

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 30th September, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question No.24, 35, 40 and 56 were originally set down for answering on 22nd and 23rd September, 2010 respectively but were deferred)

24. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 06-08-2010 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons appointed in TCP during the last two years with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the quantity of sugar imported through Port Qasim, Karachi during the same period?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The total number of 167 persons were appointed in Trading Corporation of Pakistan during the past two years *i.e.* 2009-10. Province-wise break-up are given below:—

(b) Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) imported a total quantity of 341, 310 Metric Ton (MT) of sugar through Port Qasim, Karachi during the last two years. The year-wise breakup are as under:—

Name of Port 2009(MT)	Quantity arrived in 2010 (MT)	Quantity so far arrived (MT)	Total Quantity arrived	in
Port Bin Qasim	129.383	211.927	341.310	

More sugar is expected to arrive through Port Bin Qasim this year.

35. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-08-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import sugar and wheat through Gwadar Port, if so, its details?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: It is stated that Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) brings imported cargo through Gwadar Port on the decision taken by the Government. Currently, there are no directives for import of sugar and wheat through Gwadar Port. However, wheat was imported in 2008-09 through Gwadar. Port. Similarly, TCP imported a quantity of 707,984 Metric Ton of Urea imported for the Kharif Crop, this year, which was discharged at Gwadar Port.

40. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 24-08-2010 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Commerce, 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 appointments; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

56. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-08-2010 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state the details of financial assistance received from abroad and within the country in connection with earthquake of 2005 and the details of its utilization?

Reply not received.

145. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 13-08-2010 at 09:40 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 Utility Stores Corporation 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) An amount of Rs.10491.905 million as subsidy has been provided to the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) during the last five years as detailed below:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>(Rs. in million)</u>
2005-06	660.476
2006-07	470.590
2007-08	5260.839
2008-09	2700.000
2009-10	1400.000
Total:	10491.905

(b) The subject amount was provided to the USC to provide relief to the poor/low income groups by subsidizing the basic food items.

146. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the funds received from International donors countries for development schemes during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the details of the said funds utilized in FATA with scheme-wise and Agency-wise break-up?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The funds received (disbursed) from International donors countries for development schemes (**Project Aid**) amounted to \$ 2,792 million during the last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10).

(b) The details of said funds disbursed in FATA is as under:—

- i. An amount of \$ 159 million of foreign assistance was disbursed for different projects in FATA during the said period.
- ii. Project-wise detail is given at **Annex-A**.

147. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the import of vehicles is allowed, if so, the category / type of vehicles which can be imported; and*
- (b) *the number of vehicles imported during the last one years in the country with category-wise and province-wise break up?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) According to the current Import Policy Order, 2009-10, only new vehicles are allowed for commercial import. However, second hand/used vehicles not more than 3 years old can be imported under Personal Baggage, Gift and Transfer of Residence Schemes.

Passenger Cars, Buses, Vans, Trucks, Pick Ups including 4x4 vehicles can also be imported, under these schemes.

(b) The number of vehicles imported during the last one year in the country with category-wise break-up is as under:—

S. No.	Category	Quantity(No's) 2009-10
1.	Tractors and Prime Movers	20,113
2.	Buses	7,849
3.	Cars & Jeeps	6582
4.	Trucks/Dumpers	12,704
5.	Special Purpose Vehicle	5,392
	Total	52,640

Federal Board of Revenue/Federal Bureau of Statistic does not maintains province wise data of imported vehicles Provincial Excise & Taxation Department can furnish data only of those vehicles which are registered. Therefore, actual province wise data is not available.

148. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 16-08-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the members of Economic Coordination Council; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for appointment of the said members?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The names and place of domicile of the members of Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet are given at Annex-I.

(b) ECC of the Cabinet is constituted with the approval of the Prime Minister in accordance with rule 17(2) of the Rules of Business, 1973 (Annex-II).

Annex-II

RULES OF BUSINESS 1973

Rule 17(2) of the Rules of Business, 1973 provides that:—

“(2) Committees of the Cabinet may be constituted, and their terms of reference and membership laid down by the Cabinet or the Prime Minister. Such Committees may be

standing or special committees; accordingly as they are appointed to deal with a class of cases or a specific case”.

150. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-08-2010 at 09:15 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 PIA 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) (i) No subsidy was paid to Pakistan International Airline (PIA) during last five years.

(ii) Financial assistance in shape of Federal Misc. Investment and other loans and advances was provided to PIA as per following details during last five years.

GoP Equity to PIA

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount in Rs.</i>
2005-06	1,529,557,000
2006-07	1,405,957,009
2007-08	891,642,545
2008-09	933,592,000
2009-10	2,101,429,412
Total:	6,862,177,966

Other Loans & Advances

2008-09	2,000,000,000
2009-10	6,000,000,000

(b) The above financial assistance/loan was provided to PIAC to overcome their financial difficulties and to improve the working of PIAC.

152. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 23-08-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the value of Gurr, Cigarettes and Tobacco exported from Pakistan during the financial years 2007-08, 2008 -09 and 2009-10 with country-wise break up; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the government to enhance export of the said items?*

Reply not received.

153. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 30-08-2010 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of Family Welfare Centers in the country with district-wise break up;*

(b) *the details of facilities available in those Centers?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) There are 2853 Family Welfare Centers working throughout the country. The district-wise break-up of these Centers is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Following facilities are available at Family Welfare Centers:—

(i) Family Planning counseling and services for all methods except surgical methods like Contraceptive Surgery and Implants.

(ii) Antenatal and Postnatal check-up.

(iii) Management of General/ Common Ailments.

(iv) Maternal and Child Health Care.

(v) Counseling and referral for HIV/AIDS, Infertility, Cancer Breast & Cervix.

(vi) Post Abortion Care to avoid complications.

155. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 02-09-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Population Welfare, its attached departments and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name 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 appointment, if not, its reasons?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) The name, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Population Welfare, its attached departments and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case is attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) The aforesaid regular appointments in BS-16 and above have been made through FPSC and contract appointments have been made through-Departmental Selection Committee as notified by Establishment Division and according to procedure. Regarding BS-01 to BS-15 the procedure adopted for the said appointments after getting NOC from Establishment Division against the vacant posts. The vacancies as per provincial quota were advertised in national as well as local newspaper. The applications/documents/domiciles of the applicants were thoroughly scrutinized and eligible candidates were called for written test/Interview. Based on the scores in Test/Interview, the concerned Departmental Selection Committee recommended suitable candidates for appointment against the said posts.

(c) Yes, the provincial quota has been strictly adhered to while making appointments.

156. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 07-09-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Economic Affairs and Planning and 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 Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs Planning and 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 appointments; and*
- (c) *whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointment, if not, its reasons?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The name, designation, BPS date of appointment and place of domicile of the Finance Division, Planning and Development Division; Economic Affairs Division, Federal Board of Revenue and Statistics Division and their attached department and subordinate offices are at Annex-I, II, III, IV&V.

(b) The procedure adopted for the said appointment as per prescribed rules is as under:—

- i. The posts were advertised.
- ii. Test was held wherever required.
- iii. Interview was conducted wherever required.
- iv. The appointment were made on merit keeping in view the prescribed quota.

(c) Provincial quota as prescribed by the Government was strictly observed for making appointment to these posts except for the posts of Naib Qasid /Farash (BS-01) as these posts are filled locally.

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

157. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 16-09-2010 at 10:17 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation, length of service and place of domicile of the officers promoted from BPS-21 to 22 in September, 2010; and*
- (b) the names, designation, length of service and place of domicile of the officers superseded and the reasons for supersession in each case?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 29th September, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 30th September, 2010

@2. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 27-08-2010 at 10:20 a.m)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names, parentage designation, place of domicile, place of last posting and length of service of the employees of State Life Insurance Corporation removed/dismissed from service since 1999 indicating also the reasons for removal/dismissal in each case?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim:

14. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 16-09-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Population Welfare 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 Population Welfare 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?*

Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan: (a) There was no allocation of any budget for relief and rehabilitation of flood affectees out of current fiscal budget of Ministry of Population Welfare.

(b) An amount of Rs.0.319 million has been deducted form the salaries of employees which has been deposited in PM relief fund. An Amount of Rs. 5.779 million from United Nation Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) annual work plan 2010, already at the disposal of Ministry of Population Welfare (MoPW) was diverted with the concurrence of UNFPA out of which medicines & food nutrients of Rs. 0.866 million were distributed among the flood affectees of Nowshera through Mobile Service Unit camp of Population Welfare Department of Government of Khyber Pakhtoon Khowa (KPK). The balance amount of Rs. 4.913 million has been placed at the disposal of National Trust for Population Welfare for the relief of flood affectees.

(c) Ministry of Population Welfare has prepared a scheme amounting to Rs. 25.688 million for UNFPA assistance for relief activities in flood affected areas.

(d) MoPW has not issued any advertisement to print and electronic media in connection with the flood situation in the country and as such no amount has been spent for this purpose.

15. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 16-09-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development 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 Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development 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?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Information in this regard is placed at Annex-A.

(b) Information in this regard is placed at Annex-A&B.

(c) Ministry of Finance only provides funding for implementation of schemes/projects and does not launch such schemes/projects itself.

(d) Ministry of Finance has not issued any advertisement to print and electronic media in connection with flood situation in the country.

ISLAMABAD :
The 29th September, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.