistani philanthropists.
- (vi) The Missions arrange meetings of the prisoners with their relatives who are available in Saudi Arabia.
- (vii) Cases of the prisoners whose punishment have been completed are taken up with Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs for early repatriation.
- (viii) The Missions also help families of the Pakistani deportees for their repatriation to Pakistan. In some cases the Missions also provide one way air-ticket to the destitute families of the prisoners from Pakistan Community Welfare & Education Fund (PCW&E).

6. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of official delegations sent abroad by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since March, 2008 indicating also the expenditure incurred in each case?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The question involves information which cannot be provided in short period of time. The information is being collated and will be placed on the table of the House in next session.

7. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:.*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that India has been granted MFN status for trade, if so, the benefits that will be achieved from the same; and*
- (b) *the number of countries with which Pakistan has trade relations?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Commerce is in the process of normalization trade relations with India, which will culminate in the grant of Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to India. However, it may be clarified that so far India has not been accorded this status. As of today, the import of 1958 items from India is allowed, as per the positive List (Appendix-G) of the Import Policy Order 2010-11. In order to protect interests of domestic industry, Ministry of Commerce has planned sequence to the process of the trade normalization with India. To start with, import regime for India will transition from existing positive List (Appendix-G of the Import Policy Order 2010-11) to a "Negative List". The items on Negative List will not be permitted for import from India. Ministry of Commerce has engaged in extensive consultation process with domestic stakeholders including the Chambers and sectoral trade associations to identify vulnerable products for inclusion in the Negative List. In order to firm up the Negative List on a sound economic basis, Ministry of Commerce has engaged the services of country's premier research institution to analyze and firm up items to be included in Negative List and the time period of the phasing out of Negative List based on the stakeholders inputs/recommendations. The process of formulation of Negative List will be completed by the mid – February 2012.

Following benefits will accrue to the domestic industry if India is granted MFN status:

1. Trade costs will be reduced due to availability of raw-materials, machinery at a cheaper rates as well as lowering of freight charges. As major Multi-nationals firms have production/manufacturing facilities in India,

sourcing/procuring goods from India will reduce the time of procurement and lower the cost of doing business for Pakistani manufacturers. This will improve overall competitiveness and productivity of industry. Besides this, importing goods, raw-material, inputs and machinery at competitive prices will shorten the trade imbalances and lessen the import bill in dollar terms easing the Balance of payment liabilities;

2. Consumers will gain access to goods at most competitive rates thus increasing their purchasing power;
3. Pakistani domestic industry will gain market access to large Indian market with a customer base estimated between 300 to 500 million consumers;
4. Business linkages with Indian market will improve the competitiveness of the domestic producers as our producers will gain access to better entrepreneurial, marketing, distribution and production practices;
5. India would not be able to use the argument of our being non-compliant to the World Trade Organizations (WTO) agreements (in terms of holding back MFN status from a WTO member state) in various multilateral economic forums.

(b) List of countries with which Pakistan has trade relations is at Annex-I.

8. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Production be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of delegations sent to Italy by the Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) during the last five years; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some members of these delegations did not return back, if so, its reasons indicating also the names and other particulars of such persons?*

Reply not received.

9. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister, for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of persons working in Pakistani Missions in Abu Dhabi and Dubai with province-wise break-up: and*

(b) *the amount of welfare funds collected by the said missions during the last three years and details of its utilizations?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The number of persons working in Pakistani Mission in Abu Dhabi and Dubai are as under:—

**Abu Dhabi**

Designation/ BPS	Province-wise break up							Total
	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	FATA	AJK	G-B	
Ambassador (BPS-22)	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Counsellor (BPS-19)	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	01
First Secretary (BPS-18)	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Third Secretary (BPS-17)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Superintendent (BPS-16)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Stenographer (BPS-15)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Additional Assistant	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	01

10. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 009:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of ships arrived / docked at Gwader and Karachi Ports during the last two years indicating also the name of clearing and shipping agent of each ship?*

Reply not received.

11. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 15:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of employees presently working in the office of Pakistan School of Fashion Design (PSFD), Johar Town, Lahore; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the employees hailing from Sindh (Rural) working in the school are less than the prescribed quota, if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make up the said deficiency?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Presently, 184 employees are working in Pakistan Institute of Fashion & Design (PIFD), list of the Faculty Members and Staff is enclosed as **Annex-A**.

(b) Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD) follows 100% merit policy in so far as recruitment is concerned. The vacancies are advertised on all Pakistan bases through National Press. Due to lack of qualification, candidates of Rural Sindh could not qualify on certain posts. It is however clarified that one Constituent College is being established at Hala, Sindh in which majority of the employees are from Rural Sindh. This step of the Government will make up the deficiency to a great extent.

12. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of the registered firms / companies manufacturing packed food items in the country; and*
- (b) *the name of the department / authority responsible for checking the quality of the said products?*

**Mir Changez Khan Jamali:** (a) PSQCA is the federal agency responsible for checking the quality of 40 mandatory food items (annex-A). There are 353 firms/companies manufacturing these products which are registered with PSQCA (list is enclosed).

(b) The following departments are checking / monitoring the quality of said items:—

1. Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (at Federal Level)
2. National Institute of Health, Islamabad (at Federal Level as Govt. Public Analyst)
3. Govt. Public Analyst food lab, Lahore, Punjab
4. Govt. Public Analyst food lab, Peshawar, KPK

5. Govt. Public Analyst food lab, Quetta, Balochistan
6. Govt. Public Analyst food lab, Hyderabad, Sindh
7. All District Governments

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)*

13. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

*(a) whether it is a fact that some members of the trade delegations sent to participate in trade exhibitions held in Canada during the last two years have applied to Canadian Government for asylum, if so, their names, names of their organizations and the action taken by the Government against them and respective organizations; and*

*(b) the steps taken by the Government to avoid the occurrence of such incidents?*

Reply not received.

14. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:*

*(a) the annual trade volume of Pakistan with Central Asian Countries and Iran; and*

*(b) the names of the countries which are the major trade partners of Pakistan at present?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The Central Asian Republics consist of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan,

The annual trade volume of Pakistan with central Asian republics and Iran during the year 2009-10 is as under:—

Country	Bilateral trade 2009-2010 (Value in Millions)			
	Exports	Imports	Total	Balance
Iran	207.187	962.128	1169.315	(-) 754.3941
Kazakhstan	3.681	24.579	28.579	(-) 21.217



Tajikistan	1.033	6.658	7.691	(-)5.625
Turkmenistan	0.721	13.412	14.133	(-) 12.691
Kyrgyzstan	1.114	.008	1.122	(+)1.106
Uzbekistan	2.779	10.439	13.218	(-) 7.66

(b) The major trade partners of Pakistan at present are:

Country      Trade volume in 2009-10      (Value in millions US\$)

(1) United Arab Emirates	6749.5
(2) China	5564.411
(3) USA	4972.049
(4) Saudi Arabia	3778.716
(5) Germany	1972.195
(6) Afghanistan	1710.789
(7) United Kingdom	1624.53
(8) Italy	1174.292
(9) Belgium	678.204
(10) Turkey	662.405

15. \*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 12:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of Islamic countries with which trade agreements were made by the Government of Pakistan during the last three years with year wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** The Government of Pakistan has made the following trade agreements with the Islamic countries during the last three years:

- **Framework Agreement:** Adopted *vide* Resolution 1 at the 6th annual meeting of Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of OIC from 7-10th October 1990. It was signed by Pakistan on 25th October 1994.
- **Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS-OIC (PRETAS):** Adopted *vide* Resolution 1 at the 21st annual meeting of COMCEC from 22-25th November 2005. It was signed by Pakistan on 17th February 2007.
- **Rules of Origin:** Adopted *vide* Resolution 1 at the 23rd annual meeting of COMCEC from 14-17th November 2007. It was signed by Pakistan on 3rd September 2008.

The Cabinet approved the summary of Ratification of Rules of Origin of Trade Preferential System (TPS) of Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) on 2-12-2011.

Following ratification by Bangladesh, the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin entered into force on 7 August 2011. the Trade Preferential System of OIC is now operational.

- The Preferential Trade Agreement among the Developing - 8 (D-8) Muslim Countries was signed in May 2006. The member countries include Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

The Cabinet approved the ratification of the Agreement in its meeting on 8th December, 2011.

*ISLAMABAD :*  
*The 16th January, 2012.*

**IFTIKHARULLAH BABAR,**  
*Secretary.*