

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 4th May, 2011

9. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 08-04-2011 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to develop and implement energy efficiency standards for all appliances / machinery through PSQCA, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that PCSIR, Lahore has developed star rating for energy consumption, if so, its present status of implementation?*

Mir Changaz Khan Jamali: (a) PSQCA has developed energy efficiency standards for the following appliances/ machinery which are implemented under mandatory certification scheme of PSQCA:—

- (i) Compact fluorescent lamps (Energy Savers)
- (ii) Induction motors
- (iii) Geysers
- (iv) Ovens

Energy efficiency of standards have also been framed for the following appliances under the voluntary certification scheme

- (i) Washing Machines
- (ii) Room Air-conditioners
- (iii) Electric Iron

Standard for Refrigerator is under formulation.

(b) Natural Energy Conservation Centre (ENERCON) under Ministry of Environment is executing a UNDP/GEF funded project titled “**Barrier Removal to the Cost Effective Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Standards and Labeling**” called BRESL Project.

PCSIR is only extending its technical support to ENERCON for development and implementation of energy efficiency standards including Star Rating on the basis of energy consumption of appliances.

10. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 09-04-2011 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the criteria laid down for appointments against the posts in BPS-20 and 21 in the Federal Government hospitals?

Reply not received.

11. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 13:48 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in Sheikh Zaid Hospital, Quetta;*
 (b) *the number of vacant posts in the said hospital and the time by which the same will be filled in; and*
 (c) *the amount allocated and released to the said hospital during the last three fiscal, years with year-wise break up?*

Minister for Health:(a) At present total 556 persons are working in Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayyed (SKBZ), Federal Hospital, Quetta. Detail is at Annex-I.

(b) At present total 499 posts are lying vacant which will be filled on approval of revised PC-1 of the programme which is pending in Planning Commission. Detail of vacant posts is at Annex-I

(c) Detail of amount allocated and released for the hospital during last three fiscal years is as under:—

Rs. in Million

Year	Allocated amount	Released amount
2007-2008	155.00	108.75
2008-2009	100.00	87.099
2009-2010	.181.536	171.403

12. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria laid down for transfer of doctors from one department to other department in Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the authority which approves the said transfer?*

Minister for Health: It is stated that:—

(a) Doctors appointed as Specialists are transferred within the department of their specialty while doctors appointed as general duty medical officers are transferable to various departments as required.

(b) The authority is Ministry of Health, however, the Executive Director being authorized officer approves the transfer of general duty medical officers.

13. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications and experience of persons heading each department in Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad indicating also their seniority position in respective departments; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of these officers have been promoted and posted in present position by superseding some senior doctors, if so, the names of such heads and reasons for their out of turn promotion / posting?*

Minister for Health: It is stated that:—

(a) Details of department-wise Heads is at Annex-A.

(b) Dr. Pakiza Raza Hyder, Dental Surgeon (BS-19) at Sr. No. 2 has been posted as Head of Department on the basis of knowledge and interest in the administration matters. Further she can devote time for this purpose. Moreover, it is neither a promotion post nor any one has been superseded and has also no financial affect. It may also be added that Dr. Pakiza is a supervisor of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan for MCPS / House Job trainees, being holder of better clinical qualification. The officer at Sr. No. 1 does not hold that qualification.

14. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan Engineering Council does not recognize B. Tech Degree equivalent to Bachelor of Engineering, if so, its reasons?

Mir Changez Khan Jamali: 1. According to PEC Act 1978, the qualification B.Tech or B.T (Hons) is neither accredited nor included in the first Second Schedule of the Act, hence is not equivalent to Bachelor of Engineering.

2. PEC and HEC are of the considered view that the degree of B.Tech.(Hons) can't be declared of B.Sc. Engineering qualification, because:-

- a. Both Engineering and Technology program are distinct in nature and have separate academic objectives, curriculum/scheme of study. Technology program are more inclined towards hands-on-practice, required in industry for O&M / applied nature of work, and the Engineering Programs innovation and competency to solve day-to-day practical problems/issues etc.
- b. The definitions of the two streams are quite different as per national / international practices and hence can't be stated equivalent as per PEC Act. Further, internationally both streams are also registered in their own separate streams as 'Engineer' and 'Technologists'

17. * **Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present salary/ pay package of doctors working in PIMS and Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the salaries of doctors working in the said hospitals?*

Reply not received.

21. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-04-2011 at 12:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the criteria / mechanism devised for checking quality and standards of vehicles being manufactured by automobile companies in the country?

Mir Hazar Khan Bejarani: The national standards for vehicles except for motorcycles have not been developed by Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). The auto manufactures/ assemblers of Pakistan are operating under

franchise/ technical cooperation agreements with their foreign principals and as such are following standards prescribed and monitored by them.

22. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 15-04-2011 at 09: 15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of medicines in which Falcodine, Modine, Nacoadine and Morphine are used;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that these ingredients are being imported, if so, the names of countries from which are imported;*
- (c) the quantity of each of ingredients imported and expenditure incurred during the last five years with year-wise break up; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to produce these ingredients in the country, if so, its details?*

Minister for Health:(a) The names of the medicines in which Pholcodine, Codeine and Morphine are used, are given at Annex-I. However, no medicine with the name of Nacoadine is registered in Pakistan.

(b) These ingredients are imported from world wide sources, the detail of which are given at Annex-II.

(c) The quantity of each ingredient imported and expenditure incurred during last five years is placed at Annex-III.

(d) At present no proposal is under consideration for undertaking basic or semi-basic manufacturing of these drugs.

Annexure-I

NAMES OF MEDICINES IN WHICH PHOLCODINE IS USED

S.No	Name of the Medicine
1.	Allerplex Syrup
2.	Avanol Cough Syrup
3.	Babylix Linctus
4.	Baxcodine Syrup
5.	Chixicol Syrup
6.	Codohyst Syrup
7.	Cofban-P Syrup
8.	Cofcare Syrup

9. Combinol D Syrup
10. Combinol Junior Paed. Cough Syrup
11. Davedix Syrup
12. Davetics Cough Linctus

S. No	Name of the Medicines
13.	Dcocin Syrup
14.	Decorex Syrup
15.	Duplex CO Syrup
16.	Dycor Liquid
17.	Ephacol-C Cough Syrup
18.	Falco Syrup
19.	Folcozine Syrup
20.	Hizelix Syrup
21.	Hydryllin Day Syrup
22.	Hydryllin Night Syrup
23.	Ichunil D Syrup
24.	Ichunil HS Syrup
25.	Imtoodine Cough Syrup
26.	Infilix Syrup
27.	Liskoz Cough Syrup
28.	Nicor Liquid
29.	Pedelix Linctus
30.	Phalcodine Compound Cough Syrup
31.	Phensidyl-P Linctus
32.	Pholcodine Compound Cough Syrup
33.	Pholcodine Cough Syrup
34.	Pholtuss Syrup
35.	Remcodine Syrup
36.	Re nesid Syrup
37.	Rintal Syrup
38.	Sances Co Linctus Syrup
39.	Scot's Pholcodine Cough Syrup
40.	Seofex Syrup
41.	Sudomin Syrup
42.	.Syradoc Tablets
43.	TiKylix Linctus
44.	Traismine Syrup
45.	Velcodine Syrup
46.	Werrick's Cough Syrup

NAMES OF MEDICINES IN WHICH CODEINE IS USED

S.No.	Name of the Medicines
1.	Adadol Plus Tablets
2.	Alba Tablets
3.	Amsol-C Tablets
4.	Brucodin Tablets
5.	Brufen Plus Tablets
6.	Cecodin Tablets
7.	Codacet Tablets
8.	Codamin-P Tablets
9.	Codar Tablets
10.	Codogesic Tablets
11.	Codophose Tablets
12.	Codoprim Tablets
13.	Codoprin-C Tablets
14.	Codpan Tablets
15.	Coldapin Tablets
16.	Condacet Tablets
17.	Copamol Plus Tablets
18.	Copamol Tablets
19.	Co-Pedrol Forte Tablets
20.	Dancin Tablets
21.	Dekof Tablets
22.	Dermaan Tablets
23.	Eupyrin Tablets
24.	Febricod-15 Tablets
25.	Febricod-30 Tablets
26.	Febricod-C Tablets
27.	Femidol Plus Tablets
28.	Fevadine Tablets
29.	Frmidol Plus Tablets.
30.	Hycodine Tablets
31.	Napadoc Tablets
32.	Opagesic Tablets
33.	Paineze Tablets
34.	Panobam Tablets
35.	Paracod Tablets

S. No	Name of the Medicines
36.	Paradin Tablets
37.	Paragesic Tablets
38.	Paramal Tablets

39. Paramal-C Tablets
40. Parcofin Tablets
41. Synadoc Tablets
42. Tempol C Tablets
43. Tocor Forte Tablets
44. Unipar Tablets

NAMES OF MEDICINES IN WHICH MORPHINE IS USED

S. No	Name of the Medicines
1.	Amor Tablets
2.	Magnus MR 15 mg Capsules
3.	Magnus MR 30 mg Capsules
4.	Morfidol Injection
5.	Morfscot Injection
6.	Morphine Injection
7.	Morphine Tablets
8.	Qonza 30 mg Tablets.

Annexure-II

NAMES OF COUNTRIES FROM WHERE PHOLCODINE,
CODEINE AND MORPHINE ARE IMPORTED.

S. No	Name of the Countries
1.	Belgium
2.	Hungry
3.	France
4.	South Africa
5.	Slovak Republic

S. No	Name of the Countries
6.	Iran
7.	United Kingdom
8.	Switzerland
9.	Spain

25. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-04-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of pharmaceutical companies licences of which have been cancelled during the last two years indicating also the reasons for cancellation of their licences separately?

Minister for Health: Two drug manufacturing licenses were cancelled during the last two years, namely:—

- (i) **M/s Famous Pharma, Pak. Town, G.T. Road, Kamoki, District Gujranwala.**

Key reasons are:—

- The production was conducted under unhygienic conditions.
- The manufacturing without supervision of qualified personnel.
- Non compliance of good manufacturing practices as required under the Drugs Act, 1976.

- (ii) **M/s Kamtex Cotton Industries, 44-Km, Lahore G.T.Road, Kamoki District Gujranwala.**

Key reasons are:—

- The production was conducted under unhygienic conditions.
- The manufacturing without supervision of qualified personnel.
- Non compliance of good manufacturing practices as required under the Drugs Act, 1976.

26. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-04-2011 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to curb sale of substandard and spurious medicines in Pakistan during the last three years; and*
(b) *the number of cases registered regarding sale of spurious medicines and action taken thereon so far?*

Minister for Health: (a) The following steps have been taken to curb sale of substandard and spurious medicines in Pakistan:—

- i. The Drug Control Organization in Federal Ministry of Health has been strengthened by induction of more technical persons for improving its working.

- ii. inter provincial coordination has been strengthened for effective checking of drug quality at manufacturer and retailer levels. A number of Inter provincial meetings were held during past two years for this purpose.
- iii. The Drug Testing Laboratories have been strengthened in terms of equipments, trained manpower etc.,
- iv. Central Drug Laboratory Karachi has been accredited for compliance with the international standards by ISO 9001 (version 2008) and Total Quality Management (TQM).
- v. The technical officers in inspectorate/secretariat are being regularly trained locally and abroad to update their knowledge and skills.
- vi. Extensive surveys of pharmaceuticals units and markets are regularly carried out to ensure conformance of drug quality with specified standards.
- vii. Crackdown on illegal advertisements for drugs/cure of diseases is carried out regularly to protect the public.
- viii. inter Departmental coordination with Police/FIA has been improved to track down the culprits involved in manufacturer/sale of spurious/unregistered drugs.
- ix. The meetings of Regulatory Boards (Central Licensing Board & Drug Registration Board) which consider and decide the cases relating to drug quality are held more frequently to ensure prompt disposal.
- x. Drug Courts have been persuaded through Ministry of Law & Justice to expedite the disposal of cases of spurious drugs.

(b) during last three years 58 cases of spurious drugs were registered by Federal Inspector of Drugs. Detail of actions taken in these cases are as under:—

● Prosecution ordered	43
● Referred for re-investigation	02
● Cancellation of registration	01
● Cases under process	12

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