

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*

**Wednesday, the 29th September, 2010**

@9. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 16-08-2010 at 10:05 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of water filtration plants installed in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the financial year 2008-09; and*

(b) *number of plants to be installed in that province during the financial year 2010-11?*

**Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan:** (a) Forty three (43) water filtration plants were installed in the province of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa during the financial year 2008-09.

(b) Installation of (749) water filtration plants were expected in the province of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa during the financial year 2010-11, subject to availability of funds.

128. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 13-08-2010 at 09.40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the profit earned or loss sustained by Pakistan Utility Stores Corporation during the last two years with year-wise break up?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** The profit earned by the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as under:—

2007-08	2087.540 million
2008-09	452.050 million

129. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-08-2010 at 10.00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state.*

(a) *the names and location of agricultural research councils presently functioning in the country indicating also the funds allocated to each council during 2008-09; and*

(b) *the research work carried out by those councils during the last three years?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) is the apex body working at Federal Level in Agriculture Research. The detail of funds allocated during 2008-2009 are as under:—

(Rs. in million)

Sr. No.	Object	Funds allocated during 2008-09
1.	Current Expenditure	1079.254
2.	PSDP Expenditure	950.883
3.	ALP Expenditure	90.517
<b>Total Rs.</b>		<b>2120.654</b>

(b) Research work carried out by PARC during the last three years is placed at annexure-I.

130. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-08-2010 at 10.00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of foreign pharmaceutical companies selling medicines in Pakistan at present; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to get the prices of medicines of those companies reduced, if so, the details thereof?*

**Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din:** (a) 27 foreign pharmaceutical companies having Drugs Manufacturing License, are selling medicines in Pakistan at present.

(b) Government has constituted a Drugs Pricing Policy Board comprising experts from WHO, Ministries of Industries and Production, Commerce, Health, as well as representatives from the Pharmaceuticals Industry and Consumer Organizations. Based on wide consultations and empirical evidence, a drug pricing policy is under consideration for approval. Prices of drugs/medicines will be rationalized under the new policy.

131. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-08-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the number of complaints received recently regarding the sale of edible items of poor quality with less weight at the utility stores in the country and the action taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** (a) A total of nine complaints have been received with regard to quality and less weight of the edible items being sold at Utility Stores during the month of Ramzan.

(b) Necessary inquiries into the complaints have been ordered and disciplinary action as laid down in the Rules will be taken against the officers / officials responsible for those shortcomings.

132. \*Mst. Afia Zia: (Notice received on 18-08-2010 at 10:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of test machines in the laboratories of Federal Government Services Hospital and PIMS, Islamabad, which are presently out of order and the time by which the same will be got repaired?*

**Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din:** All the machines in laboratories of Federal government Polyclinic and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad are presently in order and are carrying out laboratory tests.

133. \*Mst. Afia Zia: (Notice received on 18-08-2010 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

*(a) the duty hours of senior and junior doctors working in the Federal Government Hospitals; and*

*(b) the estimated number of patients being examined by a Doctor in the OPDs of those hospitals?*

**Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din:** (a) The duty hours of senior & junior doctors nearly in all Federal Government hospitals are as under:—

Senior doctors	8.00 am to 2.00 pm (Remain on call round the clock)
Junior doctors	8.00 am to 2.00 pm (Remain on 24 hours duty on rotation basis)

(b) Approximately, a doctor examines 50 to 55 patients daily in respective OPD, in all Federal Government Hospitals except Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Karachi. Where this ratio exceeds 100 patients in its all OPDs.

134. \*Mst Afia Zia: (Notice received on 19-08-2010 at 10:12 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of nurses working in PIMS and Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad with gender-wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din:** The total number of nurses in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad and in Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad is 613 and 264 respectively. The gender-wise break-up of nurses in the two hospitals is as under:—

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
PIMS, Islamabad	68	545	<b>613</b>
FGSH, Islamabad.	23	241	<b>264</b>

135. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-08-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the acreage of barren land in the country with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to bring the said land under cultivation?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) The total acreage of the barren/culturable waste land in country is reported as 8.20 million hectares. The province wise breakup is as under:—

Punjab	1.56 million hectare
Sindh	1.42 million hectare
KPK	1.24 million hectare
Balochistan	<u>3.98 million hectare</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.20 million hectare</b>

(a) Ministry of Food and Agriculture launched a project for procurement of 300 bulldozers (200 for Balochistan and 100 for KPK) to bring 219,375 hectares of culturable waste land under cultivation. But due to financial constraints, the project could not be materialized.

136. **\*Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 30-08-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Industries and Production, its attached departments, corporations, and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** (a) The Ministry has filled its two posts Assistant Chief and Cost Accounts Officer through Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) since February, 2008. The appointment of Officers/Officials is placed at Annexure-I and II. The information in respect of attached Departments, Corporations and Subordinates Offices is being collected from concerned quarter and will be supplied shortly.

(b) All the appointments in main Ministry were made after fulfillment of codal formalities with the approval of Competent Authority as per policy of Establishment Division.

(c) Provincial quota is being observed strictly in all appointments in this Ministry.

137. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 31-08-2010 at 09.35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the Government for stabilization of prices of major food items in the country?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** Government of Pakistan has taken /being taken several steps to stabilize the prices of essential food items in the country, detail is given as under:—

- To stabilize the prices for relief of a common man, Ramazan package was arranged to supply the various food items to the consumers on cheaper rates through Utility Stores Corporation (USC).
- A considerable provision of wheat quantity arranged for flour mills on subsidized rates.
- Currently ban is imposed on export of wheat to ensure supply to the common man on affordable price.
- Allowed import of raw and refined sugar in private sector as well as TCP to check escalation of sugar price.
- Free movement of agriculture commodities including wheat has been allowed across Provincial Frontiers. A credit line was set up for private sector for building of storage and commodity procurement.
- Support price of wheat for 2008-09 crop was raised from Rs.625 to Rs.950 per 40 Kg which has resulted in record crop, easing the supply position of wheat in the country.
- As far as control over prices is concerned, it is the responsibility of the Provinces to have a check / watch over the prices situation through District Coordination Officers / City District Governments and Price Control Committees.
- All Provincial Governments were asked to make necessary arrangements to control the hoarding of food grains by the private agencies /traders. The Provinces in response took action against hoarding of wheat/ food grains through their respective law enforcing agencies.

138. **\*Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 01-09-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *the names, designation BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Livestock and Dairy Development, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case;*

- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointment; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

**Mir Hymayun Aziz Kurd:** (a, b & c) The requisite reply of part “a”, “b” and “c” is attached as annexure-I. The detail of total appointment made by the main Ministry as well as its attached Departments from 2008 to 2010 is as under:—

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

141. **\*Haji Muhammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 08-09-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Science and Technology, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the names of the appointing authority in each case;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

**Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati:** (a) Details enclosed in respect of:

1. Main Ministry (MoST)
2. Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (PCSIR)
3. Pakistan Council of Research & Water Resources (PCRWR)
4. Pakistan Council of Renewable Energies Technology (PCRET)
5. Pakistan Council of Science & Technology (PCST)/Pakistan Technology Board (PTB)
6. National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)
7. Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)
8. National Institute of Electronics (NIE)
9. Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA)
10. STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan
11. Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC)
12. Council for Works & Housing Research (CWHR)
13. Centre for Applied Molecular Biology (CAMB)
14. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT)
15. National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST)

(b) Yes

(c) Yes

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

142. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names, nationality and occupation of the foreigners who were issued Pakistani visas illegally / in violation of the prescribed procedure or policy by the Pakistan Consulate in UAE during the year 2008, 2009 and 2010 indicating also the purpose for which visa was issued in each case;*
- (b) the action taken against the officials found involved in the said illegal act; and*
- (c) whether the security agencies in the country conducted any inquiry or investigation to look into the activities of the said foreigners?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** (a) Pakistan Mission in Dubai has issued a total of 17928 visas during the period 2008 - 2010. As per instructions, the Mission always follows the prescribed procedure for the issuance of visas to foreigners. However, the Mission has been instructed to check the complete record for the last three years.

(b) No incident has been reported, therefore, no action has been taken against anyone.

(c) Ministry of Interior will be in knowledge of any inquiry or investigation conducted against any foreigner.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 28th September, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

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“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 29th September, 2010

12. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-09-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the amount allocated for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees in the country out of the current fiscal budget of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and its percentage of the total budget of the Ministry;*
- (b) *the amount received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose;*
- (c) *the schemes / projects launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry for the said purpose indicating also the amount allocated for each scheme / project; and*
- (d) *the details of the advertisements issued by the Ministry to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country indicating also the amount spent on each advertisement?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No.

13. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 15-09-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount allocated for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees in the country out of the current fiscal budget of the Ministry of Health and its percentage of the total budget of the Ministry;*
- (b) *the amount received by the Ministry from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose;*
- (c) *the schemes /projects launched or proposed to be launched by the Ministry for the said purpose indicating also the amount allocated for each scheme / project; and*



(d) *the details of the advertisements issued by the Ministry to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country indicating also the amount spent on each advertisement?*

**Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din:** (a) No amount has been earmarked for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees out of current year budet allocation of the Ministry of Health as the allocated budget of the Ministry is for specific purpose and only to meet the normal business of MoH.

(b) No amount has been received by the Ministry of Health from the Government and other national and international sources for the said purpose.

(c) No scheme/project has been launched/approved nor any proposed by the Ministry of Health for relief and rehabilitation of flood affacteess.

(d) No advertisements were released to electronic media. However, combined messages regarding preventive and control of Malaria, Diarrhea, Cholera, Hygienic environment, Measles and Polio diseases etc. were conveyed through print media. The expenditure of advertisement was incurred against current year budget allocation for the National Programmes as it is an approved activity of their PC-Is.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 28th September, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*