

**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*

**Thursday, the 6th September, 2012**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

*(Questions Nos.18, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35 and 36 were originally set down for answering on 11 th July, 2012 (83rd Session) but were deferred)*

18. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the balance amount in community welfare funds available with Pakistani Missions in Riyadh and Jeddah, separately;*
- (b) the amount collected as Welfare Fund by each of the Mission during the last five years and details of its utilization, with year-wise break-up; and*
- (c) the rules or the procedure governing the utilization of funds?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) A balance of Rs. 145,341,440/- and Rs. 9,185,996/- are available in community welfare funds in Pakistani Missions in Riyadh and Jeddah respectively.

(b) The amount collected as welfare fund by each of the Mission during the last five years along with year-wise breakup is placed at **(Annex-A)**. The fund is utilized on repatriation of destitute Pakistanis, transportation of dead bodies, medical treatment of destitute Pakistanis, subsidy to Pakistani schools, consular visits to other cities to extend consular assistance etc.

(c) PCW & E Fund rules are placed at **(Annex-B)**.

**Annexure - “B”**

The Head of Mission is competent to authorize expenditure from the Fund not exceeding US \$ 3000/- at a time. In the countries with Pakistani community of at least 50,000 people, these financial powers may be further increased to US S 5000/- in emergent cases. For expenditure over and above this amount approval of the Foreign Secretary is required. The scope of expenditure includes the following:

- i. Welfare Schemes for Pakistani Community abroad.

- ii. Improvement of Pakistani schools.
- iii. Any legitimate expenditure on the maintenance of destitute Pakistanis other than that to be met out of government funds under the existing rules.
- iv. Repatriation of such destitute Pakistanis, who in the considered opinion of the Head of Mission, would be unable to bear expenditure on their return passage to Pakistan and whose case falls in the overall definition of "Welfare of Pakistanis".
- v. Provision of legal aid through local lawyers to protect Pakistani workers abroad from exploitation by employers.
- vi. In countries where there is need for promotion of a sense of national and cultural identity rather than welfare projects, financial assistance could be provided from the fund for the projection of Pakistani culture over radio, TV and press media, Religious education for expatriate children could also be supported from these funds.
- vii. Expenditures on consular visits to different parts of the country of their accreditation, subject to the conditions that the frequency of visits and the strength of visiting team would require prior approval of Foreign Secretary.

20. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 9:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 48 replied on 8th May, 2012 and state the names, nature of crime, date and period of imprisonment of 25 Pakistani women imprisoned in jails of Saudi Arabia?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Most of the female prisoners are detained for a short period, being Umra visitors and involved in minor crimes. The names, date of arrest and nature of crimes of 25 Pakistani women imprisoned in the jails of Saudi Arabia are as under:

21. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some Pakistani prisoners of wars, 1965 and 1971 are still imprisoned in Indian jails, if so, number of such prisoners; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for their release?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The matter has been raised with India a number of times, but India has not acknowledged the presence of Pakistani prisoners of wars in their custody.

(b) The issue of prisoners is a humanitarian issue and remains high on priority of the Government of Pakistan. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through High Commission for Pakistan, New Delhi, has raised the issue of missing prisoners of wars (POWs) of 1965 & 1971 at numerous occasions with Indian side. Our High Commission in New Delhi is vigorously following up. The High Commission has been in touch with human rights activists, lawyers and ICRC to locate POWs in Indian jails.

22. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Pakistanis detained in the jails of Saudi Arabia due to non payment of fines; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for release of those prisoners?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) At present there are 41 Pakistani nationals detained in various jails of Saudi Arabia due to non-payment of fines/Haq-e-Khas, Diyat/Blood Money, etc.

(b) Following steps have been/are being taken for the release of those prisoners:—

- (i) During the last financial year, Ministry of Foreign Affairs incurred Rs.17,867,222/- to secure the release of 9 Pakistani nationals, who had completed their sentence but were in Saudi jails due to non-payment of fines.
- (ii) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recently approved Rs. 5,227,900/- from PCW & EF on account of payment of fines of Pakistanis in jails abroad of which Rs.343,436/- was spent on prisoners in Saudi Arabia.
- (iii) On the instructions of this Ministry, our Missions in Saudi Arabia have taken up the matter with the host government for waiving off the fines of all prisoners, who have not committed heinous crimes, have completed their sentences but are still in jails due to non payment of fines. In case the host government refuses to waive off the fines, the Missions would be allowed to pay petty fines from PCW&EF.
- (iv) A bilateral agreement between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is under negotiation for transfer of offenders to Pakistan, who have completed half of the awarded sentence with good conduct in jail, for completion of their remaining sentence in their homeland. The subject is being dealt with by the Ministry of Interior.

29. **\*Mr. Rozi Khan Kakar:** (Notice received on 23-05-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether the postings of officials/officers in Pakistan embassies/missions is made on prescribed provincial quota, if any?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) As per ESTACODE provincial quota is only observed at the time of recruitment/ appointment in the Ministry. Hence, provincial quota for postings/transfers of officers/officials to Pakistan Missions abroad is not observed. Postings/ transfers of officers and officials to Pakistan Missions abroad are made on the basis of established criteria which is given below:—

- Seniority in the posting roster (stay at Headquarters)
- Fitness/Merit (detailed examination of service record and ACRs)
- Suitability for the post under consideration
- Medical fitness certificate from Civil Surgeon
- Security clearance from concerned agencies
- Previous postings abroad (by classification of stations)
- Family circumstances (schooling of children/ medical considerations)
- Personal preference

30. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 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?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Case of illegal issuance of Passport to Indian national emerged during the period 2004-2007 against the then Consul General Mr. Ghulam Rasool Baloch, of Pared Houston. Nab Court in April 2010 sentenced Mr. Ghulam Rasool Baloch imprisonment and fined him Rs. 10000/- when he was Ambassador of Pakistan to Vietnam for the above mentioned crime. The officer has been dismissed from the service.

(b) As explained above Mr. Ghulam Rasool Baloch Ex-Ambassador of Pakistan to Vietnam was sentenced to imprisonment and fine of Rs.10000/- the officer has also been dismissed from service.

31. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons with station-wise break-up working in Pakistan embassy/missions in USA; 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 Six Pakistani Missions presently operating in US and they are (i) Embassy of Pakistan, Washington and four Consulate Generals operating under Pakistan Embassy Washington which are (ii) New York, (iii) Los Angeles, (iv) Chicago (V) Houston and Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN, New York.

The total number of Pak-based employees of this Ministry (Diplomatic wing) working in the above mentioned five Missions are as under:—

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>No. of Persons</b>
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, Washington	25
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, New York	7
3.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Los Angeles	5
4.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Chicago	4
5.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Houston.	3
6.	Permanent Mission of Pakistan to UN, New York	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>73</b>

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

35. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names, place of domicile and place of posting of the Ambassadors / Consul Generals / Consuls posted in Pakistan Missions abroad?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The names, place of domicile and place of posting of the Ambassadors / Consul Generals / Consuls posted in Pakistan Missions abroad is attached as **Annexure “A”**.

36. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to formulate Pakistan’s Foreign policy keeping in view the country’s economic position?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Strengthening the economy of Pakistan is the top most priority of our national agenda. In this regard following steps are being taken to cater economic needs of the country;

- We are following a pro-active policy of garnering financial and economic dividends for the country from our relations with all friendly countries.
- Enhancing economic and business relations in our bilateral engagements has been the most important component of bilateral relations. That is why our interaction with various countries in the context of Joint Economic Commissions (JECs) is the central plank of our strategic ties with various countries.
- We have pursued policies to make Pakistan self-reliant rather than dependant on foreign aid. As we believe in the principle of ‘trade not aid’, our foreign policy is geared towards boosting Pakistan’s exports. We have been raising the issue of market access with the United States and the European Union. Our consistent dialogue with the European Union for GSP Plus concession has borne fruit as the EU is likely to endorse the waiver given by the WTO for our 75 items.
- Measures including Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2009-2012 have increased geographical diversification of exports. As a result of diversification, we are focusing on regions in Africa, South East-Asia, Central Asia and specifically with our friends China, Turkey and the countries in our neighbourhood.
- The Afghan Transit Trade Agreement has encouraged formal trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan and the volume has risen to around \$ 2.5 billion annually. Afghanistan is the third largest export destination for Pakistan. Pakistan-Afghanistan trade goals have been set to increase bilateral trade up to \$5 billion by 2015.

- Pakistan wishes to normalize its trade relations with India. We have taken steps to increase the number of tradable items with India by curtailing the negative list during this year. This will enhance the volume of Pakistan's trade with India.
- We are also in the process of proposing and negotiating FTAs and PTAs with other countries. Pakistan has entered into Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with China, Malaysia and Sri Lanka. We have ratified OIC-TPS to boost trade with members of the OIC. It will facilitate our trade relations with these countries.
- We are also giving top priority to increasing regional connectivity of Pakistan with the countries in South Asia and beyond. In this regard, we have covered a lot of ground by initiating work relating to physical infrastructure and energy linkages. Pakistan is actively participating in regional energy projects including CASA-1000 and TAPI.
- Our Missions abroad are playing an important role to attract foreign investment by facilitating prospective investors' visits to Pakistan. Our Missions closely coordinate with the government and trade bodies on their participation in trade fairs and expose to introduce Pakistan's products abroad. In order to capture new export markets, we are facilitating foreign trade delegations to visit Pakistan.

@41-B. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja :** (Notice received on 03-08-2012. at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- the details of amount paid by Etisalat to the Government for acquisition of 26% shares of PTCL so far; and*
- the amount outstanding against Etisalat and terms and conditions settled for its recovery?*

**Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar:** (a) 26% PTCL shares were sold to M/S Etisalat for US\$ 2,598,960,000. **The amount paid by the company so far is US\$ 1,799,653,313.31.**

- (b) The total outstanding amount against Etisalat is US\$ 799,306,686.62.

As per Terms of the Agreement this amount will be paid after transfer of properties in possession of PTCL to Etisalat.

*A ministerial committee has also been constituted by the Government for resolution of the issue.*

43. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-07-2012 at 13:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) the break up of the price value in Pak-rupee of 26% shares of PTCL which were offered by the Etisalat and other bidders at the time of privatization;*
- (b) the amount in Pak-rupee which has been given back to Etisalat under certain concessions in revised Share Purchase Agreement up till now;*
- (c) the financial impact of such concessions on the National exchequer;*

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- (d) whether any evaluation assessment of the price value was made of such shares prior to privatization of PTCL; if so, details thereof; and*
- (e) whether Ufone and Paknet (subsidiaries of PTCL) were also included in the deal with Etisalat?*

**Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar:** (a) Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (“PTCL”) was privatised through sale of 26 percent shares (1,326,000,000) along with transfer of management control.

Reference price of Rs. 62 per share was approved by CCOP. The breakup of price in PKR offered by Etisalat and other bidders is as under;

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S. No.	Company (USD) (In PKR)	Bid Amount billion	Bid Amount billion	Total (amount in dollars)	Total (amount in PKR)
1.	Etisalat	1.96/share	117.01/share*	2.599	155.155
2.	China Mobile	1.06/share	63.48/share*	1.409	84.174
3.	Sing Tel	0.88/share	52.54/share*	1.167	69.668

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**\*1USD= PKR 59.699**

(b) No amount in Pak-Rupee has been given back to Etisalat under the certain concessions in the revised Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) up till now.



(c) As per the revised SPA, no concessions were given by the GoP. However it was agreed that the cost of **Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS)** shall be shared equally.

(d) Yes, evaluation assessment of the price was made before privatisation of PTCL which was approved by CCOP on 18-06-2005. The reference price as approved by CCOP was set at PKR 62/share.

(e) Yes, Ufone and Paknet, attached departments of PTCL were also included in the deal with Etisalat since they were PTCL's subsidiaries and this was part of the SPA.

45. **\*Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 16-07-2012 at 16:35 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Pakistan Embassies/High Commissions and Consulates established abroad indicating also the names of the countries where the same have been established; and*

(b) *the number of officers and officials working in those Embassies/High Commissions and Consulates with province-wise breakup?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The detail of country wise Pakistani Missions abroad working at present is as under;

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46. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 17-07-2012 at 09:05 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of countries from where cooking oil is being imported in dicating also the type and quantity of oil being imported from each country?*

Reply not received.

47. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 17-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to formulate Pakistan's Foreign Policy in accordance with the Resolutions recently passed by the Parliament?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** • The Parliament gave the Government 'Guidelines for revised terms of engagement with USA/NATO/ISAF and general foreign policy'. It provided broad guidelines to the government to be followed in the matters related to foreign policy. The government has continued to be guided by the recommendations given by the Parliament.

- Parliament had asked the government to seek apology from the US for Salala incident.
- The US has expressed 'sorry' and accepted their mistakes for Salala incident. Moreover, the military personnel of both countries are working on operational framework to prevent occurrence such incidents in future. The DCC has agreed on 03 July 2012 to lift its blocked on the NATO/ISAF supply lines to and from Afghanistan as a part of Pakistan's commitment for peaceful transition in Afghanistan.
- US Secretary of State has repeatedly conveyed the assurance of the US leadership on respect of Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- As regards cessation of drone attacks, Pakistan has firmly conveyed to the US that such attacks constitute redline and is a violation of International Law.
- As regards foreign diplomatic presence in Pakistan and the question of transparency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has instructed all foreign missions in Islamabad and consulates in Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta about the requirements of registration/accreditation of all foreign personnel of Embassies as well as the procedures related to their movement.
- A separate Public Diplomacy wing has been opened in the Ministry for creation of soft image of Pakistan abroad and to create awareness about local customs, traditions, values and religious beliefs of Pakistan at the global level.
- Pakistan is cooperating with international community for peace and stability in Afghanistan and to promote a genuine national reconciliation. Recently Pakistan participated in the International Donors Conference on Afghanistan in Tokyo.
- To improve border management, Pakistan is cooperating with Afghan authorities directly as well as under the umbrella of Afghan-Pakistan Cooperation Process, an initiative taken by international community and led by Canada.
- As regards other guidelines for building new relationships, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is continuously making efforts to strengthen relationships with major countries and building new and diversified political, economic and military links.

48. **\*Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 18-07-2012)

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

(a) *the details of irregularities and wrongdoings surfaced in the privatization of public units so far; and*

(b) *whether any inquiry was conducted into the said irregularities and wrongdoings, if so, the details thereof indicating also the findings of inquiries and action taken thereof?*

**Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Mahar:** (a) The privatisation process is an open and transparent process. PC follows the prescribed procedure and undertakes necessary approvals from competent forums including Council of Common Interests (CCI), PC Board, Cabinet Committee on Privatisation (CCOP) and the Cabinet. Privatisation Commission ensures full participation of all the line ministries, regulator and the company to be privatised throughout the privatisation process thus eliminating the chances of any irregularity or wrongdoing in the privatisation of State Owned Entities (SOEs). Moreover, as per standard procedure, after the privatisation of any SOE, an external audit is conducted to examine the irregularities and wrongdoings, if any. So far Privatisation Commission has successfully managed to complete approximately 167 Privatisation Transactions without any irregularities / wrongdoings surfacing.

(b) No. as no irregularity / wrongdoing has surfaced.

49. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/missions in India during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditure incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in India during last three years under Demand No.42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to apply any specific cuts other than envisaged by the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

50. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons with station wise break-up working in Pakistan embassy / missions in Saudi Arabia; 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 Two Pakistani Missions presently operating in Saudi Arabia and they are (i) Embassy of Pakistan, Riyadh and (ii) Consulate General of Pakistan, Jeddah.

The total number of Pak-based employees of this Ministry (Diplomatic wing) working in the above mentioned two Missions are as under:—

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>No. of Persons</b>
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, Riyadh	19
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Jeddah	23
<b>Total</b>		<b>42</b>

(b) The Ministry has no such proposal under consideration concerning reduction of such employees as the Mission has already bare minimum staff.

51. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-07-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ missions in France during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The expenditure incurred on Pakistan Embassy/ Mission in France during last three years under Demand No.42 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to apply any specific cuts other than envisaged by the Ministry of Finance. The instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

53. **\*Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of permits issued by the Ministry for transportation of cattle and poultry to Afghanistan during the last four years;*
- (b) *the number of cattle and poultry transported to Afghanistan through these permits; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for the issuance of permits?*

Reply not received.

53-A. **\*Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of permits / licences issued by the ministry of Commerce for transportation of various goods to Afghanistan during the last four years;*
- (b) *the names of persons who were issued the said permits / licences;*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for issuance of the said permits / licences; and*
- (d) *the details of the good transported under the said permits / licences?*

Reply not received.

54. **\*Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 26-07-2012 at 9:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number and details of cases of bogus insurance claims recently surfaced in the National Insurance Company Limited indicating also the amount involved in those cases; and*
- (b) *the names and designation of the persons involved in the said cases and the action taken against them?*

Reply not received.

55. **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah:** (Notice received on 02-08-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister, for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that services of principal and some teachers of Pakistan School Sana, Yemen, have been terminated in the recent past, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** •Pakistan School Sana'a (PSS) was established in 1984 by the then Ambassador Zafar A. Hilaly. Its primary objective has been to project Pakistan's image and to act as a strong bridge between the two countries.

- The School's financial and administrative authority is solely vested in the Ambassador of Pakistan, who is also Chairman of PSS. All PSS employees, including Principal, are appointed on the basis of a one year renewable contract, signed by the Ambassador as the First Party.
- From its modes beginning, PSS has grown in size and stature and currently enrolls over 600 students, pre-dominantly Yemenis and other nationalities. This has been possible due to the dedicated efforts of successive Ambassadors.
- However, in recent years, the School's standard had steadily deteriorated due to poor quality of teaching staff and indiscipline. Yemeni dignitaries, including their Ambassador in Islamabad, chief of Protocol and Head of Asia Division, had consistently requested improvement in the standard of PSS.
- In coordination with the Principal and Board of Governors (comprising eminent Yemeni and Pakistanis), a comprehensive evaluation of teaching faculty was undertaken and list of vacancies was finalized. Subsequently, a panel of eminent educationists exhaustively interviewed and shortlisted eligible applicants in Pakistan.
- Former Principal PSS, Mr. Aqal Zaman, was removed due to his incompetence, serious violation of his contractual obligations including incitement of teaching staff, group politics and dragging Yemeni officials into internal matters, which tarnished the Embassy's and the School's image.

*ISLAMABAD :*  
*The 5th September, 2012.*

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