

**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 8th May, 2012**

36. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-03-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the stock of fertilizers is not enough to meet the demand, if so, the steps taken to procure more stocks; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government for equitable distribution of fertilizers in the country?*

**Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi:** (a) (i) The urea demand of the country for Kharif 2012 as determined in consultation with all the stake holders has been 3.2 million tons, whereas the supply position is as under:

Opening Inventory	0.851 million tons
+Production	2.70 million tons
+ Imports proposed	<u>0.60 million tons</u>
Total:	<u>4.151 million tons</u>

This will result in an expected ending inventory of urea equal to 0.951 million tons, which shows that urea availability situation in the country is satisfactory for Kharif 2012. The imports of 0.6 million tons have been proposed to cater for unforeseen gas cuts and consequent shortages.

(ii) DAP requirement is estimated to be 0.62 million tons for Kharif 2012 which is to be met as under:

Opening Inventory	0.119 million tons
+Production	0.361 million tons
+ Imports	<u>0.300 million tons</u>
Total	: <u>0.780 million tons</u>

DAP imports are undertaken by private sector which are being conducted smoothly according to the requirements of the country. It is expected that there would be a surplus of 0.160 million tons at the end of Kharif 2012 Season.

(b) Distribution of domestically produced fertilizer is monitored by provincial govts. The federal govt monitors distribution of only the imported urea. Following steps have been taken for equitable distribution of imported urea:—

NFML, under Ministry of Industries, supplies Imported UREA to all provinces according to their consumption share. NFML distributes UREA through dealership network consisting of 3000 dealert across the country @ Rs.1300/- per 50 Kg bag till 09-02-2012 which has now been increased by Rs.300/- per 50 Kg bag by the ECC. Whereas UREA prices by private manufacturers are Rs.1795/- per 50 Kg bag which is still higher than Imported UREA price supplied by NFML. Further to ensure delivery of UREA at farmers door step, NFML has increased :dealership network from 916 to 3000 and enhanced Store network from 29 to 36 in the country.

37. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 15-03-2012 at 09:25 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Commerce and its attached departments since 15th March, 2008, with grade-wise and province-wise breakup; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for the said appointments?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The details regarding appointments in the Ministry of Commerce and the only attached department Directorate General of Trade Organization (DGTO) since 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 with grade-wise breakup is as under:—

**Ministry of Commerce**

Sr. No.	Designation	Grade	TotalNo. of Posts	Province-wise detail of posts
1.	Stenographer	BS-16	02	Punjab - 01 KPK - 01
2.	Assistant	BS-14	02	Punjab - 01 KPK - 01
3.	Stenotypist	BS-14	07	Punjab - 02 Sindh (R) - 02 Balochistan- 02

				Islamabad- 01
4.	UDC	BS-09	04	Punjab - 03 Islamabad- 01
5.	LDC	BS-07	03	Punjab - 03
6.	Driver	BS-04	07	Punjab - 03 Islamabad- 02 Sindh (U)- 01 KPK-01
7.	Naib Qasid	BS-01	10	Locally recruited
8.	Regular Farash	BS-01	01	Locally recruited

**Director General of Trade Organization (DGTO)**

Sr. No.	Designation	Grade	TotalNo. of Posts	Province-wise detail of posts
1.	Stenographer	BS-16	03	Punjab - 01 Sindh (R) - 01 KPK - 01
2.	Assistant	BS-14	08	Merit - 01 Punjab - 04 Sindh (R) - 01 Sindh (U) - 01 KPK - 01

Sr. No.	Designation	Grade	TotalNo. of Posts	Province-wise detail of posts
3.	Stenotypist	BS-14	05	Merit - 01 Punjab - 02 Sindh (R) - 01 KPK - 01
4.	Record Keeper	BS-11	01	Punjab - 01
5.	Date Entry Operator	Market based salary	05	Merit - 01 Punjab - 02 Sindh (R) - 01 KPK - 01
6.	LDC	BS-07	03	Punjab - 01 Sindh - 01 KPK - 01
7.	Dispatch Rider	BS-04	01	Punjab - 01
8.	Driver	BS-04	04	Merit - 01

				Punjab - 02 Sindh (R) - 01
9.	DMO	BS-04	01	Punjab - 01
10.	Naib Qasid	BS-01	10	Locally recruited - 10
11.	Chowkidar	BS-01	01	Locally recruited - 01
12.	Mali	BS-01	01	Locally recruited - 01

(b) The appointments of officials /staff were made in the Ministry of Commerce and its attached department (DGTO) after approval of the Departmental Selection Committee (DSC).

38. \* **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 15-03-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some special concessions have been extended to KESC after its privatization, if so, the details and justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to streamline the affairs of KESC, as per terms and conditions upon which it was privatized?*

**Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Maher:** (a) The privatisation of KESC took place in November 2005. Subsequently, Ministry of Water and Power signed an Amendment Agreement with KESC on April 13, 2009. Therefore, the Ministry of Water and Power would be in a position to answer the question regarding special concessions extended to KESC after privatisation.

(b) This does not fall under the purview of Privatisation Commission. The relevant ministry to answer the question is Ministry of Water & Power. The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) as regulator can also provide details of steps taken to stream line the affairs of KESC as per terms and conditions upon which it was privatised.

39. \***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 16-03-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of steel items produced by Pakistan Steel Mills; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to overcome losses of the mills?*

**Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema:** Details of steel items produced by Pakistan Steel Mills are as under:

(Qty. in Tonnes)

Products	2010-11	2011 2012(July Feb)
Pig Iron	432,746	175,169
Raw Steel	396,104	148,549
Cast Billets	3,943	1,403
Rolled Billets	–	–
HRCoils/sheets Plates	357,398	132,571
CR Coils/Sheets Plates	87,884	20,349
Galvanized Sheets/Coils	2,806	–

**(b) STEPS TAKEN TO CONTROL LOSSES**

Following steps have been taken to control the losses.

**(I) Management Reforms:**

- Board of Directors of PSM has been reconstituted by placing Professionals from private and public sectors.
- The position of Chairman BOD and CEO PSM has been segregated strictly in accordance with Companies Ordinance 1984.
- Frequency of Board meetings has been increased. Four sub-committees of the Board have been constituted for establishing objectivity and effectiveness of the Board. Management Executive Committee headed by the CEO and comprising of heads of key functions is holding weekly meetings with proper agenda.

**(II) Financial Steps:**

- Business Plan for revival of the mills which has been approved by the Govt.
- The Govt. has approved Rs. 6 billion as immediate relief to PSM which has been utilized for purchase of raw material during Jan-March 2012.
- Efforts are under way to implement business plan in totality to sustain the revival process.

**(III) Operations improvements:**

- Steps are being taken to restore raw material supply chain and emphasis is on use of more quantities of indigenous raw material like iron ore in the PSM.
- Emphasis on production and sale of value added products with better product mix.

(IV) **Other Steps:**

- Steps are being taken for expansion of PSM up to 1.5 million tons, per annum (MTPY) production in 1st phase and to 3.0 MTPY in 2nd phase.

40. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 16-03-2012 at 09.35 a.m.)

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

- the details of the industries given export freight subsidy; and*
- whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide subsidy to the remaining industries also?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Cabinet Division under Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2009-12 approved following types of freight subsidies:—

- Inland freight subsidy for the exporters of cement, light engineering, leather garments, furniture, soda ash, hydrogen peroxide, caustic soda, sanitary wares including tiles, finished marble/granite/onyx products.
- Freight subsidy at 25% on air shipments of live seafood products.
- Support on export of processed food by reimbursing R&D cost at 6% of the exports.

Detail is as under:—

**Inland Freight Subsidy:**—The scheme was offered to cement sector at 35% and other sectors at 50% of inland cost of the exports made through land route between March 23, 2010 to June, 2010. However, the claims have not been settled due to financial constraints.

**Freight Subsidy on Live seafood:**—The initiative was offered to all by air shipments of live seafood from 1st September, 2009. An amount of Rs. 510.249 million has been disbursed to the exporters under this scheme.

**Support on export of processed food:**—The subsidy was for all the shipments of Processed food from 1st August, 2009. However, the claims are pending for settlement due to financial constraints.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of Ministry of Commerce.

41. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-03-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy / mission in China; and*  
 (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of those employees, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) *There are five Pakistani Missions presently operating in China, and these are (i) Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing and four Consulate Generals operating under Pakistan Embassy Beijing which are (ii) Shanghai, (iii) Chengdu, (iv) Guangzhou and (V) Hong Kong The total number of Pak-based employees of this Ministry (Diplomatic wing) working in the above mentioned five Missions are as under:—*

S.No	Mission	No. of Persons
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, Beijing	19
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Shanghai	2
3.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Chengdu	4
4.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Guangzhou	4
5.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Hong Kong	3
Total:		32

(b) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration concerning reduction of these employees as the Missions have already bare Minimum strength.

42. **\* Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-03- 2012 at 15: 00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Commerce, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Directorate General of Trade Organization, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Pakistan Institute of Trade & Development, Pakistan Re-Insurance Company Limited have intimated NIL report in the matter.

Whereas, the details of corruption cases in Ministry of Commerce, Trading Corporation of Pakistan, Pakistan Tobacco Board, National Tariff Commission, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan and National Insurance Company Limited and are as under:

#### **MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

One corruption case regarding issuance of fake letters/certificates is pending against Mr. Noor Hassan, Assistant, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad. Ms. Azra Jamali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce has been nominated as Inquiry Officer in the case. The official is suspended from his duties.

#### **TRADING CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN**

The FIA has been investigating corruption cases in Wheat Operation 2008-09 and lodged FIR against the officers accused. The details may be seen at **Annex-I.**

#### **PAKISTAN TOBACCO BOARD**

An amount of Rs. 9.097 Million was embezzled during the year 2006, 2007 and 2008, which was detected in November, 2008. The case was reported to NAB on 15-12-2008 and presently under trial in the NAB Court Peshawar. The details of the case may be seen at **Annex-II.**

#### **NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION**

Brief facts of the case is that during audit of the National Tariff Commission's account for F.Y. 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and F.Y. 2008-09 by the Office of Director General Federal Audit, Islamabad, embezzlement of Rs. 22.5 Million through forgery and criminal mal-practices in the Finance and Accounts Section of the Commission was detected. The details of the cases may be seen at **Annex-III.**

#### **STATE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN**



- The cases of fraud/corruption/misappropriation finalized are twenty-one (21).
- Cases under process are five (5).

#### **NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

- Total number of cases for fraudulent property purchase/ investment were five (5)
- Audit paras on corruption, misappropriation since 2009 were thirty-three (33).

(b) The names and designations of the persons involved in corruption cases are as under:

#### **MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

Mr. Noor Hassan, Assistant, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad was found involved in the corruption case regarding issuance of fake letter/certificate. Ms. Azra Jamali, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce has been nominated as Inquiry Officer in the case. The official is suspended from his duties.

#### **TRADING CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN**

FIR against the following officers of TCP, allegedly involved in corruption, have been lodged by FIA investigating the cases:

- i. Mr. Abdul Malik, *Ex*-Chairman, TCP (BS-21) (now retired).
- ii. Mr. Muhammad Saeed, S/o Ali Gohar Khan, *Ex*-Chairman, TCP (BS-21).
- iii. Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Bhatt, Director Finance (BS-20).
- iv. Syed Sibte Momin, Director Commercial (Now retired).
- v. Dr. Yousuf Junaid, Director Commercial (BS-20).
- vi. Mr. Munawar Akhtar Islam, Director Commercial (BS-20).
- vii. Mr. Ziauddin, Assistant Manager/Incharge Cotton Procurement, TCP.
- viii. Mr. Muhammad Ramzan, Deputy Manager, TCP.
- ix. Mr. Abdul Waheed Deputy Manager (Regular), TCP.
- x. Mr. Ahsan Ali Abro, *Ex*-Deputy Manager, TCP.

- xi. Mr. Muhammad Aasmin, Assistant Manager The details may be seen at **Annex-I.**

### **PAKISTAN TOBACCO BOARD**

The following two main accused in the embezzlement case worth Rs. 9.097 million in November 2008 have been suspended and charge sheeted:

1. Mr. Aleem Mehmood, Cashier, PTB(under suspension).
2. Mr. Sardar Hussain, Deputy Secretary (Admn)/Deputy Director (Marketing)(under suspension).The details may be seen at **Annex-II.**

### **NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION**

List of officers/officials of National Tariff Commission against whom corruption cases surfaced during the last three years is under:

1. Mr. Maqsood-ul-Hassan, Deputy Director(He worked as DDO from 03-06-2004 to 14-09-2004)
2. Raja Mahmood-ul-Hassan, Accounts Officer (Deputationist)  
  
(He is a substantive employee of AGPR, Islamabad)
3. Mr. Muhammad Zubair, Assistant /Cashier
4. Mr. Idrees Ahmed, Assistant
5. Mr. Sajjad Anwar, Stenographer
6. Mr. Ghulam Sarwar,Naib Qasid

The complete detail can be seen at **Annex-III**

### **STATE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN**

Total sixty (60) persons were found involved in various cases since 2008. Details of cases and actions against them are at **Annex-IV**

### **NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

Total ten (10) persons were found involved in various cases since 2009. Details of cases and actions against them are at **Annex-V.**

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

43. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-03-2012 at 11:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of power looms/seizing sectors in the country have been closed down during the last two years; and*
- (b) if so, the total number of employees of said sector who have been rendered jobless?*

**Mahkhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) The power looms Industry has been adversely affected by the economic crisis in the country. During last two years, about 40,000 power looms of different size i.e. 44", 52", 114" and 120" have been converted into scrap due to different problems like energy crisis, hike in prices of electricity, non-availability of raw materials, heavy losses in business and increase in cost of production. Whereas, about 10,000 power looms are closed partially due to financial losses, excessive increase in rates of electricity, fuel price adjustment changes and sales tax etc.

(b) Although exact numbers are not reported, it is estimated about 30,000 labourers i.e. weavers, winders, *munshi* and masters have become jobless directly and the employment of about 100,000 people has been affected indirectly related to the power loom/sizing sector.

44. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-03-2012 at 09:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for- Production be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of Schools of Pakistan Steel Mills functioning at present; and*
- (b) the number of teachers presently working on regular basis in those Schools?*

**Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema:** (a) There are 15 (Schools/Colleges/Institutions) of PSM at present which are functioning and being managed under Hadeed Welfare Trust (**Annex-A**).

(b) 63 regular teachers of PSM are attached with different educational Institutions in the Education department of Hadeed Welfare Trust (**Annex-B**).

**Annexure "A"**

PAKISTAN STEEL  
HADEED WELFARE TRUST  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**LIST OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

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**S. No. Name of Institutions**

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1. Agosh Special Children School /College
  2. Allama Iqbal Girls School/College
  3. Chakar Khan Lower Secondary School
  4. Care Vocational Community Centre
  5. Institute of Computer Science
  6. Madre-Millat Degree College
  7. Madre- Millat Education College
  8. Madre-Millat Girls College Campus-II
  9. Mashal Secondary School /College
  10. Rana Liaquat Secondary School
  11. Shah Latif Boys Degree College
  12. Shah Latif Boys Secondary School
  13. Shah Latif Boys Secondary School (Evening Shift)
  14. Sir Syed Primary School (Morning Shift)
  15. Sir Syed Lower Secondary School (Evening Shift)
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45. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-03-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments and subordinate offices who themselves or their spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?*

**Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Maher:** The Spouse of Mr. Noor Ahmed, Director General (PC 20/BS-20) Privatisation Commission, a corporate body of Ministry of Privatisation, holds dual nationality of United States of America (USA).

46. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-03-2012 at 14:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and quantum of products produced by Pakistan Steel during the last three financial years; and*
- (b) *the profit earned by the mills during the same period with year-wise breakup?*

**Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema:** (a) Details of steel items produced by Pakistan Steel Mills are as under:

(Qty in Tones)

Products	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-2012(July-Feb)
Coke	418,960	353,094	301,452	123,455
Pig Iron	791,058	483,304	432,746	175,169
Raw Steel	711,975	442,683	396,104	148,549
Cast Billets	75,900	26,675	3,943	1,403
Rolled Billets	176,247	45,878	–	–
HRCoils/sheets Plates	417,786	339,518	357,398	132,571
CR Coils/Sheets Plates	118,113	91,336	87,884	20,349
Galvanized Sheets/Coils		24,299	5,548	2,806 –

(b) Rs. In Million

Period	Profit (Loss)after taxation
2008-09	(26,526)
2009-10	(12,452)
2010-11	(11,480)
2011-12	(13,339)

47. **\*Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 13-04-2012 at 10:30 )

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

(a) *the amount of foreign exchange spent on import of fertilizers since June, 2011; and*

(b) *the names of the agencies through which the said fertilizers were distributed/sold?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) A total amount of US\$ 695.191 million has been spent by the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) on import of fertilizers since June, 2011. Details are as follow:—

(i) US\$ 623.495 million in cash.

(ii) US\$ 71.696 million in loan from Saudi Fund for Development (SFD).

(b) The imported fertilizers were distributed/sold through National Fertilizer Marketing Limited (NFML), an institution working under the Umbrella of Ministry of Industries.

48. **\*Mrs. Muddassir Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 13-04-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Pakistani prisoners in the jails of Saudi Arabia with jail-wise and gender-wise break up;*

(b) *the number of said prisoners who are in prisons for more than last 5, 10 and 15 years separately; and*

(c) *the number of said prisoners who are in jails without being sentenced by the competent courts so far?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The number of Pakistani prisoners in jails of Saudi Arabia with jail-wise and gender-wise breakup is as under:

<b>Name of Jail</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Al-Malaz Jail, Riyadh	342	—
Al-Hair Jail, Riyadh	206	—
Dammam Jail	75	—
Al-Ahsa Jail		78 —
Tabuk Jail	9	—
Hail Jail	12	
Buraidah Jail		19
Northern border Jail	1	—
Khafji Jail	3	—

Hafar Al-Batin Jail	2	—
Al-Kharj Jail		8 —
Al-Qawayya Jail	5	—
Ad-Dawadmi Jail	5	—
Qateef Jail	2	—
Jubail Jail	7	—
Al-Jouf Jail	3	—
Bariman Jail Jeddah	480	5
General Jail Madinah	104	4
Makkah Jails(General+Islahiya)	260	16
General Jail Najran	4	—
General Jail Qunfida	5	—
General Jail Al-Taif	15	—
General Jail Al-baha	6	—
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>25</b>

(b) The number of Pakistani prisoners who are in prisons for more than 5, 10, and 15 years is as under:

<b>Period of Detention</b>	<b>No of Prisoners</b>
More than 5 years	168
More than 10 years	2
More than 15 years	5

(c) Our Mission has requested the Saudi authorities to provide information about the prisoners who are in jails without being sentenced. Their reply is still awaited.

*ISLAMABAD :*  
*The 7th May, 2012.*

**IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,**  
*Secretary.*