

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 9th February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(i) Question No. 10. : Set down for answering on 17th January,
2012.
(i i) Question Nos. 146 and 147 : Set down for
answering on 2nd February, 2012.

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.

146. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 16-01-2012 at 16:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of illegal Pakistani immigrants deported by different countries from March, 2008 to December, 2011?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: As per information collected so far the total number of illegal Pakistani immigrants deported by different countries is approximately 180817/-

147. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 18-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani immigrants detained in different countries at present; and

(b) the steps taken by the respective Pakistani Missions for their release / repatriation?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) As per information collected so far the total number of illegal Pakistani immigrants detained in different countries is approximately 7375.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government for the release of Pakistani prisoners abroad:—

- (i) Establishment of a special cell for Overseas Pakistanis in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to deal with issues/problems of Pakistani prisoners/detainees abroad.
- (ii) Consular access is available.
- (iii) Our Missions provide the services of interpreters, whenever required.
- (iv) Facilitate the deportation of detainees.
- (v) The Missions provide one way air tickets to the destitute Pakistanis, being deported/repatriated to Pakistan from out of Pakistan Community Welfare & Education Fund (PCW&EF).
- (vi) Maintaining contacts with the local authorities regarding detention/imprisonment of Pakistanis.
- (vii) Provision of facility of contacts to the prisoners and their visiting relatives.

174. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of visas issued to American citizens by the Pakistan Embassy / Missions on the recommendations of Security Agencies, President's and Prime Minister's Secretariats separately during the present regime?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The Embassy of Pakistan in Washington has issued 52,094 visas of different categories from 2008 to 2011. Out of which 13,159 visas were under the category of Diplomats/officials.

The Embassy of Pakistan in Washington issued 2,202 visas to US officials/diplomats after the receipt of approval from the office of Defense Advisor between 2009-2011.

175. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a separate Pakistani Consulate, for issuance of visas to American nationals has been established in Dubai, if so, the number of visas issued to Americans by that consulate during the last three years?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: Consulate General Pakistan in Dubai was established soon after the independence/creation of United Arab Emirates in 1971. The Consulate General was opened in view of friendly bilateral relations with the UAE Government as well as to meet the needs of a large number of Pakistanis working in Dubai. The Consulate General issues visas to all nationalities including Americans if they fulfill the criteria. No separate Consulate has been established for issuance of visa to American nationals.

176. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to maintain standard and quality of food grains being exported and imported; and*
- (b) *the nature of complaints received regarding export and import of substandard food grains during the last three years and the action taken thereon?*

Reply not received.

177. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Science and Technology, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporation 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?*

Mir. Changez Khan Jamali: (a) No case of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Science & Technology during the last three years.

There are **15** autonomous organizations under the administrative control of Ministry of Science & Technology. Out of which **04** organizations have furnished the following cases:—

Name of Organization	Details of Case
Pakistan council of Scientific and industrial Research.	i. Illegal appointments / promotions in PCSIR made by Mr. Khalid Islam, former Acting Chairman during his tenure.

ii. Embezzlements / misappropriations by Mr. Rasheed Ahmed, Project Director, of project namely "Upgradation and Modernization of Mechanical Workshop".

Centre for applied

A case of financial irregularities/ misappropriations of government funds was registered in FIA crime circle vide No. 225/10 dated 11-12-2010 by the Joint Secretary (Admin) Ministry of Science & Technology vide letter No. MoST/F&A/CONF/363/2010 dated 08-12-2010. However, Dr. Riazuddin, *Ex-Officio* Director CAMB sought a stay order against the FIA inquiry from Honorable Lahore High Court, Multan Bench Multan. Now the case is under trail in Lahore High Court, Lahore.

Name of Organization

Details of Case

Pakistan National Accreditation Council.

Mr. Shaukat Hussain, Ex-Director General was involved in Corruption/Misappropriation.

Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources

Mr. Abdul Rauf, Regional Director was involved in Corruption/ Misappropriation when he was posted in PCRWR as a Regional Director, Lahore on deputation basis.

(b) The names and designation of the persons involved in corruption and action taken against them are given below:—

Sr. No.

Name and Designation of Officer/Official involved in corruption

Action Taken

1 Mr. Khalid Islam, CSO, PCSIR, Islamabad

❖ An Inquiry was initiated against him by Engr. N. H Taqvi, Chairman, CWHR as per directives of the MoST/G.B of PCSIR.

❖ He was sent on forced leave for 04 months till 05-07-2010.

❖ Inquiry has been suspended on receipt of Order Sheet issued by Lahore High Court Rawalpindi

Bench vide dated
22-06-2010.

Now he is on deputation in Ministry of Industries and Production since 08-03-2011, *vide* Establishment Division Notification No.1/139/2010-E-6 dated 08-03-2011 *w.r.t* Ministry of Science & Technology O.M No. 2(47)/2009 PCSIR dated 03-02-2011.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation of Officer/Official involved in corruption	Action Taken
2.	Mr. Abdul Rasheed, PE, PCSIR, Islamabad	He has been arrested by FIA, and is still under their custody/investigations since last three years.
3.	Dr. Riazuddin, Ex-Office Director, CAMB, Lahore	He retired from service on 13-04-2004 but was appointed on contract basis. His contract ended on 10-06-2009 and was not extended further by Competent Authority.
4.	Mr. Shaukat Hussain, Ex-Director General, PNAC, Islamabad	<p>i. Since inception of PNAC, there has been surfaced only one case of Mr. Shoukat Hussain, <i>Ex-Director General</i>, PNAC who was proved to involved in the corruption. A case was lodged against him in the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCoP) by the MoST and an inquiry was conducted on the directives of the SCoP as per rules & procedure. The officer was dismissed from service by the Competent Authority (Prime Minister) on establishing guilty by the Inquiry officer.</p> <p>ii. Mr. Shaukat Hussain, <i>Ex-Director General</i>, PNAC was found guilty in corruption and he was dismissed from service by the Competent Authority <i>i.e.</i> Prime Minister of Pakistan on recommendation of the Inquiry Officer, designated by the Competent Authority under the directives of Supreme Court of Pakistan.</p>
5.	Mr. Abdul Rauf, Ex- Regional Director, PCRWR,	Mr. Abdul Rauf, from WAPDA remained on deputation to this council as Regional Director, PCRWR Regional Office, and Lahore <i>w.e.f.</i>

- Lahore 10-06-2001 to 29-08-2008. He was repatriated to his parent department on 29-08-2008. After his repatriation an inquiry was held against him and FIA lodged FIR against the Officer.
178. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy /missions in Norway; 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) Total number of 05 persons of this Ministry (Diplomatic Wing) are working in Embassy of Pakistan/Mission, Oslo, Norway.

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

179. ***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 whether it is a fact that FSP officers are entitled to get promotion to the next posts /grades and assume charge of new posts on the same station during their posting abroad while this facility is not available to the other officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs posted abroad, if so, the reasons for this disparity?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The officers as well as officials of the Ministry are entitled to get promotion to the next higher post/grade even when posted in Missions abroad. In case of officers, the actualization of promotion is subject to availability of posts in higher grade in Missions abroad. Even in case of the officers, it sometimes takes them years to actualize their promotion. For the officials posted in the Missions, the actualization of promotion is not possible due to the fact that each individual has different job description (*e.g.* Gardener, Security Guard, PA, Stenographer, Clerk etc) and also due to the fact that no higher grade posts for staff are available in the Missions to actualize their promotion. The posts of the staff in Missions always remain occupied. For example, if a UDC gets promoted to the rank of assistant, the post of assistant would already be occupied by a Pakistan based Assistant. Therefore, actualization of the promotion of the staff members only comes into effect upon joining the Headquarters, where posts in higher grade of their cadre are available.

ISLAMABAD :
The 8th February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.