

## 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 16th October, 2009**

#### DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Question Nos. 107, 110, 111, 113, 125, 127 and 129 were originally set down for answering on 8th October, 2009 but were deferred)*

107. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the main functions and responsibilities of the Pakistan Medical Research Council; and*
- (b) the salient achievements of the Council during the last three years?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) The main functions and responsibilities of PMRC as per Resolution 1985 Published in Gazette of Pakistan are as follows:—

#### **Functions:**

1. Organize, coordinate, promote and undertake scientific research in various disciplines of medical sciences and public health.
2. Establish its own institutions for undertaking medical research.
3. Ensure that medical research activity is linked with the national socioeconomic development plans.
4. Publish and disseminate technical and general information on scientific matters relating to the research work of the Council.
5. Establish scientific liaison with other national and international organizations connected with the scientific activities of the Council.
6. Advise the Federal and Provincial Governments on all matters related to medical research
7. Carry out, when called upon, evaluation of different health programme in the country.

#### **Salient achievements of PMRC during last three years:**

1. National survey on prevalence of Hepatitis B & C in general population of Pakistan.
  2. Institutionalization of health systems research (HSR) Establishment of HSR centers and development of field experimental areas.
  3. Hospital based rotavirus gastroenteritis surveillance.
  4. Rational use of antimicrobial agents Pakistan strategies for containment of antimicrobial resistance.
  5. Development and printing of guidelines for snakebite management in Pakistan.
  6. Collaborated for the development of guidelines for human rabies in Pakistan.
  7. Development of draft career structure for health professional.
  8. 165 projects funded during last three years.
  9. Regularly publishing Pakistan Journal of medical research.
110. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 13:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of companies which were awarded contracts for supply of medicines to the Federal Government Hospitals in the country during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the names of the said companies black listed due to supply of substandard and spurious medicines?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhri:** (a) The names of companies/firms who were awarded contracts for supply of medicine by the Federal Government Hospitals are enclosed as follows:—

Name of Institutions	Year	
FGSH, Islamabad	2007-08	Annex – I
PIMS, Islamabad	2008-09	Annex – II
NIRM, Islamabad	2007-08	Annex – I
JPMC, Karachi	2008-09	Annex – II
NICVD, Karachi	2007-08	Annex – I
	2008-09	Annex – II

(b) No company/firm was black listed by any of the above mentioned institutions.

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

111. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry during the last one year with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) List showing the names of employees, designation and place of domicile is **Annex-A**.

111. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) List showing the names of employees, designation and place of domicile is **Annex-A**.

125. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 10-09-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of cases registered for smoking at public places in the country since January, 2008; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to control smoking at public places and the results achieved so far?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) Islamabad Police has submitted 46 challans in courts which are subjudice. Since the cases are registered by local authorities all over the country, information is not available at the federal level.

(b) The government has taken following steps to control smoking in the public places:—

(1) Establishment of independent Tobacco Control Cell for the implementation of “Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health Ordinance 2002” and “Framework Convention on Tobacco Control”.

(2) Withdrawal of S.R.O No.956(I)/2008 which allowed Designated Smoking Areas resulting in 100% smoke free indoor public places.

(3) Continuous Health Education campaigns using all communication channels.

- (4) Revitalization of Provincial and District Implementation Committees formed under the directives of the Supreme Court.
- (5) The Ministry of Health is not the only organization to ensure that public places are smoke free. All the head of the organizations have been declared authorized persons under Section 4 of the ordinance.
- (6) The Ministry of Health has delegated its powers for the implementation of the Ordinance to the Provinces and the ICT.

The results achieved so far are as under:

- (1) A culture of no smoking has been created.
- (2) Smoking in public transport has declined considerably. Pakistan Railways has taken special measures to stop smoking the trains.
- (3) Some of the institutions have declared themselves smoke free *e.g.* PIMS, JPMC, FGSH etc.
- (4) Designated smoking areas in public places have been prohibited.
- (5) All the federal government educational institutions have been declared smoke free.
- (6) Some of the universities and medical colleges have declared themselves smoke free.

127. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-09-2009 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and other details of the companies to whom permission has been granted for import and distribution of medicines in the country during the last two years;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for the quality control of medicines; and*
- (c) *the action taken by the Government against the companies for supplying substandard and spurious medicines during the said period?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) The names of the companies to whom permission for import of medicines was granted during the last two years may be seen at Annex A & B.

(b) The major steps taken by the Government to improve quality of drugs manufactured in Pakistan includes:—

- (i) A comprehensive legislation in the form of Drugs Act 1976 is in operation which covers all the vital aspects including detail Good Manufacturing Practices

guidelines on all important drug manufacturing aspects like manufacturing site, its layout, processing, quality control, documentation etc.

- (ii) Drugs manufacturing sites and authorizations for sale of individual drugs are approved by Central Licensing & Drug Registration Boards respectively after ensuring availability of appropriate manufacturing facilities and scrutiny of the safety, efficacy and quality aspects.
  - (iii) The Federal Inspector of Drugs posted throughout the country closely monitor the manufacturing the sites. Random sampling of drugs for test/analysis is also done to assess the quality.
  - (iv) Seven drug testing laboratories in Federal & Provincial Governments for test/analysis of drug samples picked by the Drug Inspectors throughout the country.
  - (v) The Provincial Drug Inspectors also monitors the quality of drug through regular market surveillance which includes random sampling for test/analysis and evaluation of storage conditions of drugs to ensure their quality.
  - (vi) The Central Licensing Board, Drug Registration Board, Provincial Quality Control Board and the Drug Courts established under Drug Act 1976 take up the cases of violations including those related to drug quality and awards appropriate punishment to those found guilty.
- (c) During the last two years, following actions were taken against the companies for supplying Substandard and Spurious medicines.

Action taken	Nos.
Drug Registration Cancelled	3
Drug Registration Suspended	10
Drug Manufacturing Licence Suspended	1
GMP Inspections conducted	25
FIR lodged	28
Prosecutions lodged	23
Accused against whom prosecutions were lodged	165
Warning	34
Recall/destruction	5

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129. **\*Mr. Sardar Ali Khan:** (Notice received on 17-09-2009 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of ultrasound and CT scan machines in PIMS hospital Islamabad and the number of those in working conditions; and*
- (b) *the average number of tests being conducted on each of the said machines daily?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) There are 23 ultrasound and 03 CT Scan machines available in PIMS, Islamabad.

19 ultrasound and 03 CT Scan machines are in working conditions.

(b) 18 average number of ultrasound tests and 21 average number of CT Scan tests are being conducted on each machine daily in PIMS, Islamabad.

201. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-08-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and locations of Federal Government Hospitals in the country; and*
- (b) *the value of medicines provided by each of the said hospitals to the patients during the last two years?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) Names and locations of Federal Government Hospitals, under the Ministry of Health, in the country are given below:—

- (i) Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Karachi.
- (ii) National Institute of Child Health, Karachi.
- (iii) Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad.
- (iv) Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad.
- (v) National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Karachi.
- (vi) TB Centre, Asghar Mall, Rawalpindi.
- (vii) Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayyed Hospital, Quetta.

(b) The value of medicines provided by above hospitals in the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as under:—

Name of Institutions	Expenditure during 2007-08 (Rupees in million )	Expenditure during 2008-09 (Rupees in million)
JPMC, Karachi	132.912	145.000
NICH, Karachi	236.899	9.209
PIMS, Islamabad	104.744	84.939

FGSH, Islamabad	274.688	260.544
NICVD Karachi	454.445	55.334
TB Centre, Rwp.	15.824	20.013
Sheikh K.B.Z. Hospital, Quetta	9.429	9.998
<b>G. Total.</b>	<b>1228.941</b>	<b>585.037</b>

202. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 05-08-2009 at 10:00 a.m)

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

- (a) *the number of scholarships and training courses in health offered by the International Health Agencies during the last three years;*
- (b) *the names and place of domicile of the doctors sent abroad on the said scholarships and training courses; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for selection of the said doctors?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) International Health Agencies did not offer any scholarships for long duration study abroad during last three years. However, they offered fellowships for short trainings abroad during this period (Annexure-I).

(b) The Economic Affairs Division is responsible for scholarships/trainings abroad. They seek nominations from provincial Governments directly. Ministry of Health seeks nominations from federal health institutions, which do not make a distinction of domicile. List of the doctors sent abroad in at Annexure-II.

(c) The offers of training courses are circulated to the relevant National Program Managers and Federal Health Institutions for nominations of relevant candidates, Subsequently, Ministry of Health nominates suitable official (s) in the light of criteria laid down by the sponsoring organizations/agencies. The Secretary Health is competent for nomination of training abroad upto BPS-20. For the officers BPS-21 and above, Minister for Health is the approving authority.

203. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-08-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the assistance provided by WHO and UNICEF in health sector during the last three years and the details of its utilization?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** (a) The financial assistance provided by WHO & UNICEF respectively during the last three years is as follows:

#### WHO

Period	Budget (Million US\$)
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2006	41.67
2007	41.67
2008	43.92

**UNICEF**

Period	Budget (Million US\$)	
	Regular Budget	Other Sources
2006	3.98	12.0
2007	4.03	12.0
2008	4.03	12.0

Details of the utilization on financial assistance provided by WHO and UNICEF are at Annexure-A&B respectively.

204. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 08-09-2009 at 11:15 a.m)

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

(a) *the annual demand and production of sugar in the country; and*

(b) *the number of sugar mills in the country indicating also the annual production of the said sugar mills separately? .*

**Mian Manzoor Ahmed Wattoo:** (a) The annual demand is around 4.20 million tons or 0.350 million tons per month and production has been 3.19 million tons during 2008-09.

(b) The total number of sugar mills functioning in the country at present (Province wise) alongwith the total production capacity of those Mills is as under:—

**FUNCTIONAL SUGAR MILLS**

<u>Province</u>	<u>Sugar Mills</u>
Punjab	45
Sindh	31
NWFP	07
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Total Crushing Capacity per day</b>	<b>600,000 tons</b>

*Source.*—Pakistan Sugar Mills Association.

Mills wise production capacity is at Annex.

206. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 12-09-2009 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of utility stores in the country with province wise and district wise break up;
- (b) the number of persons appointed in the said stores during the last three years with province wise break up; and
- (c) the number of posts presently lying vacant in those stores; and
- (d) the number of persons belonging to Balochistan working in those stores with district wise break up?

**Mian Manzoor Ahmed Wattoo:** (a) The province wise detail of the stores is given below:—

Name of Province	No. of Stores
Punjab	3196
Sindh	907
N.W.F.P	1126
Balochistan	267
Azad Kashmir	108
Northern Area	96
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5700</b>

and District wise details is at “Annex-A”.

(b) 11,673 persons have been appointed in the USC during the last three years. The province-wise detail is given below:—

Name of Province	Total
Punjab	6401
Sindh	2219
N.W.F.P	2369
Balochistan	684
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11673</b>

(c) Presently no post is lying vacant in those stores.

(d) The number of persons belonging to Balochistan working in those stores with district wise break up is at Annexure “B”.

**Annex-A**

UTILITY STORES CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN  
HEAD OFFICE, ISLAMABAD

LIST OF DISTRICT WISE NO. OF UTILITY STORES

S.No.	Name of District	Number of Stores
1	Abbottabad	62
2	Attock	90
3	Badin	30
4	Tharparkur	32
5	Thatta	37
6	Bannu	43
7	Karak	23
8	Lukki Marwat	25
9	Bahawalpur	123
10	Lodhran	62
11	Bahawalnagar	130
12	Chakwal	77
13	Dadu	55
14	Jamshoru	34
15	D.G Khan	65
16	Rajon Pur	37
17	D.I Khan	84
18	Bhakkar	40
19	Tank	14
20	Faisalabad	144
21	Nankana Sahib	31
22	Gawadar	07
23	Ketch	06
24	Turbat	02
25	Gilgit	42
26	Diamer	08
27	Baltistan	19
28	Ghizer	15

S.No.	Name of District	Number of Stores
29	Ghanche	12
30	Astore	05
31	Khaplre	03
32	Ghotki	48
33	Gujranwala	115
34	Hafizabad	24
35	Gujrat	133
36	Bimber	15
37	Haripur	65
38	Hyderabad	50
39	Tando Mohammad Khan	13
40	Mityari	12
41	Islamabad	60
42	Rawalpindi	144

43	Kotli (A.K)	04
44	Shikarpur	49
45	Jacobabad	26
46	Kanch Kote	27
47	Jhang	100
48	T.T Singh	67
49	Jhelum	79
50	Mirpur (A.K)	10
51	Karachi	155
52	Khushab	55
53	Khuzdar	22
54	Lusbella	08
55	Kallat	04
56	Awuran	02
57	Punjgoor	02
58	Kohat	83
59	Lahore	124
60	Kasur	47
61	Larkana	49
62	Kamber	29
63	Layya	76
64	Loralai	38
65	Qilla Saif Ullah	08
66	Kullo	05
67	Barkhan	09

S.No.	Name of District	Number of Stores
68	Mura Khel	04
69	Zhob	10
70	Ziarat	05
71	Mandi Bahauddin	78
72	Mansehra	82
73	Battagram	31
74	Kohistan	08
Shangla	24	
76	Mardan	65
77	Nowshera	23
78	Mianwali	110
79	Mirpur Khas	42
80	Tando Allah Yar	19
81	Umer Kot	25
82	Multan	119
83	Muzaffar Ghar	68
84	Khaniwal	46
85	Muzaffarabad	46
86	Bagh	19
87	Neelum	10
88	Pouch	16
89	Nawab Shah	35

90	Shoro Feroz	32
91	Sangar	40
92	Okara	126
93	Noshki	15
94	Pishin	08
95	Qilla Abdullah	05
96	Peshawar	146
97	Nowshera	26
98	Charsada	35
99	Quetta	82
100	Mastoong	08
101	Rahim Yar Khan	134
102	Sahiwal	110
103	Pak Pattan	28
104	Sargodha	152
105	Sheikhupura	73
106	Sialkot	69

S.No.	Name of District	Number of Stores
107	Narowal	28
108	Sibi	16
109	Bollan	06
110	Jaffarabad	32
111	K. K. Magsi	01
112	Naseerabad	11
113	Kharan	03
114	Sukkur	32
115	Khairpur	65
116	Sawabi	58
117	Bunir	18
118	Dir Lower	26
119	Dir Upper	28
120	Chitral	23
121	Begon Agency	01
122	Swat	112
123	T.T Singh	46
124	Vehari	99

**Total:-5700**

**Annexure-B**

DISTRICT WISE DETAIL OF PERSONS BELONGING  
TO BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE

S. No.	District	Total
1	Quetta	167

2	Mastong	16
3	Sibi	54
4	Bolan	16
5	Naseerabad	19
6	Jaffarabad	42
7	Jhal Magsi	4
8	Lorali	55
9	Ziarat	10
10	Harnai	3
11	Bar Khan	5

S. No.	District	Total
12	Kholo	7
13	Mosa Khel	3
14	Qila Saifullah	22
15	Zhob	26
16	Khuzdar	38
17	Qalat	5
18	Panjugur	3
19	Awaran	2
20	Lasbala	10
21	Noshki	41
22	Chaghi	20
23	Kharan	13
24	Pishin	48
25	Qila Abdullah	22
26	Kachlok	5
27	Gwadar	28
<b>Total</b>		<b>684</b>

207. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons presently working in Pakistan embassies / missions in Muscat, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UK, USA and France with province-wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** At present 75 officers are working in the Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Missions in Muscat, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UK, USA and France. Their grade-wise and province-wise break up is as follows:—

OFFICERS

208. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 9 replied on 6th March, 2009 and state the time by which 200 bulldozers will be provided to the Government of Balochistan?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** 200 Bulldozers to the Government of Balochistan will be provided within 490 days after provision of required funds are made available by the Finance Division.

209. **\*Mr. Afrasiab Khattak:** (Notice received on 24-09-2009 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the present status of the Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI);*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the previous contractors of the said project have been changed, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the names of the previous and present contractors of that project?*

**Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan:** (a) The project, Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI), was initiated in 2004-06. According to the approved PC-I, 406 water filtration plants were to be installed one in each tehsil. Provinces/Regions wise detail is as follow:—

Province / Region	Total Plants	Operational Plants
PUNJAB	116	114
BALUCHISTAN	102	76
SINDH	101	56
NWFP	53	25
AJK	19	15
NAs	6	—
FATA	8	—
ICT	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>287</b>

(b) It is to clarify that Pak-EPA Ministry of Environment selected two firms *i.e.* M/s. So-Safe and M/s. Rain Drop for the installation of 406 water filtration plants through out the country under the CDWI. No contractor has been changed.

(c) There has been no change of the contractors. The contractors for CDWI project are:—

- (i) M/s. So-Safe

(ii) M/s. Rain Drop

210. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-09-2009 at 12:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state the number of water filtration plants installed in the country during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-2009 indicating also the expenditure incurred thereon?*

**Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan:** The detail of water filtration plants installed under CDWA programme is as follows:—

**Plants Installed**

Provinces/Regions	2007-08	2008-09	Total	Expenditure
Punjab	Contract signed on 30th June, 2009. The firms are being mobilized and 1st plant will be installed on 30th October,2009			Installation yet be started
Sindh	65	120	185	Rs. 324 million
NWFP	70	194	264	Rs. 554 million
Balochistan	60	249	309	Rs. 541 million
FATA	1	0	1	Rs. 2.1 million
NAs	3	20	23	Rs. 48 million
AJK	Contract signed on 30th June, 2009. The firms are being mobilized and 1st plant will be installed on 30th October,2009			Installation yet be started
Islamabad	Contract signed on 30th June, 2009. The firms are being mobilized and 1st plant will be installed on 30th October.2009			Installation yet be started
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>Rs. 1,469.10 million</b>

211. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-09-2009 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the government to provide clean drinking water to the general public?*

**Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan:** Ministry of Environment initiated a programme for provision of Clean Drinking Water to the masses. The phase-I titled Clean Drinking Water Initiative (CDWI) was approved in 2004-05. The Project envisaged installation of water filtration plants one in each Tehsil across the country. Under this project 406 plants have been installed. The Province/Region wise detail is as under:—

Province/Region	Plants Installed
PUNJAB	116

BALUCHISTAN	102
SINDH	101
NWFP	53
AJK	19
NAs	6
FATA	8
ICT	1
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TOTAL	406
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After realizing the benefits of phase-I programme, the federal government took another imitative and launched a mega project titled as Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA). The project aims to install 6,626 water filtration plants, one in each union council, throughout the country. The Province / Region wise detail of plants to be installed is as under:—

Province/Region	No. of Plants Installed
PUNJAB	3,494
BALUCHISTAN	575
SINDH	1,129
NWFP	1,000
AJK	232
NAs	115
FATA	68
ICT	13
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TOTAL	6,626
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The implementation status of the project in the Province / Region is as under:—

Province / Region	Plants Installed
SINDH	185
NWFP	264
BALUCHISTAN	309
FATA	1
NAs	23
PUNJAB	Contract signed on 30th June, 2009.
AJK	The firms are being mobilized and
ICT	1st plant will be installed on 30th October, 2009
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TOTAL	782
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212. **\*Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 30-09-2009)

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

- (a) *the percentage of population below poverty line since June, 2005, with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the percentage of population below poverty line in June, 2008 have not been released by the Planning Commission despite its approval by the World Bank, if so, its reasons?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) Poverty estimates with year-wise break up is given below:—

**Count (% below the Poverty Line)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Urban</i>	<i>Rural</i>	<i>Pakistan</i>
*2004-05	14.9	28.1	23.9
*2005-06	13.1	27.0	22.3

2006-07 No survey was conducted.

\*(Source: Pakistan Economic Survey 2008-09, Islamabad).

(b) This is not the fact. Also, Government of Pakistan does not require approval of the World Bank to release poverty numbers. A Rapid Survey reflecting the large changes in food and energy prices impacting on living standards of people since 2007 will be carried out. Results of the poverty analysis would accordingly be shared.

213. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 01-10-2009 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control Malaria disease in the country during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhri:** The steps taken by the Government to control Malaria disease in the country during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as under:—

2007-08	2008-09
➤ Preparation of Plan & guidelines.	➤ Preparation of Plan & guidelines.
➤ Mass media campaign for creating awareness.	➤ Mass media campaign for creating awareness.
➤ Capacity building of District & Provincial Malaria Control Programmes.	➤ Capacity building of District & Provincial Malaria Control Programmes.
➤ Logistic support to Provinces.	➤ Logistic support to Provinces.

(Details enclosed)

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*Islamabad :*  
*The 15th October, 2009.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

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