

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 29th August, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Questions Nos. 35, 39, 41-C and 41-D were originally set down for answering on 7th March, 2013.
- (ii) Question No. 11 was originally set down for answering on 16th April, 2013.
- (iii) Questions Nos. 13, 16, 17, 20 and 21 were originally set down for answering on 21st August, 2013.

35. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-02-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the total amount of aid received so far from foreign countries for the flood affectees during the last three years?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The total amount of foreign aid received from foreign countries during the last three years (01-07-2010 to 30-06-2013) was **US\$ 657.24 million**. This does not include amount spent by humanitarian organizations and UN system.

39. ***Mr. Nisar Muhammad:** (Notice received on 13-02-2013 at 10:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of NATO containers disappeared on the way, if so, the loss caused to the national exchequer on this account; and*
- (b) *the number of persons found involved in the said scam and action taken against them?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) ISAF/NATO authorities through their letter dated 20.01.2011 (**Annex-A**) categorically informed that 26476 out of 26490 ISAF

containers successfully crossed the border to Afghanistan and or were correctly accounted for except few containers suffering mishap.

Briefly stated, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, based on media reports highlighting 11,000 missing containers of ISAF/NATO inside Pakistan, took a Suo Moto notice of the alleged pilferage in August, 2010 in relation to goods imported by ISAF/NATO ("ISAF Container Scam" Case No.16 of 2010). Later on, Supreme Court handed over investigation to Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) through its order dated 30.09.2010. In the intervening period while FTO was probing this issue, the British High Commission (The Diplomatic Mission liaise on behalf of ISAF and acts as lead nation) confirmed through letter dated 20.01.2011 as mentioned above that containers belonging to ISAF/NATO forces imported during the relevant period, were received in Afghanistan or were correctly accounted for except few containers damaged or destroyed by miscreants. The FTO, in its report, thus shifted focused on commercial transit trade and based his findings on the data retrieved from terminals on sole assumption that containers returning empty within eight days or less (7922 containers identified) from border stations were allegedly missing. It was never a conclusive report and FTO emphasised on many occasion that error free reconciliation is called for by the FBR as PRAL data is highly unreliable to arrive at any reasonable conclusions on the basis of this data alone. Thus, it is not possible to compute the exact loss caused to the public exchequer and matter needs further investigation.

Afterwards, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered NAB authorities to investigate this issue. NAB is presently conducting investigation and has not yet firmed up its findings. Therefore, the exact number of containers and quantum of revenue loss thereof has not so far been determined.

FTO's report and report submitted by FBR before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan detailing the investigation so far in the matter are annexed as **Annex-B & C** respectively. The Investigation reports submitted before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan by NAB authorities may be obtained from NAB as these are not officially shared with FBR.

It is worth mentioning that this matter is presently sub judice for final disposal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan.

(b) The National Accountability Bureau is investigating the cases of NATO/ISAF missing containers on the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. They are in the process of finalizing the investigations / enquiry and has not yet communicated the number of persons found involved in the said scam. NAB has to submit their investigation report before Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. Information in this regard may be obtained from NAB authorities.

Mechanism for further transportation of transit goods is annexed as **Annex-D**.

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

41-C. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 13-02-2013 at 4:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased state:

- (a) number of cases in which refund was made under the head of “sales tax” since July 2008 indicating also the amount so refunded; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that in a number of said cases the refund was obtained fraudulently, if so, the details of such cases indicating also the names and other particulars of the persons found involved in those cases and action taken against them?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Number of cases in which refund was made under head of “sales tax” since 2008 is 124,413 and the amount involved is Rs. 155.760 billion.

(b) Sales tax refunds are sanctioned and paid in accordance with the provisions of sections 10 and 66 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 read with Chapter V of the Sales Tax Rules, 2006. All possible efforts are made to prevent the issuance of any unlawful refund. For this purpose, FBR and its subordinate offices have issued detailed procedures, alongwith instructions to the processing officers. In addition, automated checking is conducted through computerized systems like STARR (Sales Tax Automated Refund Repository) and CREST (Computerized Risk Evaluation for Sales Tax), which detect and stop most attempts to obtain unlawful refund. After sanction, post-refund audit of the refund claims is required, while the Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation – Inland Revenue also monitors the process. FBR thus follows a policy of continuous efforts to enhance internal controls to prevent payment of illegal refunds. However, despite these efforts, some unlawful refunds were sanctioned and paid. The Directorate General has issued Red Alerts (signifying dubious refunds) in 172 cases involving Rs. 3,763.456 million, which are at different stages of investigation, adjudication or recovery. (Details attached as Annex-A).

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

41-D. ***Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 13-02-2013 at 4:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased state:

- (a) *the quantum of losses to the economy of the country due to war on terror from 1st July, 2010 to 31st December, 2012; and*
- (b) *the quantum of funds received as aid / assistance from US in connection with war on terror during the said period and details of its utilization?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: • During the fiscal year 2010-11 the estimated loss is reported at \$17.82 billion. The estimate for the remaining period July 2011 to 31st December 2012 is being finalized.

• To update the cost of war on terror, a committee has been constituted which is working to finalize the estimates.

Detail of Disbursement made so far *w.e.f.* 2002-03 to 2011-12 is tabulated below:—

				\$ Million
Year	Disbursed	Year	Disbursed	
2002-03	1921.3	2003-04	1380.9	
2004-05	2721.8	2005-06	3358.5	
2006-07	3381.3	2007-08	3659.3	
2008-09	4688.1	2009-10	3666.7	
2010-11	2618.3	2011-12	3032.5	

11. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 22-03-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of foreign loans obtained by the Government since 2008-09;*
- (b) *the details of foreign loans paid back by the Government during the said period; and*

(c) *the percentage of increase or decrease in the foreign loans during present regime?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) Total amount of foreign loans (Public and Publicly Guaranteed) obtained by the Government during FY 2008-09 to 2012-13 was US\$14,554.50 million. The details are at Annex-I.

(b) The amount of foreign loans paid back by the Government during the said period is US\$10,629.68 million. The details are at Annex-II.

(c) The increase in the Public and Publicly Guaranteed outstanding loans from 2008-09 to 30-06-2013 was 8.73 percent.

13. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps being taken by the Government for poverty alleviation in the country;*

(b) *the amount spent for the said purpose during the present regime with year-wise breakup; and*

(c) *the percentage of decrease or increase in poverty during the present regime with year-wise breakup?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar:

(a) **Initiatives by the Present Government**

Following initiatives have been launched by the government for poverty alleviation and employment generation:

(i) **Increase in allocation of cash support programme:**

The government has increased the allocation for the Programme from Rs. 44.00 billion for FY 2012-13 to Rs. 75.00 billion for FY 2013-14 which includes six other social sector relief programmes, as detailed below. Further,

disbursement to each beneficiary has also been enhanced from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,200 per month.

(ii) **Prime Minister's Youth Training Programme:**

Under the scheme, all those completing a 16-year degree program and having age below 25 years will be provided with one-year training programme. During training, they will be entitled to a stipend of Rs.10, 000 per month.

(iii) **Small Business Loans Scheme:**

With a view to enable our youth to start their own businesses, small business loans from Rs.100,000 to Rs.2,000,000 will be made available through banking system at a mark-up cost of 8% while the remaining cost will be borne by the government. In the first year of the scheme, 50,000 loans will be offered.

(iv) **Prime Minister's Microfinance Scheme:**

To enable men and women to undertake microenterprise activities, Rs. 5.00 billion have been allocated for Qarz-e-Hassana Scheme (loan without mark-up). These microloans will be made available through selected microfinance providers including Akhuwat, NRSP and Provincial RSPs. Fifty percent of the beneficiaries of this scheme will be women.

(v) **Prime Minister's Youth Skills Development Programme:**

Under this programme, 25,000 young persons up to the age of 25 years with minimum qualification of middle will be imparted training in a number of trades across the country. Six months training will be given for which fee will be paid by the government.

(vi) **Prime Minister's Scheme for Provision of Laptops:**

To promote access to information and communication technology, laptops will be provided to distinguished students pursuing higher education in any of the HEC-recognized universities or institutions and meeting the requisite merit criteria.

(vii) **Fee Reimbursement Scheme for Less Developed Areas:**

Bright students from Balochistan, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan are being provided tuition fee support for higher education at Master's and Doctorate levels. This scheme is being extended to other equally less developed areas such as those of Interior Sindh, South Punjab, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(b) The above schemes are being launched.

(c) Present regime has taken over 2.5 million before. The assessment will be carried out in due course.

16. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 24-06-2013 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for seeking outstanding US Coalition Support Fund?

Reply not received.

17. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 25-06-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the amount allocated in the budget 2013-14 for current expenditures of the Ministry of Finance, Revenue Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization has been reduced by 30% as compare(to the amount allocated for that purpose in the last budget, if so, what steps have led to it?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: FINANCE DIVISION (MAIN)

Yes

To reduce the fiscal, deficit, the Cabinet in its meeting held on 10.06.2013 decided to curtail the expenditure of Ministries / Divisions by 30% during the current financial year.

2. Pursuant to the said decision, Finance Division issued a circular No.1(1)Exp.IV/2013 dated 1 st July, 2013 whereby Ministries / Divisions have been advised to work out the detail of 30% reduction in non-development budget in each demand controlled by them and surrender the amount so worked out by 31st July, 2013 excluding the expenditure of debt servicing, defence, and allowances of civil servants and grants etc. This will save Rs.40.00 billion in the FY: 2013-14.

REVENUE DIVISION

It is a fact that the amount allocated to the Revenue Division for the CFY 2013-14 has been reduced by 30% under all the heads excluding Pay & Allowances as austerity measures. Revenue Division and its Attached Departments have surrendered an amount of Rs.1,244.434 million as 30% reduction in their budget allocation for the year 2013-14.

STATISTICS DIVISION

30% current year's non-development budget of the Statistics Division under Demand No.26-Current Expenditure excluding Pay & Allowances, Subsidies and Grants has been reduced

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

To the extent of budget allocation for current expenditure of the Economic Affairs Division it is 30% less as compared to last year's budget under heads "Operating Expenses" (Annex-I).

In compliance with Government instructions under Austerity Measures further 30% current budget allocation has been reduced under "Operating Expenses".

PRIVATIZATION DIVISION

Pursuant to the decision of the Cabinet. Privatization Division has surrendered an amount of Rs.15.125 Million. *i.e.* equal to 30% of the total allocation.

20. ***Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 03-07-2013 at 3:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of cases of privatization challenged in the courts since 1990 indicating also the judgments passed by the courts and the action taken by the government in the light of judgments in each case?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Since 1990 Seven (07) cases of privatisation have been challenged. Courts, details of such cases, including judgments passed by the Courts and action taken by the Government in light of Judgment, in each case are placed at Annexure-A.

21. ***Mr. Saeed Ghani:** (Notice received on 03-07-2013 at 3:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of cases of privatization undertaken by FIA, NAB or any other agency for investigation since 1990 indicating also the findings of investigation and the action taken by the Government in the light of those findings in each case?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: The detail of cases/ enquiries undertaken by FIA & NAB during the period 1991 to 2013 is placed at Annexure-A.

98. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the existing pay scales of the Government employees, if so, when?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revise the existing pay scales of the Government employees.

99. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 13-05-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) the foreign exchange reserves in the country at present; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for proper utilization of the said reserves?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The total foreign exchange reserves of the country at present as on 19-8-2013 stood at \$10.405 billion.

(b) In line with Investment Policy approved by the Central Board of State Bank of Pakistan, foreign exchange reserves are invested with highly rated sovereign & financial institutions, with average credit quality of invested reserves maintained at AA or better, while no investment is made below investment grade. The investment composition of reserves includes deposits and fixed income securities of sovereigns & supranational.

100. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 14-05-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the existing retirement benefits for the Government employees, if so, its details?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Finance Minister has announced the following increases in pension in the Budget 2013-2014 :—

- (i) Increase in pension @ 10% to all the pensioners *w.e.f* 1st July, 2013.
- (ii) Increase in Minimum pension from Rs.3000/- to Rs. 5000.

Notifications in this regard have been issued by Finance Division.

101. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 25-06-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning and Development be pleased to state the names/details of the projects to be executed under new development initiatives, for which funds have been allocated in the budget for FY 2013-14?

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal: An amount of Rs. 115,000 million has been earmarked for undertaking new development initiatives by the Government. This amount will subsequently be reallocated and utilized against the projects approved by CDWP/ECNEC.

The specific projects have not yet been identified. Details of such projects would be made available on the website of Ministry of Planning & Development during the year for information of all concerned.

102. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-06-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

(a) *the names of ongoing projects in Pakistan being sponsored by the Asian Development Bank; and*

(b) *the name of the projects under negotiation with the said bank?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) The names of ongoing projects in Pakistan being sponsored by the Asian Development Bank are given at Annex I.

(b) The names of the projects under negotiation with the Asian Development Bank are shown at Annex-II.

103. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-07-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the amount released for the construction of new Dams and water reservoirs in the country during the current financial year?

Reply not received.

104. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 02-08-2013 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

(a) *the overall financial losses of Pakistan Steel Mills at present; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve overall performance and financial position of the said Mills?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Pakistan Steel has suffered huge losses from the year 2008 to till date, the detail of which is given below:—

(Rs. in millions)

Financial year	Capacity	Net Sales	Net Profit/ (Loss)
2008-2009	64%	33,184	(26,526)
2009-2010	40%	22,778	(11,566)
(Restated)			
2010-2011	36%	26,298	(12,434)
2011-2012	19%	15,226	(22,273)
July to June 2013	14%	10,057	(24,351)

(b) The following steps are being taken to control the losses of PSM:

- (i) The posting of New Chief Executive Officer of PSM is under process.
- (ii) The reconstitution of Board of Directors (BoD) of PSM is also under process.
- (iii) Immediate financial assistance from Government of Pakistan (GoP) is being sought for revival of the PSM.

105. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 06-08-2013 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for, Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the number of tax cases presently pending in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts indicating also the reasons of pendency?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: Following number of tax cases are pending in courts:—

1. Supreme Court 1415
2. High. Court's 9192

Reasons of Pendency

Litigation in tax matters has increased manifold in last few years and the Courts are already burdened with other cases including matters of public interest litigation. Moreover, fixation of cases is the discretion of Honorable Supreme Court and the High Courts.

106. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 06-08-2013 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state whether it is a fact that capacity tax has been levied on local beverages industry in the country, if so, its reasons?

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: • Yes, capacity based tax has been levied on local beverages industry in the country.

- The capacity tax has been levied on beverages industry through SRO 649(1)/2013, dated 09.07.2013. Historically, aerated waters (carbonated beverages) have remained a major revenue spinner with respect to Federal Excise Duty.
- FED is leviable at two stages in this sector, *i.e.* @ 50% *ad val.* on the concentrate and 12% *ad val.* on the aerated waters which was later on reduced to 6% during Budget 2011-12. Alongwith this reduction in rate of FED on aerated beverages, restriction on refund of excess input FED over output FED was also introduced vide SRO 822(1)/2011, dated 06.09.2011.
- During the pre-budget exercises, the aerated waters manufacturers approached FBR with request to reduce the rate of FED on concentrate so that the input FED becomes fully adjustable against the output FED. The said proposal was not accepted by FBR and as an alternate, the industry proposed that capacity based taxation may be introduced in the aerated beverages segment. The said proposal was based on the following objectives:
 - (i) Introduce a tax based on the basis of installed number of filling valves or spouts in a factory so that every registered person pays equal amount of tax with no room for tax evasion; and
 - (ii) To increase revenue collection in aerated beverages segment by 25% over the previous year's collection *i.e.* FY 2012-13.
- Capacity based taxation would ensure generation of additional revenue of Rs. 1.4 billion during the year 2013-14 (25% increase).
- However, as a safety measure, this arrangement shall be reviewed by the FBR in **March, 2014** and if the 25% additional revenue is not realized, necessary amendments shall be made.

107. ***Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 07-08-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Benazir Income Support Program has been renamed as Income Support Program in the pink Book (Budget) despite assurance given by the Finance Minister on floor of the House for not changing the name of that program, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) the future of the Benazir Income Support Fund (BISF);*
- (c) whether it is a fact that donor agencies have committed Rs.500 million for the said Program, if so, the proposed utilization/disbursement of that amount; and*
- (d) whether it is a fact that Chairman and Secretary for the said Program have not been appointed so far, if so, the time by which they will be appointed?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) It is clarified that Benazir Income Support Programme has not been renamed. In fact government has introduced/launched an umbrella Income Support Programme under the heading of National Income Support Programme during Budget 2013-14. The government has also enhanced the budgetary provision for the Income Support Programme to the level of Rs.75 billion for the current financial year. Benazir Income Support Programme is one of the major components of the National Income Support Programme.

(b) No decision has been taken at any level to either close down or limit the scope of Benazir Income Support Programme and the same assurances was given by honourable Finance Minister on the floor of the house during discussion on Budget 2013-14 in the National Assembly.

As clarified in Para (a) Benazir Income Support Programme's status would be the same as was the case in the past. Federal Government is fully committed for providing targeted subsidy to the most vulnerable segments of the society.

(c) Commitments are being firmed up and exact figure is not available at present.

(d) They are being appointed.

108. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-08-2013 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) the production and demand of vegetable ghee and oil in the country during 2010-2011; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to control the prices of the said items?*

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi: (a) Production and demand of vegetable ghee and oil in the country during 2010-2011 is as under:—

Production of Ghee and Oil during 2010-11 :

Ghee	1,091,810 M. Tons
Oil	311,499 M. Tons
Total Production	1,403,309 M. Tons

(Source.—Pakistan Bureau of Statistics)

Demand of Ghee and Oil during 2010-11:

Ghee	1,598,400 M. Tons
Oil	367,200 M. Tons
Total Demand	1,965,600 M. Tons

(Source.—Agri: Statistics of Pakistan 2011-12, M/O National Food Security & Research)

(b) Ministry of Industries and Production doesn't regulate the prices of Vegetable Ghee & Oil. The market forces determine the prices of these products.

109. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-08-2013 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum products being exported to Afghanistan at present are exempted from taxes, if so, the details and justification thereof and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to levy tax on those products, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Muhammad Ishaq Dar: (a) CUSTOMS

Exports to Afghanistan (including petroleum products) are zero rated for the purpose of customs duty & taxes. However, in pursuance of ECC decision dated 27.08.2008 (**Annex-A**) in case No.139/16/2008 dated 27-08-2008 regulatory duty was imposed on HSD @ Rs.14.27 per liter and on Kerosene oil @ Rs.17.31 per liter, vide SRO 946(1)/2008 dated 04-09-2008 (**Annex-B**).

However, the rate of regulatory duty kept on changing due to price differential claims on HSD as well as increase/decrease in prices of petroleum products during the period from 01-09-2008 to 18-10-2008.

Currently, the rate of regulatory duty on HSD is Rs.0.68 per liter and that on Kerosene Oil is Rs.0.62 per liter, notified vide SRO 1103(1)/2008 dated 18-10-2008 (**Annex-C**). At present, commercial export of POL products to Afghanistan is not allowed except for surplus quantity of JP-8 as per instructions of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources.

INLAND REVENUE

There are no concessions or exemptions available to export of petroleum products to Afghanistan. In fact facility of zero-rating on export of petroleum products to Afghanistan and Central Asian States is not available in terms of SRO 190(1)/2002 dated 02-04-2012 as amended vide SRO 136(1)/2012 dated 14-02-2012 (Copies of these notifications are **Annexed-D**).

(b) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

ISLAMABAD :
The 28th August, 2013.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.