

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 2nd February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No.73. : Set down for answering on 2nd November, 2011.
(i i) Question Nos. 8, 10 and 13. : Set down for answering on 17th January, 2012.
(iii) Question Nos. 85 to 91. : Setdown for answering on 25th January, 2012
(iv) Question No. 138 : Setdown for answering on 1st February, 2012

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:

(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

Investments (as of June	(a) Investment	(b) Investment
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	30, 2011)		income
	(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.	Loan to Policy Holders	19,800	719
Total Investment		245,012	14,739

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

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?*

Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema: No delegation has been sent to Italy by PASDEC during last five years.

10. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at (09:30 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.

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?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) No complaint was received regarding any such incident during the last two years *i.e* 2010 and 2011. However during 2009 three representatives of two exhibitor companies of Pakistan Single Country Exhibition held in Canada (8-12 July, 2009), organized by Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCC&I), applied to the Canadian Government for refugee status.

- The names of these individuals are;
 - (i) Syed Bakhtawar Hussain Gilani, representative of M/s. Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot.
 - (ii) Ms. Rubeena Shaheen of M/s. Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot and
 - (iii) Mr. Mazhar Ali of M/s. Comfort Plus, Karachi.
- The names of the companies are;
 - (iv) Ms. Gold Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot and
 - (v) M/s Comfort Plus, Karachi.

Actions Taken by the Government

- The exhibition was organized by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI). Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) provided subsidy and other administrative support as per policy.
- When the matter came to the notice of TDAP, FPCCI was requested to take strict punitive action against the persons and companies they represented.
- TDAP on its part stopped payment of subsidy to the concerned companies.
- FPCCI has referred the case to Federal Investigation Authority (F.I.A.).

FPCCI has been requested to communicate outcome of the investigation by FIA. Final reply would be submitted on the next Rota Day.

- (b) • In order to avoid the occurrence of such incidents the FPCC&I has been asked to provide TDAP with the evidence regarding return to Pakistan of exhibitors after their participation in Exhibitions.

- FPCCI has made it a policy that all the companies to be selected in future events, will submit a guarantee letter from their respective Chamber and Trade Association for the return of their representatives to Pakistan.

85. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy/mission in Bangladesh; 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) Total of 14 persons of this Ministry (Diplomatic Wing) are working in Pakistan High Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

(b) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration concerning reduction of such employees as the Mission already has bare minimum staff.

86. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/missions in UAE 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 UAE during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

Major Head-wise Expenditure For Last Three Years

Abu Dhabi

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	50,287,088	54,897,264	56,841,272
A03 OPERATING EXPENSES	29,707,085	39,575,660	37,661,470

A06 TRANSFERS	1,402,140	741,545	723,253
A09-PHYSICAL ASSETS	—	2,965,142	498,128
A13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,514,054	1,906,342	2,892,613
GRAND TOTAL	82,910,367	100,085,953	98,616,736

Dubai

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	66,082,839	71,972,949	70,190,728
A03-OPERATING EXPENSES	43,141,536	48,260,532	57,324,728
A-04 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BENEFITS	175,000	175,000	175,000
A06-TRANSFERS	90,038	348,048	145,196
A09 PHYSICAL ASSETS	2,919,772	1,053,590	2,511,021
A13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,564,306	1,764,420	3,260,324
GRAND TOTAL	113,973,491	123,574,539	133,606,997

(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.

87. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/mission in Australia 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 Australia during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

Major Head-wise Expenditure For Last Three Years

Sydney

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	5,160,521	4,525,633	5,762,767
A03 OPERATING EXPENSES	8,613,477	9,337,995	12,174,557
A09-PHYSICAL ASSETS	—	—	424,338
A13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	202,772	173,537	—
	GRAND TOTAL	13,976,770	14,037,165
	18,361,662		

Canberra

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	27,097,130	33,976,708	32,175,092
A03-OPERATING EXPENSES	24,829,886	37,819,719	44,368,953
A06-TRANSFERS	18,642	537,840	523,120
A09-PHYSICAL ASSETS	90,680	331,750	2,541,163
A13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	996,181	1,325,559	1,365,906
	GRAND TOTAL	73,991,576	80,974,234

(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.

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

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to Senate Starred Question No. 80 replied on 19th January, 2010 and state the present status of Dr. Afia Siddiqui's case in USA and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for her repatriation to Pakistan?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:

- The Pakistani Consul General in Houston visited FMC Carswell prison on 15 April, 08 August and 22 November 2011 to meet Dr. Siddiqui. During those visits, he discussed Dr. Afia Siddiqui's various concerns about her condition of detention with the prison authorities, who took appropriate action to allay most of these concerns.
- The Embassy and the Consulate General were also able to arrange telephone calls between Dr. Siddiqui and her family in Karachi.
- Dr. Siddiqui's brother Mr. Muhammad Ali Siddiqui was able to meet with her on 05 November 2011.
- During the Consul General's visits to FMC Carswell, Dr. Afia Siddiqui mentioned to him that she was suffering from poor health. The Consul General conveyed those concerns to the prison authorities who responded that they tried to provide medical attention to Dr. Afia Siddiqui but she refused to cooperate.
- Ambassador Sherry Rehman received Dr. Afia Siddiqui's lawyer Ms. Tina Foster on 26 January 2012 and assured her full cooperation. The Ambassador also addressed a letter to the FMC Carswell prison authorities asking for an independent medical examination of Dr. Afia Siddiqui to allay her concerns about her health.
- The repatriation of Dr. Afia Siddiqui could only take place if Pakistan could become a party to either the Convention on the Council of Europe Convention on Transfer of Sentenced Persons (CEO Convention) or the Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad (OAS Convention).

89. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the amount collected under the head of Welfare Fund in Pakistan missions in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait and Musqat during the last three years and details of its utilization?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Detail of income and expenditure in respect of Parep Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait and Muscat during last three years are given as under:

Detail break up of expenditure during last three years.

Dubai 2008-2009

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
35,809,751/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	11,508,907/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	837,011/-
	Salary of Local Staff	3,557,299/-
	Misc:	5,022,069/-
35,809,751/-	Total	20,925,286/-

Dubai 2009-2010

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
48,406,834/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	9,400,923/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	752,073/-
	Salary of Local Staff	3,196,313/-
	Misc:	5,412,443/-
48,406,834/-	Total	18,761,752/-

Dubai 2010-2011

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
56,344,695/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	7,221,372/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	525,190/-
	Salary of Local Staff	2,232,060/-
	Misc:	3,151,144/-
56,344,695/-	Total	13,129,766/-

Abu Dhabi 2008-2009

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure incurred (Rs.)
30,518,957/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	7,127,726/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	712,772/-
	Salary of Local Staff	2,138,318/-
	Misc:	4,276,636/-
30,518,957/-	Total	14,255,452/-

Abu Dhabi 2009-2010

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
37,304,825/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	3,808,736/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	380,874/-
	Salary of Local Staff	1,142,621/-
	Misc:	2,285,242/-
37,304,825/-	Total	7,617,473/-

Abu Dhabi 2010-2011

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
35,036,466/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	4,205,206/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	420,521/-
	Salary of Local Staff	1,261,562/-
	Misc:	2,523,124/-
35,036,466/-	Total	12,195,093/-

Bahrain 2008-2009

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
3,514,740/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	1,226,163/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	122,616/-
	Salary of Local Staff	367,849/-

	Misc:	735,698/-
3,514,740/-	Total	2,452,326/-

Bahrain 2009-2010

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
3,148,929/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	1,135,659/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	113,566/-
	Salary of Local Staff	340,698/-
	Misc:	681,395/-
3,148,929/-	Total	2,271,318/-

Bahrain 2010-2011

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
4,820,099/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	2,724,949/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	272,495/-
	Salary of Local Staff	817,484/-
	Misc:	1,634,969/-
4,820,099/-	Total	5,449,897/-

Kuwait 2008-2009

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
16,486,877/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	5,265,175/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	526,517/-
	Salary of Local Staff	1,579,553/-
	Misc:	3,159,105/-
16,486,877/-	Total	10,530,350/-

Kuwait 2009-2010

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
9,561,297/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	2,418,463/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	241,846/-
	Salary of Local Staff	725,539/-
	Misc:	1,451,078/-
9,561,297/-	Total	4,836,927/-

Kuwait 2010-2011

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
14,687,898/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	1,765,791/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	176,579/-
	Salary of Local Staff	529,737/-
	Misc:	1,059,475/-
14,687,898/-	Total	3,531,582/-

Muscat 2008-2009

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
11,359,691/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	3,179,924/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	317,992/-
	Salary of Local Staff	953,977/-
	Misc:	1,907,954/-
11,359,691/-	Total	6,359,847/-

Muscat 2009-2010

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
8,589,500/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	3,280,774/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	328,077/-
	Salary of Local Staff	984,232/-

	Misc:	1,968,465/-
8,589,500/-	Total	6,561,548/-

Muscat 2010-2011

Income (Rs.)	Particular of Expenditure	Expenditure (Rs.)
10,776,527/-	Financial assistance to destitute Pakistanis	3,186,937/-
	DA paid for Consular Visits	318,694/-
	Salary of Local Staff	956,081/-
	Misc:	1,912,162/-
10,776,527/-	Total	6,373,874/-

90. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of Ambassadors /High Commissioners posted in Gulf States?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Name and place of domicile of Ambassadors/High Commissioners posted in Gulf States:

Names of Ambassadors / High Commissioners province wise

S.No.	Name	Designation	Domicile	Country
1.	Mr. Jauhar Saleem	Ambassador	Punjab	Bahrain
2.	Mr. Muhammad Sarfraz A. Khanzada	Ambassador	Sindh (U)	Qatar
3.	Mr. Iftekhar Aziz	Ambassador	Punjab	Kuwait
4.	Mr. Nawabzada Aminullah Khan Raisani	Ambassador	Baluchistan	Oman
S.No.	Name	Designation	Domicile	Country
5.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem Khan	Ambassador	Punjab	Saudi Arabia

6. Mr. Jamil Ahmed Ambassador Sindh (U) U.A.E
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91. *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:

- (a) *the number of international trade fairs in which Pakistani traders participated during the last three years and the results achieved; and*
- (b) *the facilities provided by Government to the traders in this regard?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) During last three years, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) organized Pakistan's participation in 215 fairs/exhibitions worldwide. The year-wise break up is as follows:—

S. No.	Year	No. of exhibitions
1.	2008-2009	73
2.	2009-2010	62
3.	2010-2011	80
Total		215

Participation in International trade fairs/exhibitions is one of the most important marketing tool for the promotion of Pakistan's products in the International market. Participation in the fair provides a unique opportunity to our exporters to showcase their products to International buyers and negotiate business deals.

Participation in fairs has played a key role in enhancing Pakistan's exports. In the year 2004-05, Pakistan's total exports were US\$ 14.391 billion which increased to US\$ 25 billion in 2010-2011.

(b) The facilities provided by the Government to the traders include:—

1. TDAP is providing following subsidy towards stall costs to exhibitors from various export sectors participating in exhibitions under the banner of TDAP.
 - a. Textile products 50%
 - b. Other Core Products 60%

- c. Developmental Product 70%

(details of products annexed)

2. For new exporters and events in 'new geographic areas', the subsidy level on stall cost is 70% for all three categories. Similarly, women entrepreneurs are encouraged by allowing 50% additional subsidy in trade fairs/exhibitions, in pursuance of TDAP's policy to energize women entrepreneurship. Another important aspect of the trade policy is to encourage SMEs, Women Entrepreneurs and new exporters by allowing special quota to them for participation in trade fairs/exhibitions.
3. TDAP provides 50% subsidy on space rent and stalls construction cost to Trade bodies for their participation in product specific events.

Annexure

Core Categories

- Textile & Garments
- Raw Cotton Yarn (all types)
- Fabrics
- Garments
- Made up (excluding towels)
- Towels
- Art Silk & Synthetic Textiles

Other Core Categories

- Rice
- Leather & Leather Products
- Sports Goods
- Carpets & Wools
- Surgical Instruments
- Petroleum Products

Developmental Products

- Fisheries
- Poultry
- Fruits/Vegetable & Wheat
- I.T-Software & Services
- Marble & Granite
- Gems & Jewelry

- Engineering Goods
- Chemicals
- Healthcare
- General

138. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Postal Services, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij: (a) Post Office is an attached department under the Ministry of Postal Services and it has a vast network of Post Offices throughout the country. There is no subordinate department or corporation under the Ministry. 142 cases of misappropriation and fraud involving loss of Rs. 410,914,611/- have occurred during the last three years out of which a sum of Rs. 72,275,183/- was recovered from the involved officials. Efforts are underway for recovery of remaining loss from them departmentally as well as through FIA/NAB. Detail of cases and position of action taken against the responsible officials is annexed *vide* Annex-A. Disciplinary action against all the accused/delinquents has been initiated. Charge Sheets/ Order of Enquiries under E & D Rules, 1973 stand issued.

(b) The names and designation of involved officials and the action taken against them is also included in Annex-A.

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

140. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ mission in Belgium 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 Belgium during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

Major Head-wise Expenditure For Last Three Years

Brussels

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	60,965,100	74,881,454	70,422,181
CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A03-OPERATING EXPENSES	50,854,073	51,741,191	65,541,490
A-04 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BENEFITS	—	—	175,000
A06-TRANSFERS	15,996	1,236,487	1,304,885
A09-PHYSICAL ASSETS	474,408	2,847,841	695,871
A 13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,631,911	2,464,183	1,809,012
GRAND TOTAL	113,941,488	133,171,156	139,948,439

(b) The mission applies cuts as per instructions received from the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance regarding financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

141. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ mission in Bangladesh 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 Bangladesh during last three years under Demand No. 42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

Major Head-wise Expenditure For Last Three Years

Dhaka

CLASSIFICATION OF HEADS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
A01-EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES	65,887,842	72,208,051	66,680,405
A03-OPERATING EXPENSES	28,426,244	31,108,587	34,621,359
A-04 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BENEFITS	100,601	73,986	—
A06-TRANSFERS	84,500	590,074	670,422
A09-PHYSICAL ASSETS	3,564,544	9,694,044	1,334,005
A13-REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,900,704	1,148,142	1,741,445
	GRAND TOTAL	99,964,435	114,822,884
	105,047,636		

(b) The mission applies cuts as per instructions received from the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance regarding financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

142. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons with station wise break up working in Pakistan embassy / mission in Belgium; 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) Total of 13 persons of this Ministry (Diplomatic Wing) are working in Pakistan Embassy in Brussels, Belgium.

The break up is as under:—

Officers	Pak-based Staff	Total
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Officers:

S.No.	Name of Officers	Designation
1		
i.	Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani	Ambassador
ii.	Syed Moazzam Hussain Shah	First Secretary
iii.	Mr. Mohammad Ayub	First Secretary
iv.	Mr. Amjad Aziz Qazi	First Secretary (Designate)
v.	Ms. Fozia Manzoor	Second Secretary

Officials:

S.No.	Name of Officials	Designation
1		
i.	Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Kamboh	Stenographer
ii.	Mr. Muhammad Sabir	Stenographer
iii.	Mr. Naseer Ahmed Khokar	Additional Assistant
iv.	Mr. Muhammad Shoaib Qureshi	Accountant
v.	Mr. Maseed Ahmed Qureshi	Accountant
vi.	Ms. Wakeela Khatoon	Assistant
vii.	Mr. Hafeez ur Rehman	Driver
viii.	Mr. Muhammad Iqbal	Driver
ix.	Mr. Muhammad Nazim	Security Guard

(b) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration concerning reduction of such employees as the Mission already has bare minimum staff.

143. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister fbr Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of countries where Pakistani Embassies / Missions are working at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open Embassies / Missions in more countries?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are 86 countries where 118 Pakistan Missions are working at present.

(b) At present there is no proposal under consideration to open Embassies/Missions in more countries.

144. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-01-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that officers in BPS 17 to 22 are entitled for home leave passage during their postings in Pakistan Embassies/ Missions, if so, its details;*
- (b) *whether the officials in BPS-1 to 16 posted abroad are also entitled for the same facility with the same terms and conditions, if not, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that security guards cum-Naib Qasids posted in Pakistan Missions abroad are not entitled for the said facility, if so, its reasons?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The officers are entitled to home leave passage in accordance with Pakistan Foreign Service (PFS) Rules. According to these rules, an officer is entitled to receive actual fare, from the place of posting to his/her home town declared in the service record after 24 months of continuous service abroad on duty, provided it is known that he is not likely to be transferred or to come back to Pakistan in next 12 months. In case of Hardship Station, this mandatory period of 24 months is curtailed to 18 months of consecutive service provided he is not likely to be transferred or to come back in Pakistan to Pakistan in next 12 months. An officer becomes eligible to avail home leave passage during two consecutive postings for six years. It is pertinent to mention that except for the first posting, officers are usually posted abroad for six continuous years, spending three years each at two different Missions.

It may be mentioned that this facility is extended subject to availability of funds under the relevant head.

(b) As per the (Pakistan Foreign Service) PFS rules, officials in BPS-1 to 16 posted in Pakistan Missions abroad are not entitled to home leave passage. The officials unlike the officers get posted back to the headquarters after every posting abroad. The officers, except for their first posting, are posted abroad for six continuous years, without

being recalled to the Headquarters. The officials are, however, also entitled to avail the facility of emergency passage (two emergency passages can be availed in the entire service).

(c) Security Guard-*cum*-Naib Qasids posted in Pakistan Missions abroad are also not entitled for the facility of home leave passage. The reason for non-availability of this facility to Security Guard-*cum*-Naib Qasids is the same as mentioned in Answer (b). The officials are, however, also entitled to avail the facility of emergency passage (two emergency passages can be availed in the entire service)

145. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-01-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether children of officers posted in Pakistan missions abroad are entitled for, education subsidy on completion of every year; and*
- (b) *whether children of officials posted in the said missions are entitled .for the same facility?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) As per policy on education subsidy circulated *vide* Ministry's Circular No. Rules-4/4/2001 dated 13th October, 2001 two children between the ages of 5 to 18 years of Pak-based officers/officials posted at missions abroad are entitled to education subsidy @ 90% of the actual cost of the fee structure duly approved by the Ministry. The amount is paid directly to the school by the Mission.

(b) The above policy is also applicable to the children of officials posted in Pakistan Missions abroad.

148. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 18-01-2012 at 09.10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent abroad on official visit from March 2008 to December, 2011 indicating also the purpose and duration of visit and expenditure incurred in each case?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a + b) During the period March 2008 to December 2011 a number of visits took place. The data is being collected in coordination with various Divisions of this Ministry. Since the information required is quite extensive as it includes names of the officers, purpose, duration of visits and expenditure incurred it will take some time.

It is therefore, requested that the question may be deferred to the next Senate session.

ISLAMABAD :
The 1st February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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