

## 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*

**Friday, the 28th January, 2011**

1. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has decided to transfer the Ministries of Population Welfare, Youth Affairs, Special Initiatives, Local Government and Rural Development and Zakat and Ushr to the provinces, if so, the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which the said ministries will be completely transferred to the provinces?*

**Mian Raza Rabbani:** The functions of the Ministries of Population Welfare, Youth Affairs, Special Initiatives, Local Government and Rural Development and Zakat and Ushr, have been devolved to the Provinces. These five Ministries have ceased to exist *w.e.f.* 17th December 2010, as per Cabinet Division Notification No. 4-17/2010-Min-I dated 2nd December 2010 (Annex-I)

2. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the over draft taken by the Federal Government from each commercial bank from the financial year 2006-07, till now with year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the interest paid by the Federal Government on this account to each commercial bank?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Federal Government does not have any overdraft arrangement with commercial banks.

- (b) As above.

3. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of countries with which Pakistan has signed agreements for border and transit trade, and*
- (b) *the volume of the said trade with those countries during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The Ministry of Commerce negotiated and signed the Afghan Transit Trade Agreement (ATTA) in 1965. A revised Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA, 2010) has been signed on 28th October, 2010.

(b) The year-wise volume of the transit trade during the last five years under the ATTA is given below:

(In US million \$)

Year	Export	Import	Total
2006	80	460	540
2007	41	507	548
2008	76	775	851
2009	40	1033	1073
2010 (Jan-Sep)	24	818	842

4. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:00 a.m. )

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of complaints regarding export and import of substandard goods received during the last three years indicating also the action taken in each case?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** During last three years a total of 95 complaints were lodged by foreign buyers against Pakistani exporters alleging supply of substandard goods. The year wise break-up is as below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>No</i>
2008	29
2009	44
2010 (Till date)	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>

The detail of each case and the action taken thereon is at Annex-I.

No complaint has been received in the Ministry regarding import of substandard goods. It may be noticed that import of substandard goods is banned *vide* S. No 7, Appendix A of the Import Policy Order 2009 and in case of contravention the action is taken by the Custom Authorities.

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

5. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of subsidy / financial assistance provided to WAPDA during the last five years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the reasons for providing the said subsidy / assistance?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The year-wise break-up of the amount of subsidy provided to WAPDA/PEPCO during the last five years is given below:—

<u>FY</u>	<u>Rs.(in million)</u> <u>Amount of Subsidy</u>
2005-06	19,544.525
2006-07	41,933.820
2007-08	113,657.800
2008-09	90,453.953
2009-10	<u>146,589.881</u>
<b>Total :</b>	<b><u>412,179.979</u></b>

(b) The Federal Government is paying subsidies to WAPDA/PEPCO for picking up the difference between the tariff, determined by NEPRA and that notified by the Ministry of Water and Power.

6. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names, designation, BPS and place of domicile of officers in BPS-16 to 22 working in TCP Headquarters Karachi, indicating also duties assigned to each officer?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** The requisite is annexed at Flag-A

7. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of complaints received against the last Chairman of Trading Corporation of Pakistan and the action taken thereon; and*
- (b) *the names of the persons posted as Chairmen of the said Corporation during the last three years?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Only one complaint dated 31-03-2010 was received against the last Chairman (Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan) from TCP Employees Union, which was examined in the Ministry and found untenable.

(b) The following persons were posted as Chairmen in Trading Corporation of Pakistan during the last three years.

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>Name of Chairmen</u>	<u>Period</u>
1.	Mr. Abdul Malik	01-03-2007 to 20-08-2008
2.	Mr. Muhammad Saeed	20-08-2008 to 09-03-2009
3.	Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan	09-03-2009 to 24-03-2010
4.	Sheikh Anjurn Bashir	24-03-2010 to date

8. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in Customs Department during the last five years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of posts still lying vacant with province-wise and grade-wise break-up and the time by which these will be filled in?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) 63 persons were appointed through direct recruitment in BS 1-15 in Customs Department during the last five years as per break-up at Annex-A. Besides, 163 persons were appointed on contract in Customs Department under Assistance Package for Families of Government Employees who die in Service, for which no provincial/regional quota was required to be observed. The grade-, wise break-up of such contract appointments is at Annex-B.

(b) The requisite information is enclosed at Annex-C. Most of vacancies already advertised through press but recruitment process could not be completed due to flood situation in the country. The process of holding written test throughout the country is expected to be initiated in November-December, 2010.

9. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names of foreign and domestic financial institutions to which the Government had to pay debts as of October, 2008 indicating also the amount due to be paid to each institution; and*

(b) *the details of debts obtained by the Government since November, 2008?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The names of foreign financial institutions to which the Government had to pay debts as of October, 2008 and amount due (principal amount) to be paid to each institution is given below;

Creditors	Debt outstanding as on 31-10-2008 (\$ Million)
<b>(A) Multilateral</b>	<b>20,740</b>
ADB	10,111
IDA	8,714
<b>(B) Other</b>	<b>1,701</b>
EIB	68
IDB	176
IFAD	164
Nordic Development Fund	15
Nordic Investment Bank	10
OPEC Fund	23
IMF	1,245
<b>Total (A+B)</b>	<b>22,441</b>

Table outlining the names of domestic financial institutions and outstanding amounts as of October 31, 2008 is placed at **Annex-B**.

(b) Public and publicly Guaranteed External Debt outstanding as on 30.09.2010 amounted to \$ **53,770 million**, comprising \$ 43,982 million Medium and Long Term Loans, \$ **8,908 million** from IMF. Details are at **Annex-A**.

The Government of Pakistan obtained **Rs. 1,527 billion** from domestic sources since November 2008 till October 2010.

10. **\*Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Oureshi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of pay and pension committees and commissions constituted since 2004;*
- (b) *the names and designations of heads and members of each of the said committees and commissions indicating also the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits paid to them; and*
- (c) *the details of recommendations made by the said commissions and committees and the extent of their implementation?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Two Pay & Pension Committee/Commission have been constituted since 2004 *i.e.* Pay & Pension Committee— 2004 and Pay & Pension Commission — 2009.

(b) The names and designation of heads and members of Pay & Pension Committee — 2004 and Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 are at **Annex-I & II** respectively. No salary/ allowances were paid to the Committee/ Commission. However, traveling and boarding expenses were paid as and when the Chairman and private members attended the meetings of the Committee/Commission.

(c) (i) A copy of the Summary containing recommendations of the Pay & Pension Committee — 2004 is at **Annex-III**. The details of recommendations implemented by the Finance Division are available in Finance Division's O.M. No.F.1(1)Imp/ 2005 dated 1-7-2005 (**Annex-IV**).

(ii) A copy of the Summary containing recommendations of the Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 is at (**Annex-V**). As regards implementation of the Commission's report, the Finance Minister in his budget speech 2010-11 has *inter-alia* announced that recommendations of the Commission will be implemented in next three years. The Government has, however, with the approval of the Cabinet implemented recommendations of the Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 *vide* O.Ms. at Annex-**VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI**.

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

11. **\*Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the date on which the pay scales of Government Employees were revised last time;*
- (b) *the number of Government employees retired since the revision of the said pay scales;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the fixation of pension of the Government employees is made on the basis of their basic pay;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that due to non-revision of their basic pay scales the retiring employees are adversely affected; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the basic pay scales of the Government employees, if so, when?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The Pay Scales of Government employees were revised on 1.7.2008. However, *ad hoc* increases in pay and pension were provided to the Government employees on 1.7.2009 @ 20% BPS-1-16 and @ 15% BPS-17-22 and 1.7.2010 @ 50% in pay and 20% and 15% in pension.

(b) Since revision of 2008 Pay Scales, 21795 employees of the Federal Government have retired from service.

(c) Yes, the pension of the Government employees is calculated on the basis of last basic pay drawn.

(d) Yes, only if the *ad hoc* increases are not counted towards pension.

(e) The Finance Minister has, announced in his budget speech 2010-11 that recommendations of the Commission will be implemented in next three years.

12. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 14:10 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in CDA during the last five years with province-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

13. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of tax payers in the country at present with district wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether FBR issues any tax directory, if not, its reasons?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The total numbers of taxpayers in the country are 3,042,246 the district wise break up given in Annexure "A".

(b) Since particulars of the taxpayers cannot be made public under the prohibitive provision of section 216 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, therefore, there is no proposal to publish a Tax Directory.

14. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010 at 10:05 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to export sea food to European countries?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** European Union has stopped the import of sea food from Pakistan; it has delisted the companies exporting sea food from Pakistan to European Union (EU). The reason was that none of the Pakistani companies was meeting international standards for food security.

The process to improve fishery supply chain was started to make the exporting companies comply with international and European standards. The following steps were taken:

- Modernization of laboratory services of Marine Fisheries Department (MFD)
- MFD Microbiology and Chemical Labs have been accredited
- Improvement of fishing vessels/hygiene practices, improvement of landing/ auction sites, improvement of fish processing plants, strengthening of fishery products production chain supervision and harmonization of standards.
- More than two hundred fishermen's boats have been modified according to EU standards.
- Ministry of Livestock, the Ministry concerned informed that as a result of these measures 09 of the delisted units ready for inspection visits of EU Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) inspectors.

- Ministry of Commerce has been requesting the EU to send its inspectors to the units to check the level of compliance, so that exports of fisheries to EU can be resumed. The matter has been taken up in the Pak-EU Joint Commission, Pak-EU Summit and meetings with EU officials. However the subject visit is being repeatedly postponed due to security concerns. The Ministry is pursuing the matter.

15. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010 at 10:05 a.m.)

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

- the names of the countries to which textile and leather products are being exported; and*
- the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of said products?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Almost all the countries of the world except Israel are importing textile products from Pakistan and Pakistan exported leather products to the 56 countries. List of the countries is at (Annex-I) Major destinations of textile products are as under:—

U.S.A	SWEDEN	JAPAN
GERMANY	CANADA	MALAYSIA
U.K	SAUDI ARABIA	BENIN
BELGIUM	IRELAND	PORTUGAL
SPAIN	NORWAY	BRAZIL
FRANCE	AUSTRALIA	SOUTH AFRICA
ITALY	GREECE	KUWAIT
U.A.E	DENMARK	RUSSIAN
		FEDERATION
NETHERLANDS	POLAND	SRILANKA
TURKEY	FINLAND	CHINA
QATAR		

(b) The steps taken by the Government to enhance the export of fabric garments abroad are as follows:

#### I. **Textile Sector**

- Establishment of warehouses in major markets, requiring storing delivery.
- Initiatives for greater market access, developing and enlarging acceptability of Pakistani textiles and clothing in niche markets and diversification of exports to newer destinations.

- Initiatives to promote more effective holding of local and foreign exhibitions and meaningful participation
- Promotion of new investment and modernization of machinery.
- TDAP participated in 9 exhibitions of textiles & its products in 2009-2010 and 7 exhibitions in 2010-11.
- TDAP sent trade delegations to Russia, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in 2010
- CBI (Centre for the Promotion of Imports from developing Countries)-Netherlands in collaboration TDAP organized eight (8) workshops in Pakistan at Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad and Islamabad. The topics/program of the workshops/seminars focused on the following topics:—
  - i. Preparing for an effective participation in HeimTextile.
  - ii. Market Intelligence on Home Textile Market in the EU'
  - iii. Market Research on Garments Market in the EU
  - iv. Market Access Requirements in the for the Garment Sector'
- Expo Pakistan has become the largest international trade exhibition of Pakistan generating business worth millions of dollars in the country. 31 prominent exporters of Pakistan from textile sectors participated in Expo Pakistan 2010.

### **Market Access**

- The primary target of the textile policy 2009-14 will be to double the rate of value addition in textile chain from the present \$ 1 Billion per Million bales \$ 2 Billion per Million bales over the next five years.
- Government will be expending concerted efforts to secure due access for Pakistan in some of the key destination of our exports. Preferential access as well as FTAs in such markets will be the focus of such exports.

## **II. Leather Sector**

The following steps have been taken by Ministry of Commerce for revival of the leather industry under the Trade Policy Framework 2009-12:—

- Providing on the floor expert advisory / consultancy services to leather apparel manufacturers cum exporters.
- Matching grant to establish design studios or design centers in factories.

- Establishing R&D Centers in Karachi and Sialkot by Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association for providing research & development support to Leather Garments & Leather Goods Exporters.
- Installation of flaying machines at district level slaughter houses.
- Sharing 25% financial cost of setting up of design centers and labs in the individual tanneries.
- Providing matching grant for setting up of effluent treatment plants in individual tanneries.

16. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 06-12-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of traders sent abroad by the Government to participate in trade fairs during the last three years with province-wise break-up indicating also the expenditure incurred thereon?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** The year wise break up of exhibitions in which Trade Development Authority of Pakistan participated during the last 3 years is as under:—

Sr. No.	No. of Traders/	Year Incurred	Expenditure Exhibitions	No. of Exhibitors
1.	1162	July 2007- June 2008	Rs. 354.712 M	92
2.	1023	July 2008- June 2009	Rs. 352.9 M	73
3.	1100	July 2009- June 2010	Rs. 347.46 M	64

In the above exhibitions, TDAP selected exhibitors from all over Pakistan.

17. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 08-12-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the amount allocated to FATA under NFC Award 2010 and its utilization with head-wise and Agency wise break up?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The NFC is governed under Article 160 of the Constitution. The distribution of net divisible pool taxes between federation and the provinces is the mandate of NFC. FATA being a federal entity is financed through

federal budgetary allocations. As such NFC does not recommend any allocations of funds for FATA separately.

18. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 08-12-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the names and addresses of foreign funded NGO's working in FATA indicating their spheres of work?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Following six International Non-governmental Organizations, who have signed MOUs with EAD, are working in FATA. The sphere of work is given against the name of each INGO:—

<u>Name of the INGO</u>	<u>Field</u>
1. Save the Children (USA)	1. Child health, Women health
2. Qatar Charity	2. Health, Education, Livelihood, construction, Food Distribution
3. Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) (France)	3. Food Distribution
4. Academy for Educational Development (AED) (USA)	4. Upper FATA livelihood Development Programme (FATA-LDP)
5. Relief International (USA)	5. Food Distribution
6. Creative Associate International Inc. (USA)	6. Bajur + Upper and Lower Dhir, Mohamed Agency, Hangu, FR Kohat, Orakzai Agency.

19. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:*

*(a) the location of Ladies Industrial Homes established in the country under Staff Welfare Organization; and*

*(b) the monthly fee being charged from women for each course in those Industrial Homes?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Four Ladies Industrial Homes are rendering services in Islamabad at the following locations:—

1. Ladies Industrial Home No.1, F-6/4, Islamabad.
2. Ladies Industrial Home No.2, Aabpara, Islamabad.
3. Ladies Industrial Home No.3, G-9/2, Islamabad.
4. Ladies Industrial Home No.4, G-7/3, Islamabad.

### **LAHORE**

Three Ladies Industrial Homes are rendering services in Lahore at the following locations:

1. Ladies Industrial Home No.1, Pakistan Mint Colony, Lahore.
2. Ladies Industrial Home No.2, C.G.E. Colony, Wahadat Road, Lahore.
3. Ladies Industrial Home No.3, Wafaqi Colony, Lahore.

### **KARACHI**

Four Ladies Industrial Homes are rendering services in Karachi at the following locations:

1. Ladies Industrial Home , Jacob Lane, Karachi.
2. Ladies Industrial Home, Martin Road, Karachi.
3. Ladies Industrial Home, F.C. Area, Karachi.
4. Ladies Industrial Home, Pakistan Quarters, Karachi.

### **PESHAWAR**

Five Ladies Industrial Homes are rendering services in Peshawar at the following locations:

1. Ladies Industrial Home Near Audit Colony, Kohat Road, Peshawar.
2. Ladies Industrial Home, Civil Quarters, Peshawar.
3. Ladies Industrial Home, Pakistan Forest Institute Colony, Peshawar.
4. Ladies Industrial home, F.G. Colony, Hassan Garin, Shami Road, Peshawar.
5. Ladies Industrial Home, Hayatabad, Peshawar.

### **QUETTA**

One Ladies Industrial Home is rendering services in Quetta at the following location

1. Ladies Industrial Home, C.G.S. Colony, Satellite Town, Quetta.

(b) Category	Admission Fee in Rs.	Monthly Fee in Rs.
BPS 01 to 04	25/-	10/-
BPS 05 to 16	25/-	20/-
BPS 17 & above	25/-	30/-

20. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the educational qualifications, experience and date of appointment of Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan Niazi as Chairman National Insurance Company Limited indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him;*
- (b) *the number of complaints of corruption received against him and the present status of the investigation in those complaints; and*
- (c) *whether the said officer is still performing his duties?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan Niazi holds a bachelors degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, USA.

**Experience:**

- i. Business Analyst, NovaQuest Infosystems, Torrance, CA, (Oct 1998-Jul 1999)
- ii. Personal Banking Consultant, ABN AMRO Bank N.V, Lahore, Pakistan (Aug 1999-Dec 1999)
- iii. Business Development Manager, Citibank Inc. Islamabad Pakistan (Jan 2000-Jan 2001)
- iv. Senior Director, Standard Chartered Bank, Dubai, UAE, (Apr 2001-Oct 2008)
- v. Director, Team Head, Pakistan, Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore (Nov 2008-Feb 2009)

Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan Niazi was appointed as Chairman, NICL on 12th February, 2009 with the approval of Prime Minister.

Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan Niazi was granted MP-I scale with the approval of prime Minster. Details are at Annex-I.

(b) The alleged irregularities committed in four different transactions for purchase of land by the NICL in Lahore, Karachi and Dubai were initially reported by the Transparency International. The media highlighted it further through print and electronic means. Meanwhile, National Accountability Bureau as well as the concerned Standing Committees of the National Assembly and Senate also took cognizance of the matter. The Supreme Court of Pakistan also took *suo moto* notice of the alleged irregularities and passed an order on 12-10-2010 for registration of cases with the FIA. Accordingly the Agency has registered the cases and commenced its investigations.

(c) Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan Niazi was suspended from government service with effect from the date of his arrest *i.e.* 23-11-2010 and presently he is in the custody of the Federal Investigation Agency.

22. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 13-12-2010 at 09:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the number of meetings of State Bank of Pakistan and Federal Board of Revenue held with IMF since October, 2008 indicating also the venue, purpose and expenditure incurred in each case?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** State Bank of Pakistan and Federal Board of Revenue have attended the following meetings with the IMF Mission since October, 2008.

#### **State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)**

23. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 14-12-2010 at 11:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the net profit of Habib Bank Ltd. during the financial years 2000 to 2002?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Net profit of HBL during the Financial Years 2000 to 2002 was as under:—

#### *Profit after Tax*

2000	0.61 billion
2001	1.1 billion
2002	2.0 billion

25. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 15-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Commerce, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*
- (b) *the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, departments and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Yes.

(b) Mr. Raza Hussain S/o Hadi Bux Khushk, Stenotypist (BS-12), having Sindh (U) domicile and Mr. Muhammad Ali S/o Sirajuddin, Data Entry Operator (equivalent BS-7), having Punjab domicile have been appointed against 2% disabled quota during last two years.

(c) Nil

28. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 15-12-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the amount received by the government as income tax rebate from Habib Bank during the fiscal year 2005, and whether the said amount was returned to the bank by the government?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The HBL does not maintain its accounts on the fiscal year basis. It maintains its accounts on calendar year basis. It is, therefore, presumed that the information called for relates to the period 01-01-2005 to 31-12-2005 (Tax year 2006). No amount of Income Tax rebate was received from Habib Bank by the Government during the aforesaid period and resultantly no amount was returned to the Bank. The answer therefore, may please be treated as "nil".

29. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*

- (b) *the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, department and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same in?*

Reply not received.

30. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the salient functions of the National Documentation Centre, and*
- (b) *the number of persons working in the said centre with province-wise break-up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The salient functions of National Documentation Wing of the Cabinet Division (formerly National Documentation Centre) are as under:—

- (i) Acquisition and preservation of State documents like Treaties, Agreements with foreign countries, various constitutional instruments, etc., including original copies of all laws duly authenticated.
- (ii) Acquisition of record from abroad and local sources to build a repository of source material on British rule in India.
- (iii) Implementation of the programme of free exchange of selected records on microfilms between the Centre and the India Office Library & Records, London.
- (iv) Undertaking various research assignments and compilations of official record/documents.
- (v) Collection of sensitive and nationally important documents and records in original and on microfilm from various agencies and their due preservation.
- (vi) Preservation of Cabinet record and Ministerial Record on microfilm.
- (vii) Declassification of official record for public access.
- (viii) In-house printing of Cabinet Record.

- (ix) Printing of Year Book of the Cabinet Division.
- (x) To provide reprographic services to government departments/individual scholars, researchers and PhD & post doctoral students.

(Detail at Annex-A).

(b) At present 7 officers in BS-16 to 19 and 21 officials in BS 1 to 15 are working in National documentation Wing. The province-wise break up is given below: (Annex-B)

	<u>BPS 16 to 19</u>	<u>BPS 1 to 15</u>
Punjab :	5	16
KPK :	1	1
Sindh :	1	3
AJK :	—	1

(Detail at Annex-B)

31 . **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-12-2010 at 14:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 28 replied on 12th January, 2010 and state the time by which required information will be provided?*

Reply not received.

32. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 04-01-2011 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the prices of sugar as of 30-10-2007, 30-10-2008, 30-10-2009 and 30-10-2010;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the prices of sugar in international market decreased from 21.98 US Cent per Pound to 15.11 US Cent per Pound during the period from February to May, 2010; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that sugar was not imported during the said months, if so, its reasons?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) This concerns Ministry of Industries & Production.

(b) During the period from February to May 2010 the price of white sugar in international market decreased from **32.43 US Cent per pound** in Feb 2010 to **21.42 US Cent per pound** in May 2010. Price list is attached at Annex-A.

(c) It is not true. In fact a total quantity of 575,000 MT sugar was imported by TCP.

33. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 05-01-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the amount presently available in the account of Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Fund; and*
- (b) *the names of schemes and projects being funded from the said Funds indicating also the amount allocated for those schemes and projects during the period of present regime?*

**Minister Incharge of Establishment Division:** (a) Rs.20,572.408 million.

(b) (i) Monthly Benevolent Grant.	Rs. 2,130.415 million
(ii) Sum Assured on death during service.	Rs. 1,195.651 million
(iii) Payment of lump sum grant on invalid retirement.	Rs. 78.759 million
(iv) Farewell Grant.	Rs. 216.731 million
(v) Burial Charges.	Rs. 38.182 million
(vi) Educational Stipends.	Rs. 70.239 million
(vii) Marriage Grant.	Rs. <u>10.285 million</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>Rs. 3,740.262 million</u></b>

— The amount allocated for these schemes and projects during the period of present regime is Rs.3,740.262 million.

*Islamabad :*  
*The 27th January, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

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**“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND THEIR REPLY”**

**For Friday, the 28th January, 2011**

1 **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 23-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of complaints registered with CDA on the use of plots for purposes other than that for which the same were allotted during the last three years indicating also the details of action taken in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The report is at Annex -A"

2. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of plots allotted by CDA since 2009 with sector-wise break up;*
- (b) the names of persons / institutes to whom those plots were allotted; and (c) the procedure adopted for allotment of the said plots?*

Reply not received.

3. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 29-12-2010 at 12:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a documentary film on privatization process in Pakistan was prepared;*
- (b) if so, when was it made;*
- (c) the expenditure incurred on the preparation of the said film; and*
- (d) the extent to which objectives of the Privatization Commission were achieved through this film?*

**Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan:** (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

ISLAMABAD :  
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RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*