

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 2nd November, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 42 and 44 were originally set down for answering on 16th September, 2011 (73rd Session) but were deferred)

42. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 02-08-2011 at 12:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) the educational qualifications prescribed for the post of Technical Advisor in the Ministry of Science and Technology; and*
- (b) the names and educational qualifications of the persons who have been appointed /posted against the said post during the last 10 years?*

Mir Changez Khan Jamali: (a) and (b) There is no post of Technical Adviser in Ministry of Science and Technology.

44. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 03-08-2011 at 12:25 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of persons in BPS-17 and above working in Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR);*
- (b) the names of the said persons whose degrees have been verified in pursuance of the Establishment Division's letter No. 6(28)/2011-DG-II, dated 8th March, 2011; and*
- (c) the names of the said persons whose degrees have not been verified so far and its reasons?*

Mir Changez Khan Jamali: (a) 735 employees, BPS-17 and above are working in Pakistan Council of Scientific and industrial Research (PCSIR).

(b) The Director Generals / Directors of all the units/ Laboratories of Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) have obtained verification of 625

Pakistani degrees from the concerned Universities in pursuance of Establishment Division's letter No. 6(28)/2011-DG-II dated 8-3-2011 (Annex-A).

(c) 11 Officers of Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) have obtained foreign degrees/diplomas which are under process with Higher Education Commission (HEC) (Annex-B). The remaining 99 Pakistani degrees are also in process for verification from local universities (Annex-C).

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

69. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-09-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of private persons working as agents of State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan;*
- (b) *the rate at which the commission is being paid to those agents; and*
- (c) *the amount paid to those persons as commission during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

Makhdoom Amin Faheem:

(a)	No. of SRs	No. of Sos	No. of SMs
	119,673	13,046	4,784

Details at Annex-I

(b)	Description	STANDARD	ACTUAL	REASON FOR DIFFERENCE
	Commission on First Year Premium	72%	68.9%	Some agents do not qualify for all commission benefits
	Commission on Second Year Premium	20.5%	17.6%	achievement of targets
	Commission on Renewal Year Premium	6.50%	4.4%	

(Figures in millions)

(c)	Description	2006 Rs.	2007 Rs.	2008 Rs.	2009 Rs.	2010 Rs.

Commission on First Year Premium	2,284	2,653	3,583	4,987	6,659
Commission on Second Year Premium	477	494	577	784	1,098
Commission on Renewal Year Premium	233	364	451	564	715
TOTAL	2,995	3,510	4,611	6,335	8,472

(Rs. In millions)

Dividend Year	Total Profit	Less: Tax	Less: Converted to paid up capital	Less: Share of BESOS	Net Dividend paid to GoP
2006	308.736	26.000	—	—	282.736
2007	340.520	110.000	—	—	230.520
2008	446.216	150.000	200.000	—	96.216
2009	495.769	177.000	—	—	318.769
2010	610.877	204.000	—	48.825	358.052

Details at Annex-II

(Grand Total 63,140,484)

Details at Annex-III

70. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-09-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and China during the fiscal year 2010-2011; and*

(b) *the number of items imported by Pakistan from China during the said period?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The volume of the trade between Pakistan and China during the fiscal year (July-April, 2010-11) is as follows:—

	<u>US \$ "000"</u>
• Imports	4,739,181
• Export	1,383,217
• Total:-	6,122,398

(b) The detail of items imported by Pakistan is **Annex-I**.

71. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister, for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the volume of export of ready-made garments during the last three years; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to increase this export?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The volume of exports of ready-made garments during the last three years is as follows:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Volume (dozens)</u>
2008-09	28643
2009-10	27661
2010-11	35949

(b) The following steps are being taken to increase the export of ready-made garments and other textile products:

- Initiatives for greater market access through local and foreign exhibitions and meaningful- participation of national and international buyers and sellers. In this regard:—
 - TDAP participated in 11 international exhibitions of textiles and its products till September 2011 and has planned to participate in 12 more international exhibitions in the succeeding months.
 - TDAP organized 06 Pakistani Trade Delegations to Tajikistan, China, Malaysia and Indonesia till September, 2011.
- Skill development plan to increase the supply of efficient human resource to improve compatibility with the new technology. In this regard:—
 - TDAP holds periodically awareness workshops and training programs.
 - TDAP in collaboration with CPI (Center for Promotion of Imports), Netherlands, organizes workshops at Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad and Islamabad, every year. The objective of these workshops is to create awareness on market intelligence and research on home-textile and garment market in EU.

- Focus on exploring the feasibility of Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) and Foreign Trade Agreements (FTAs) to enhance the exports of garment sector. Following FTAs are under process:—

- FTA with Singapore
- PTA with Indonesia
- Joint study for FTA with Brunei

72. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-09-2011 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of Agro products and its percentage to the total export of the country during the last five years with year-wise break up?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: The total amount of foreign exchange earned from export of Agro products and its percentage to the total exports of the country during the last five years with year-wise break up is as under:--

Value in billion US \$

Year	Foreign Exchange earned	Percentage share in total exports
2006-07	2.1	12.5
2007-08	3.0	15.7
2008-09	3.2	18.2
2009-10	3.6	18.6
2010-11	4.9	19.9

73. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount presently invested by State Life Insurance Corporation indicating also the details of investment; and*

(b) *the amount being received as profit / mark up on that investment?*

Reply not received.

74. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the profit earned by State Life Insurance Corporation during the last five years and the details of its utilization?

Reply not received

75. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the value of pesticides imported during the last three years indicating also the names of countries from which the same were imported; and*
- (b) *the names of crops on which the said pesticides were used?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) A total amount of Rs. 28.4 billion was incurred on import of pesticide during the last three years. Details are as under:—

YEAR	QUANTITY IN MT	VALUE IN MILLION RUPEES
2008	39186	6940
2009	40643	7648
2010	73632	13855
Total	153461	28443

More than 80% pesticides have been imported from China, Australia, USA, Germany, U.K, Switzerland and India.

(b) These pesticides were mainly used on cotton, rice, wheat, sugarcane, maize, vegetables and orchards etc.

76. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 08-10-2011 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Women Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the country; and*

Source: Department of Plant Protection.

(b) the grants given to these chambers by the Prime Minister / Federal Government during the last three years?

Reply not received.

*ISLAMABAD :
The 1st November, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.