

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 21st December, 2012

Questions No. 15 & 2, set down for answering on 13th December, 2012 but were deferred.

15. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:32 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations and addresses of the employees appointed in the National Fertilizer Corporation on regular and contract basis since 1st January, 2010;*
- (b) *whether the above said posts were advertised, if so, the names and dates of publication of the newspapers in which those advertisements were published and if not, the reasons thereof and*
- (c) *whether written tests / interviews were held for those posts, if so, the date of the same and if not, the reasons thereof?*

Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi: (a) The particulars of employees recruited in National Fertilizer Corporation (NFC) and its attached Organizations are at Annex-A,B and C.

i. NFC Head Office, Lahore.

ii. NFC Institute of Engineering & Fertilizer Research Faisalabad.

iii. NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology Multan.

(b) Yes. The Daily Dawn dated 28-11-2009.

(c) The scheduled of interviews held in aforementioned posts are indicated at Annex-A, B and C.

2 . ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 23-11-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Utility Stores Corporation recently advertised different cadre posts for test/interview at centers in various cities; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Utility Stores Corporation did not conduct the said test/interview on the fixed date, if so, its reasons?*

Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi: (a) Yes, USC advertised vacancies in various cadres for Test / Interviews in leading newspaper at various stations. Copy of the advertisement published in press is enclosed as Annex A.

(b) Necessary Tests / Interview have been conducted on the scheduled dates and timings at the stations mentioned in the advertisement.

89. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-11-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of different types of fertilizers available in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the said fertilizers are sufficient to meet the demand?*

Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi: (a) Six kinds of fertilizers are available in the country as under:—

	Kind of Fertilizer	Stock in December 2012
(i)	Urea	1,230,000 tons
(ii)	DAP	359,000 tons
(iii)	SSP	Not Available
(iv)	CAN	- do-
(v)	NP	- do-
(vi)	NPK	- do -

Details at **Annexure-A.**

Note.—95% of fertilizer is used in the form of Urea & DAP.

(b) Yes, sufficient urea is available to meet the demand of Rabi 2012-13.

90. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Production be pleased to state:

(a) *the profit earned or loss sustained by Pakistan Steel Mills during the last three years with year-wise breakup; and*

(b) *whether any subsidy was given by the Government to Pakistan Steel Mills during the period, if so, the amount so given with year-wise breakup?*

Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema: (a) The profit earned or loss sustained by Pakistan Steel Mills during the last three years with year-wise breakup is as under:—

Year	(Net Loss)
2011 (Audited)	(12,434) Million
2010 (Restated)	(11,566) Million
2009 (Audited)	(26,525) Million

(b) No subsidy given by Government of Pakistan (GoP) directly to the Corporation. However, the mark-up on subordinated loan was paid during last 03 audited accounting years by GoP directly to the banks as approved in Financial Restructuring during 2000 by GoP as under:—

Year	Rs. In Million
2009	736
2011	970

Subordinated loan of Rs. 3000 million was released by Government of Pakistan in 2009-10.

91. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the number and location of Pakistan trade offices abroad; and*

(b) *the number of persons working in those offices with province-wise breakup?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) There are 62 Trade Officers in 57 countries, detail is at **Annex-I**.

(b) The province-wise break up of Trade Officers is given below:—

● Sindh	=	06
● Punjab	=	23
● Balochistan	=	03
● KPK	=	09
● AJK	=	01
● Northern Areas	=	01
● Vacant	=	19
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92. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 28-11-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the value of Pakistani exports during the last three years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of exports?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The value of Pakistani exports during the last three years with year-wise breakup is as under:—

	US\$ billion
Year	Exports
2009-2010	19.290
2010-2011	24.827
2011-2012	23.641

Source: FBS

(b) Government of Pakistan has taken following steps for promotion of exports:—

- Incentives have been given to boost exports such as concessionary financing, duty free import of raw material under temporary importation scheme/Duty Tax Remission on Exports (DTRE), duty drawback scheme, concessions in

duty/taxes on import of machinery and raw material of priority export sectors, development of export clusters.

- Through active trade diplomacy, Government is trying to get better market access for the local businesses in international markets by concluding Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with different countries.
- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is undertaking various export promotional activities through trade exhibitions and delegations in the new markets viz China, Hong Kong, Russia, Malaysia, Africa region, America and Eastern Europe etc.

93. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of permits / licenses issued to foreign dignitaries for hunting Houbara Bustard for hunting season 2010-11; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to ban such permits / licenses in future?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) 28 hunting licenses were approved by the Prime Minister for the foreign dignitaries from Gulf countries for the hunting season 2010-11. These permissions were issued to help improve relations with the leadership of these countries as has been a practice for the past several years.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration to cancel these permits. However these licenses are issued annually for one season only.

94. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 03-12-2012 at 13.00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the importer of 21,268 sheep, recently sailed at Port Qasim after deported from Bahrain sought permission of Ministry before importing the same, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) whether the Ministry issued directions to the concerned provincial departments and importer/exporter in the said case, if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) whether those departments and importer/exporter acted upon the directions of the Ministry, if not, the action taken against them; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the government to control such incident?*

Mir Israrullah Zehri: (a) As per Import Policy Order, of Trade Policy issued by the Ministry of Commerce, livestock is importable subject to fulfill Health Quarantine requirements of Animal Quarantine Department of Ministry of National Food Security & Research and no import permit/ NOC is required in this regard. The importer requested this Ministry on 22-8-2012 regarding the import of 22,000 Sheep from Australia. This Ministry processed the said request and issued permission letter subject to fulfil Animal Health requirements of Animal Quarantine Department of this Ministry. The importer in his request not mentioned the fact that the consignment has been deported from Bahrain.

(b) The import and export of livestock and its products are the sole mandate of the Federal Government and is regulated by the Pakistan Customs laws/ rules and Pakistan Animal Quarantine (Import & Export of Animals and Animal Products) Act, 1979 and Rules, 1980. The Federal Ministry never informed the Provincial, Departments regarding the import/export of animals or animal products.

(c) The Animal Quarantine Department handled the Sheep consignment as per provisions of Pakistan Animal Quarantine (Import & Export of Animals and Animal Products) Act, 1979 and Rules, 1980. On the reports of the media regarding the import of the diseased consignment of Sheep, this Ministry constituted an inquiry Committee to probe into the matter. This Ministry in consultation with the Livestock & Fisheries Department, Government of Sindh incorporated Director, Central Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Tandojam as the member of the said Inquiry Committee. This Ministry has transferred the Director, Animal Quarantine Department, Karachi for un-interrupted and fair inquiry. Moreover, this Ministry has also constituted one member inquiry committee at the senior level for second opinion. In light of the inquiry report, explanation letters has been issued to the officers concerned. Their replies are under the consideration for further action in the matter.

(d) The provisions of Pakistan Animal Quarantine (Import & Export of Animals and Animal Products) Act, 1979 and Rules, 1980 are in place in order to prevent such incidents in future.

95. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 04-12-2012 at 9:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and Sudan during the last three years with year-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the said volume?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) **The volume of trade between Pakistan and Sudan during the last three years with year-wise breakup.**

The volume of trade between Pakistan and Sudan during the last three years with year-wise break up is given as under:—

Value Million US\$

Year	Exports	Imports
2009-10	87.55	11.67
2010-11	60.12	5.55
2011-12	43.52	2.95

The trade volume between Pakistan and Sudan is very low, in the year 2011-12 exports of US\$ 43.52 million and import of US\$ 2.95 million took place. Pakistan exports rice, medical and pharmaceutical products, yarn and thread of synthetic fabrics, cotton fabric, light machinery and cement. Major imports from Sudan include carpets, handicrafts, items made of camel skin, sheep hides for making leather and edible oil.

(b) The following steps were taken by the government to increase the said volume:

There is substantial potential of Pakistani products in Sudan specially rice, wheat, maize, fruits, poultry pharmaceuticals, textile products, marble items and products from steel sector. In the area of trade in services there are various opportunities in the sectors of IT & communication, educational services, health services and the Financial Sector. Interaction between the private sectors of both countries through various forums like JMC / JBC, participation in exhibitions and visits of delegations will help in enhancing the bilateral trade.

- (i) Pakistan and Sudan have a Joint Ministerial Commission established in July 1991, so far two rounds have been held, last session of the JMC was held in 1996. There is a need to frequently hold the JMC sessions to enhance cooperation different areas.
- (ii) TDAP regularly participate in Khartoum International Trade Fair
- (iii) TDAP has included Sudan in the list of priority markets.
- (iv) Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) is planning to hold a single country exhibition on their own expense in Sudan, for which TDAP has already made reference to the Mission and the issue is under active consideration.
- (v) BOI, Pakistan and its Counterpart in Sudan are negotiating an Agreement on promotion and protection of Investment
- (vi) BOI Pakistan and Sudan Investment Promotion Authority are also negotiating an MOU on technical cooperation.

(vii) A delegation of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) visited Sudan from 3rd to 7th March, 2012. During the visit, the delegation held meeting with various ministries/organization, and business groups. As Pakistan and Sudan have very low level of Bilateral Trade, the visit would be helpful in enhancing trade cooperation and expansion. Following organization / Ministries etc were visited by the LCCI delegation in Sudan:—

1. Sudan Cotton Company.
2. High Council for Investment in Sudan
3. Undersecretary for Industry
4. Sudanese Businessmen and Employers Federation.
5. Minister for Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Khartoum.
6. Khartoum International Centre.
7. Garri Free Zone.
8. GIAD Engineering Factory.
9. Governor of Khartoum
10. MOU signing ceremony between LCCI and Business Federation of the State of Khartoum, at Governor House, Khartoum.
11. MOU Signing Ceremony between LCCI and Business Federation of the State of Khartoum at Governor House, Khartoum.

96. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 05-12-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons posted in Pakistan Embassies/Missions in Dubai, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait, London, France, USA and Germany with province-wise breakup?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The total number of Pak-based officers/officials (Dip. Wing) working in the above mentioned Missions are as under:—

S#	Mission	No. of persons
(i)	Dubai	11
		Break-up given at Annexure-A.

(ii)	Abu Dhabi	14
(iii)	Bahrain	7
(iv)	Qatar	12
(v)	Kuwait	8
(vi)	London	29
(vii)	France	11
(viii)	USA	72
(ix)	Germany	18

97. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 06-12-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of Urea Fertilizer imported through Gawader Port and Port Qasim during last three years; and*
- (b) *the amount of subsidy provided on the said fertilizer?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 20th December, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.