

## 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 29th March, 2011**

@125. \***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 10:30: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that international agencies directly provide assistance to semi-Government and private educational institutions in Pakistan, if so, the names and other details of such educational institutions to which the international agencies and organizations provided such assistance during the last three years ?*

Reply not received.

1. \***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:**(Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:53: p.m.)

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

- (a) the allocation of provincial / regional quota for appointments in BPS-1 to 22 in the Federal Government; and*
- (b) the number of officers in B-17 and above working in Federal Government at present with province-wise break up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Allocation of provincial regional quota for initial appointment is as under:—

Merit:	7.5%
Punjab:	50%
Sindh(R):	11.4%

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@Deferred from 2nd February, 2011 (68th Session)

Sindh(U):	7.6%
KPK:	11.5%
Balochistan:	6%
AJK:	2%
FATA/GB:	4%

10% quota for employment of women to all posts across the board in Federal Government Services including CSS to be filled by direct recruitment, in addition to their participation in the open merit.

Provincial / Regional Quota is applied on initial appointment in BS-17 only. However, posts in BS-18 to 22 are filled by promotion in Secretariat as well as in Office Management Groups and in this case, Provincial/ Regional Quota does not apply.

(b) Number of officers in BS-17 and above working in Federal Government at present with province wise breakup is as under:—

Province/Region	BS-17	BS-18	BS-19	BS-20	BS-21	BS-22	Total
	140	294	164	58	24	34	<b>714</b>
Sindh(R)	22	33	16	06	04	03	<b>84</b>
Sindh(U)	06	13	14	03	03	06	<b>45</b>
K.P.K	25	58	52	15	09	10	<b>169</b>
Balochistan	43	39	06	02	02	01	<b>93</b>
FATA/GB	04	15	09	03	-	02	<b>33</b>
AJK	06	12	09	01	-	-	<b>28</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1166</b>

Punjab

3. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:05: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the name, educational qualification, experience and place of domicile of the Commercial Attaché posted in Italy indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** Ministry of Commerce has one Trade Office in Italy. Following are the details:

1. **Name:** Vacant since 1st November 2010.

**Designation:** Commercial Counsellor (BS-19), Rome

**Salary:**

The salary and the allowances of Commercial Counsellor depend on his/her seniority. However, for a Counselor rank (Grade-19), pay and allowances are as following:

**Pay Scale:** Rs. 19,680-970-39080

**Allowances:**

**Foreign Allowances** (US\$ 2,899/- pm)

**Entertainment Allowance:** (US\$ 554/- pm)

**Medical** as per entitlement according to basic pay scale of the officer.

**Rental ceiling:** Euro 2400/- p.m.

**Education Subsidy** for children is 90% of total yearly fee.

4. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 14:17: p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount / value of currency notes printed during the years 2009 and 2010; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that inflation rate has increased due to printing of new currency notes, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** (a) The total amount of currency notes valuing Rs. 153.750 billion were printed during FY 2009-10.

(b) The issuing of currency notes results in increased currency in circulation and reduced financial intermediation. During FY11 so far, the currency in circulation has increased by Rs. 263 billion, showing a year-on-year growth of 19% as on 15th February 2011 from 30th June 2010. While, the currency to deposit ratio has increased to 33 as on 4th February 2011 from 29 at end-June 2010. The prime reason for this increase in currency in circulation is heavy government borrowings from SBP for budgetary support. Government borrowing from SBP essentially means creation of new money besides being inflationary.

An understanding between SBP and the government to restrict such borrowings at the end-September level of Rs. 1290 billion will help in restraining the printing of new notes and to reduce the currency in circulation.

5. **\*Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:**(Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 13:25: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that bank loans of residents of all the districts of Malakand Division except of Dir Lower and Dir Upper have been written off*

*on account of military operation and recent floods, if so, the reasons for not writing off the bank loans of people of upper and Lower Dir and the time by which the same will be written off?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** No. Out of seven districts of Malakand Division (Swat, Buner, Dir Upper, Dir lower, Shangla, Malakand and Chitral) bank loans of the residents of four districts *i.e.* Malakand, Swat, Buner and Chitral have been written off under the Prime Minister's fiscal relief package for KPK/FATA/PATA.

The relief package was extended to only four districts of Malakand Division in pursuance of the recommendations finalized after consultation with all stakeholders *i.e.* Government of KPK, Chamber of Commerce and Industries of KPK and State Bank of Pakistan.

6. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:25: p.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation and place of domicile of the officers in BS-16 and above in Customs Collectorate Karachi; and*
- (b) the details of cases of corruption surfaced against the said officers during the last five years and the action taken thereon?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** (a) Requisite information is attached (Annex-I).

(b) A statement showing details of cases of corruption during the last five years and action taken is at (Annex-II)

7. **\*Ms. Sabina Rauf:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:27: p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that training to women for making various products from industrial waste of marble has been started in Ladies Industrial Home, G-9, Islamabad; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to extend this training to other Ladies Industrial Homes in the country, if so, when?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division** (a) One such training programme for women was actually held for Marble Mosaic Training in Ladies Industrial Home, F-6/4, Islamabad *w.e.f.* 25-01-2009 for period of 03 months.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration in Staff Welfare Organization.  
8. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 10:11: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state.*

(a) *the details of subjects transferred / to be transferred to the provinces in pursuance of the 18th amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan; and*

(b) *the names of Ministries transferred / to be transferred to the provinces in pursuance of the said amendment and the time by which the process of transfer will be completed?*

**Mian Raza Rabbani:** (a) With the omission of the Concurrent Legislative List from the Constitution, the subjects mentioned in that list stand devolved to the Provinces barring those covered under Article 142 (b) or brought to the Federal Legislative List. The residual subjects and those not enumerated in the Federal Legislative List fall in the domain of the Provinces.

(b) Following five Ministries stand devolved:

- i. Ministry of Local Government & Rural Development.
- ii. Ministry of Special Initiatives.
- iii. Ministry of Youth Affairs.
- iv. Ministry of Zakat & Ushr.
- v. Ministry of Population Welfare.

Following five Ministries are under consideration for devolution in 2nd phase by end March / early April, 2011.

- i. Ministry of Education.
- ii. Ministry of Culture.

- iii. Ministry of Tourism.
- iv. Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education.
- v. Ministry of Livestock & Dairy Development.

In addition some functions of the following Ministries would also be devolved to the Provinces:—

- (1) Ministry of Finance.
- (2) Revenue Division.
- (3) Ministry of Ports and Shipping.
- (4) Ministry of Interior.
- (5) Ministry of Law Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.
- (6) Ministry of Communication.

A few other Ministries would also be devolved in the 3rd phase.

In terms of Clause 8 of Article 270AA of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the process of devolution is to be completed by 30th June, 2011.

9. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:33: a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether any survey / study has been conducted by the Government on standard quality of drinking water in the country, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for provision of clean drinking water to the citizens?*

Reply not received.

10. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:35: p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the members of Federal Board of Revenue indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** Requisite information is attached at **(Annex-I).**

11. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:**(Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:40: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 163 replied on 20th January, 2010 and state the amount disbursed to Peace Committees and Lashkars in FATA out of the amount provided by the Government to FATA Secretariat on 21st October, 2009, with agency-wise break-up?*

Reply not received.

12. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:40: a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme in FATA; and*
- (b) *whether Government is considering any special package under this programme for the people of FATA?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division** (a) The total number of beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Programme in FATA is 44,413.

(b) Scorecard survey in FATA will commence shortly, and will be completed within this financial year. All the initiatives taken under BISP will be extended to FATA as well. The initiatives are cash grants, Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgar, Waseela-e-Sehat and ERP (Emergency Relief to IDPs, Bomb Blast victims and Flood Relief).

13. **\*Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**(Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 10:30: a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of licences issued for installation of CNG stations in Karachi during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and addresses of the persons parties to whom the said licences were issued?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) No license has been issued for the installation of CNG stations in Karachi during the last three years.

(b) Nil

14. **\*Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 13:30: p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that bridge has not been constructed over nullah on link road between I-15 and I-16, Islamabad, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be constructed there?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The bridge could not be constructed due to financial crunch faced by CDA. However, now funds have been arranged and after due process, the tenders for the said bridge have been invited/opened and are under acceptance. The work is likely to commence within two weeks and its construction will be completed in Four (04) months time.

15. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 09: 12: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the details of complaints received against the officers working in Customs Intelligence during the last five years and the action taken against them?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** Requisite information is attached at Annex-I.

16. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 09:15: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of ships arrived in Pakistan carrying urea, sugar and wheat imported by TCP during the last three years with port wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** The number of ships arrived in Pakistan carrying Urea, sugar and Wheat imported by TCP during 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 (up to 3rd February 2011) is as under:—

Sr #	Commodity	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
1	Urea	1,002,200 MT 33 Vessels	1,412,533 MT 46 Vessels	393,127,162 MT 11 Vessels	395,541,895 MT 90 Vessels
2	Sugar	42,350 MT 2 Vessels	394,852 MT 12 Vessels	421,988 MT 22 Vessels	859,190 MT 36 Vessels
3	Wheat	2,635,000 MT 68 Vessels			2,635,000 MT 68 Vessels

Details showing the port-wise number of ships *vis-à-vis* quantity of imported Urea, Sugar, and Wheat are annexed:



17. **\*Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 10:22: a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of fines imposed on cell phone companies for providing sub-standard services during the last two years;*
- (b) whether any concession/subsidy has been provided to the subscribers of any of the said companies during the said period; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the services of those companies?*

Reply not received.

18. **\*Mr. Abbas Khan:**(Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 11:25: a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some of the officers in Pakistan Telecommunication Authority are being paid Rs.5000/- P.M as higher qualification allowance while other officials having the same qualifications are not being paid, if so, the reasons for this disparity;*
- (b) the criteria laid down for the payment of the said allowance; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant that allowance to other deserving officers?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) No, Rs.5000/- P.M. are being paid to all eligible employees as per criteria, without any disparity.

(b) A sum of Rs.5,000/- is being paid to all eligible employees on account of holding Master degree qualification in **relevant** disciplines as highlighted in **Annex-‘A’** including Chartered Accountant (CA), Certified Management Accountant (CMA), Associate Chartered Certified Accountant (CACCA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) Training, National Defence College (NDC) Training and Pakistan Staff Course (PSC).

The Qualification Incentive is admissible to all eligible employees since January 1, 2010 or from the date of passing the final examination in the relevant discipline, in line with the decision of Authority 11th February, 2008 under section 114 of PTA employees regulations 2008.

(c) This part of question relates to Finance Division, Finance Division has intimated that Government criteria for the qualification allowance is admissible:–

- (i) Ph. D degree holders in specified 13 disciplines of Natural Sciences (list **Annex- 'B'**) and are working in R&D Organizations, Universities/ Colleges and Science and Technology institutions /Centres.
- (ii) The employees holding Ph.D degrees in social science who are faculty members of the universities and college teachers.

**Annex-A**

**Relevant Degrees for the Grant of  
Qualification Allowance to PTA's Employees:**

Sr. No.	Qualification
1.	Ph. D in Telecom
2.	Ph. D (Mobile Communication Engineering)
3.	Ph. D (Economics)
4.	Ph. D (Finance)
5.	M. Phil (Economics)
6.	M. Phil (Mass Communication)
7.	MBA (Marketing)
8.	M. Sc. (Accounting & Finance)
9.	MBA (Int. Business Finance)
10.	M.Sc. (Management Engineering)
11.	M. Sc. (Communication Engineering)
12.	Masters in Infrastructure Planning
13.	MS (ADMIS)
14.	M. Sc. (Wireless Communication)
15.	M. Sc. (Mobile & Personal Communication)
16.	M. Sc. in Modern Digital & RF Wireless Communication
17.	M. Sc. in Communications Systems & Signal Processing
18.	MBA (Business Management)
19.	M. Sc. (Software Engineering)
20.	LLM (IT & Telecommunications Law)
21.	MBA (Executive) Relevant only if program is recognized by HEC (i.e. 2 Years Program)
22.	M. Sc. (Engineering Management)
23.	M. Sc. (International Relations)

24. LLM (Int'l Trade Law)
25. LLM (Inf. Technology & Telecom)
26. M. Sc. (Radio Communications)

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Sr. No.	Qualification
27.	M. Sc. (Mass Communications)
28.	M. Sc. ( E-Commerce)
29.	M. Sc. (Maths / Statistics)
30.	MBA (IT)
31.	MBA (HR)
32.	Chartered Accountant (CA)
33.	Associate Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA)
34.	Fellow Cost & Management Accountant (FCMA)
35.	Associate Cost & Management Accountant (ACMA)
36.	Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
37.	Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
38.	National Defense College (NDC) Training
39.	Pakistan Staff Course (PSC)
40.	National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA)

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19. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:**(Notice received on 14-02-2011 at 11:25: a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number and locations of the branches of HBL functioning in the country and abroad at the time of its privatization;*
- (b) *the value of the assets of the Bank in the country and abroad, separately, at the time of privatization; and*
- (c) *the percentage of the shares of the Bank sold on its privatization and those retained by the Government indicating also the price at which shares were sold?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) At the time of privatisation in Dec, 2003 the

HBL was maintaining a network of 1451 retail and 17 corporate branches in the country and 48 fully licensed branches abroad. The details of domestic and international branch network is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) According to the valuation submitted by the Financial Advisor, A. Ferguson & Co. 51% shares of HBL were valued at Rs. 22.143 billion. Whereby the assets in the country and abroad were valued at Rs. 17.492 billion and Rs. 4.651 billion respectively.

(c) 51% shares of HBL were sold to Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) at a price of Rs. 22.409 billion (Rs. 63.68 per share) against reference price of Rs. 62.924 Per share. The 49% shares were retained by the Government at the time of privatisation.

Further 7.5 % shares of HBL which work out be 51.75 Million shares were sold through Initial Public Offering (IPO) mode through stock market to general public at price of Rs. 235 per share. The total value of these shares were Rs. 12.161 Billion.

20. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 14-02-2011 at 11:35: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state the investment of Habib Bank Ltd. as of 26-04-2004?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** The relevant information is as follows.

**HABIB BANK LIMITED BALANCE SHEET, Dec. 31, 2004**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Rupees in ‘000</b>
Cash and balances with treasury banks	31,934,375
Balance with other banks	24,005,342
Lending to financial institutions	3,755,039
<b>Investments</b>	<b>130,709,196</b>
Advances	250,612,460
Other Assets	11,719,874
Operating fixed assets	10,949,060
Deferred tax asset-net	1,978,144
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>465,663,490</b>

**HABIB BANK LIMITED BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 2003**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Rupees in ‘000</b>
Cash and balances with treasury banks	27,604,149
Balance with other banks	13,616,553
Lending to financial institutions	22,595,488

Investments	153,783,990
Advances	178,917,261
Other Assets	11,427,132
Operating fixed assets	6,936,086
Deferred tax asset-net	3,224,049
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>418,104,708</b>

21. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 10:00: a.m.)

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

(a) *whether the report of the Prime Minister's Inquiry Commission on the collapse of Margalla Towers due to the earthquake of October, 2005 has been received by the Government, if so, when; and*

(b) *the action taken on that report?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The report of the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission on the Collapse of Margalla Tower due to the earthquake of October, 2005 has not yet been received.

(b) N.A.

22. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 10:40: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state the amount received by the Habib Bank Ltd. from Government under the head "downsizing of employees" during the process of its privatization?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** No amount was paid by Privatisation Commission on account of downsizing of employees to HBL during the process of privatisation.

23. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 11:00: a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of installments received so far against the privatization / sale of PTCL to MIS Etisalat indicating also the date on which last installment was received; and*

(b) *the amount paid by the said company so far and the amount outstanding against it indicating also the steps being taken by the Government to recover the remaining amount?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) 26% PTCL were sold to M/S Etisalat for US\$ 2,598,960,000. M/S Etisalat was to make 9 total installments bi-annually. Three (3) installments have been received so far while the last installment was received on 07/11/2007.

(b) PTCL was sold for US\$ 2,598,960,000.

The amount paid by the company so far is US\$ 1,799,653,313.31 and the outstanding is US\$ 799,306,686.62.

Etisalat International Pakistan (EIP), the purchaser of PTCL is delaying further payments on the ground that all properties in possession of PTCL are not transferred in PTCL name,. Privatisation commission is actively pursuing and facilitating the process by arranging meetings with concerned chief secretaries. /Members board of revenue. The Minister for Privatisation has also taken up the matter with H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan requesting him to help resolve the issues.

A ministerial committee has also been constituted by the Government for the resolution of the issue.

24. **\*Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 15-02-2011 at 11:00: a.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?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** A total of 2120 persons have been appointed in CDA during last five years. Province-wise and grade-wise detail of employees is at Annex-A.

25. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:30: a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of CNG stations in the country with province wise break up,.*

(b) *whether it is a fact that ban has been imposed on the installation of new CNG stations in the country, if so, the date on which the same was imposed; and*

(c) *whether any new stations have been installed in the country after the imposition of the said ban, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

26. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:35: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the name, educational qualification, experience and place of domicile of the Commercial Attache posted in UK indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** Ministry of Commerce has two Trade Offices in United Kingdom *i.e.* London and Manchester. Following are the details:

1. **Name:** Ms Saira Najeeb Ahmed

**Designation:** Commercial Counsellor (BS-19), London

**Educational Qualification:** B.A(Economics and English Literature)

**Experience:** Attached as (Annex-I)

**Place of Domicile:** Lahore, Punjab

**Salary:** Rs. 27,440/- p.m

Allowances: Foreign Allowances (US\$ 3100/- pm)

Entertainment Allowance: (US\$ 593/- pm)

Monthly rental ceiling: (Euro 1900/4- pm)

(The above salary and allowances are admissible to other officers of BS-19 posted in the High Commission of Pakistan, London)

2. **Name:** Mr. Muhammad Hamid Ali

**Designation:** Commercial Secretary (BS-18), Manchester

**Educational Qualification:** LL.M in International Studies, LL.B, B.A  
with English and Journalism.

**Experience:** Attached as (Annex-II)

**Place of Domicile:** Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab

**Salary:** Rs. 19,420/- pm

Allowances: Foreign Allowances (US \$2325/- pm)  
Entertainment Allowance: (US\$ 296/- pm)  
Monthly rental ceiling: (Euro 1500/- pm)

27. **\*Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:50: a.m.)

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

- (a) *the schedule prepared for holding meetings of National Finance Commission; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that during the last six months no meeting of the Commission was held, if so, its reasons?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** (a) No schedule has been prepared for the meetings of NFC.

(b) Yes. In view of the incomplete composition, the meetings of NFC could not be convened.

28. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:50: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to lay before both Houses of Parliament the implementation report of the National Finance Commission in terms of clause (3B) of Article 160 of the constitution?*

**Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh:** In pursuance of clause (3B) of Article 160, a meeting of the Finance Ministers of the Federal and Provincial Governments was convened on 7th March, 2011 in the Finance Division to monitor implementation of NFC Award. The report is being finalized. The report, after getting concurrence of the Finance Ministers, shall be laid before the Parliament.

29. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-02-2011 at 09:15 : a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the countries with which Pakistan has trade relations; and*
- (b) *the name of the said countries to which our exports are less than imports?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Pakistan has trade relations with 231 countries all over the world. The names of these countries alongwith the volume of trade for last two years is at Annexure-A.



(b) The number of such countries to which Pakistan's exports are less than its imports is 103. Names of these countries alongwith trade deficit for 2009-10 are at Annexure-B.

30. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-02-2011 at 09:15: a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of steps taken by the present Government to explore new international commercial and trade markets?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** One of the vital components of the Trade Policy of the Ministry of Commerce is trade diplomacy and exploring market access for our exports abroad. Apart from the traditional export markets for Pakistani goods, the Ministry of Commerce is also focusing on new markets in Eastern Europe, Africa and South America.

The Trade Development Authority Pakistan has undertaken various export promotional activities in the above mentioned markets during the previous and current year.

During the year 2009-10, TDAP participated in 65 International fairs/exhibitions abroad. Out of these, 11 exhibitions were in China/Hong Kong, 3 in Russia, 3 in Malaysia, 5 in Africa and 1 in South America. In addition, TDAP also organized a single country exhibition in Libya. TDAP also organized a Mango Show at Guangzhou, China in June 2010.

During the current financial year, TDAP is organizing/ participating in 87 international fairs/exhibitions around the world. Out of these 14 exhibitions are in China/Hong Kong, 5 in Russia, 1 in Poland, 1 in Malaysia, 9 in Africa and 2 in South America. TDAP is also planning to hold single country exhibitions in Russia and Chile during this financial year.

TDAP has also requested our missions in these markets to send buying delegations to Pakistan. Besides other promotional activities like visit of trade delegations, opening of offices abroad, warehousing scheme and product display in leading chain store are underway to get more access for our products in these markets and to increase their market shares.

31. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 28-02-2011 at 08:55: a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the per unit rates / tariff of electricity and natural gas at the time of taking over by the present regime and rates as of 30th January, 2011 indicating also the reasons for increase made in rates during the said period?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The notified rates of Natural Gas for various categories of gas consumers including domestic, industrial and commercial in the country at present and at the time of taking over by the present regime are given at **Annex-I & II respectively**. Notified tariff/rates in respect of natural gas prices for both the said periods in comparative form are also attached at Annex-III. Increase in prices made during the period had been necessitated by the uncontrollable factor of unprecedented increase of oil prices in the international market coupled with deteriorating Rupee v/s US\$ exchange rate.

2. Information on the existing per unit rates/ tariff of electricity relates to Ministry of Water and Power. The Ministry accepts to provide the requisite information in the next Rota day for Ministry of Water and Power.

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

32. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:**(Notice received on 8-03-2011 at 09:50 : a.m.)

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

*(a) the number of schemes proposed by the Senators belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province out of their development funds completed during the last three years with district-wise break up; and*

*(b) the number of incomplete schemes proposed by the said Senators and the time by which the same will be completed?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) During last three years, 1096 schemes were proposed by Senators belonging to KPK out of their development funds under PWP-I. Out of these, as reported by EA's, 218 schemes have so far been completed. District-wise break-up is at **Annex-I**.

(b) 878 schemes are at various stages of completion and as reported by executing agencies are expected to be completed shortly.

*Islamabad :  
The 28th March, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*