

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Wednesday, the 29th October, 2014**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

(Questions Nos. 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 48, 51, 53, 55, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 24, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 32-A deferred on 17th October, 2014)

31. (Def.) \***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the value of textile products exported during the financial year 2013-14;*
- (b) *the value of the said products imported during that period; and*
- (c) *the details of benefits which Pakistan can get for textile sector from GSP Plus status accorded by the European Union?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The value of textile products exported during 2013-14;

The value of textile products exported during 2013-14 (July-May) is US\$ 12.626 Billion.

(b) The value of the said products imported during that period; and

The value of textile products imported during 2013-14 is US\$ 2.467 Billion.

(c) The details of benefits which Pakistan can get for textile sector from GSP plus status accorded by the European Union;

Before grant of GSP Plus to Pakistan by EU, Pakistan's main exports to European Union were facing high tariffs:

*(Million US\$)*

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<b>Products</b>	<b>Exports to EU in</b>	<b>Tariffs till 31st Dec,</b>	<b>Projected Increase by</b>
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	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Ethyl Alcohol	42.32	6.1% to 19.2 Euros/H1	10.58
Carpets	48.62	6.4%	12.15
Plastics	50.13	3% (+5.1% ADD)	12.50
Footwear	71.88	Up to 12%	18
Leather	509.21	Up to 5.5%	127.25
Non Value Added Textiles	885.17	Up to 6.4%	221.25
Home Textiles	1,230	Up to 9.6%	307.5
Textile Garments	1,730.08	Up to 9.6%	408

- These products amounted to 82% of our total exports to European Union in 2012. Pakistan's total exports to EU during the calendar year 2012 amounted to US\$ 5.6 billion out of which these products were worth US\$ 4.57 billion.
- Hence through GSP Plus 82% of our exports which were previously facing stiff competition from countries like China, India, Brazil, Bangladesh will now be duty free
- Some of the products from Pakistan had duty free access in EU because the normal or General Arrangement tariffs were already zero, these included the following:

*(Million US \$)*

<b>Product Sector</b>	<b>Exports to EU in 2012</b>
Rice	78
Sports Goods (including football)	130.07
Surgical Instruments	116.01
Meat Products	64
Fruits	70.42

- Hence with the grant, of GSP Plus status to Pakistan, more than 90% of our exports to EU will be eligible for duty free access
- It is estimated that due to GSP Plus there will be an increase of more than US\$ 1.5 billion worth of exports to EU during the year 2014
- Former PRGMEA Chairman Sajid Salim had informed that on an increase of US\$ 4000 in our exports one job will be created. Hence it is estimated that around 100,000 new jobs will be created in textile garments sector only.

32. (Def.) **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- the steps taken by the Government to enhance trade with countries in Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, East Asia, Middle East, European Union and North America during the last five years indicating also the results thereof;*
- the present balance of trade with the said countries; and*
- the names of countries with which Pakistan has signed bilateral trade agreements during the said period indicating also the details of those agreements?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The Steps taken by the Government are as under;  
**European Union**

In 2005 Pakistan was left out of GSP Plus Scheme of European Union as it revised its criterion for selecting developing countries for duty free access. Government of Pakistan then started to take up the issue of enhanced market access for Pakistan in EU through various forums including Pakistan – EU Joint Commission, Pakistan EU Sub Group on Trade and Dedicated Dialogue. The following options were shared:

Pakistan – EU FTA

Pakistan's inclusion in EU's GSP Plus Scheme

An arrangement of concessions with waiver from WTO

The response of EU on FTA has been non-committal.

As a result of floods in 2010, European Union announced duty free access to Pakistan on 75 products under Autonomous Trade Preferences (ATPs) subject to waiver of WTO. These concessions took effect on 15th November, 2012 and were available till 31st January, 2013. During fourteen months (from November, 2012 to December 2013) there was an overall increase in exports to EU of US\$ 365 million as compared to preceding 14 months.

Pakistan was left out of EU's GSP Plus Scheme because its GSP exports were more 1% of EU's imports. Ministry of Commerce took up the matter with EU member states in consultations with Foreign Office for increasing this import vulnerability threshold. As a result of these concerted efforts EU revised its criterion upwards and took it to 2%. When the proposal

for the new GSP Plus Scheme was to be presented in European Parliament for approval, Commerce Minister under took two visits to European Capitals to lobby for successful vote. He met the European Parliamentarians and leading politicians of European member states and made case for need of enhanced market access to Pakistan. As a result of these efforts under the guidance of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, European Parliament approved GSP Plus legislation for Pakistan on 12th December, 2013. The GSP Plus Scheme for Pakistan became effective from 1st January 2014. According to recently released data by European Commission, Pakistan's exports to EU increase by US\$ 333.18 million during the period January – April, 2014.

### **Central Asia**

A three-day Central Asian Business Opportunities Conference, Co. sponsored by Ministry of Commerce, USAID and Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was held on 14-16 April, 2014 in Islamabad with the participation more than 250 private and public participants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics

The Conference concluded with the signing of 16 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) among the Private Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asian States on exploring and utilizing the vast potential of investment and trade in the respective regions.

The MoUs will facilitate regional economic growth through the historical Silk Route, one of the major ancient international trade arteries linking the Orient to the Occident.

In order to seek greater market access in Central Asia, Pakistan also initiated the process of negotiating PTAs with Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. But the two countries intimated that due to their other commitments with trading blocks, they cannot sign individual PTA with Pakistan.

The MoU between the Ministries of Commerce of Pakistan and Turkmenistan has been signed during the visit of the Prime Minister of Turkmenistan to Islamabad in November, 2011 while the MoU between TDAP and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan is ready to be signed during the forthcoming JMC on 6-7 August, 2014 in Islamabad.

### **SAFTA**

The Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) was signed on January 6, 2004. The Agreement was enforced *w.e.f.* July 1, 2006.

### **Trade Promotional Activities**

As per its new export strategy, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan is putting efforts in broadening the base of Pakistan's exports by upgrading export potential of products where Pakistan has competitive advantage and increasing their market share in traditional and non-traditional markets. SAARC is one of the, potential regions and TDAP has performed promotional activities in this region to promote Pakistan's exports.

### **SAARC Trade Fairs**

The details of dates and venues of the SAARC Trade Fairs held so far are given below;

1. First SAARC Trade Fair      New Delhi, 9-14 January 1996
2. Second SAARC Trade Fair    Colombo, 8-15 September 1998

3. Third SAARC Trade Fair Karachi, 21-26 April 2001
4. Fourth SAARC Trade Fair Kathmandu, 25-29 October 2002
5. Fifth SAARC Trade Fair Dhaka, 27-31 December 2003
6. Sixth SAARC Trade Fair New Delhi, 6-10 January 2005
7. Seventh SAARC Trade Fair Karachi, 16-18 June 2006
8. Eighth SAARC Trade Fair Colombo, 28-31 August 2008
9. Ninth SAARC Trade Fair Thimphu, 11-14 September 2009
10. Tenth SAARC Trade Fair Kathmandu, 15-19 December 2010
11. Eleventh SAARC Trade Fair Dhaka, 30 March – 1 April 2012
12. Twelfth SAARC Trade Fair will be at Kulhudhuffushi, Maldives

### **Trade Delegations**

Pakistan sent trade delegations to various SAARC Member Countries.

1. Visit of trade delegation to Bangladesh in May 2009.
2. Visit of TDAP's trade delegation to Maldives and Sri-Lanka on July 5-12, 2009
3. Visit of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) trade delegation to Sri-Lanka on August 12-21, 2009
4. Visit of trade delegation to Bangladesh on August 15-30, 2008
5. Visit of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) delegation to Sri-Lanka on November 22-23, 2009
6. 'Made in Pakistan' Single Country Exhibition organized by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry on June 14-18, 2011 in Bangladesh.
7. 'Lifestyle Pakistan' Exhibition held in New Delhi on November 14-16, 2011.
8. A delegation of Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry visited India in December, 2011.
9. 'Made in Pakistan Expo' organized by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry in March 2012 at Chandigarh, India.
10. 'Lifestyle Pakistan' Exhibition held in New Delhi April 12-16, 2012.

### **India**

The Commerce Ministers of Pakistan and India held a meeting on January 18, 2014 in New Delhi, India. During the meeting, the two sides, *inter-alia*, reached an understanding to

normalize trade relations & provide Non-Discriminatory Market Access on reciprocal basis. Recent studies estimate the following benefits to accrue as a result of normalization of trade relations with India:—

- Pakistan's exports to India will increase substantially within three years wherein Textiles, Manufactured items, Agricultural products are expected to post potential export increase
- There would be considerable increase in import bill savings
- GDP growth of Pakistan would be higher
- There would be net increase in employment
- The number of poor will decrease as a result of enhanced economic activity
- There would be significant consumer welfare gains

In pursuance of meaningful market access Ministry of Commerce has been promoting Trade Cooperation through different institutional arrangements. Following steps have been taken to enhance trade cooperation in the East Asian countries ;

### **China**

Pakistan-China volume of trade, which was in the region of US\$ 4.1 billion in the year 2006-07 reached all-time high in 2012-13, amounting to US\$ 9.2 billion showing an increase of 124 %. Pakistan's exports registered 333 % increase in 2012-13 as compared to 2006-07. Similarly, China's exports to Pakistan also increased by 89 % during this period.

Under the provisions of bilateral FTA, Free Trade Commission (FTC) with an aim to discuss the issues that are hampering our bilateral trade has been established. Two meetings of the FTC have been held and the third meeting would be held on mutually agreed dates.

The negotiations for the 2nd Phase of China-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) were commenced in March 2011. The two sides agreed to develop a roadmap for moving ahead in the second phase and to finalize the tariff reduction modality aiming at further deepening of tariff concessions.

The 2nd meeting of 2nd Phased of CPFTA was held on November 14-15, 2013. Both sides exchanged views to further deepen the bilateral trade and economic cooperation through the platform of FTA. Both sides agreed to resolve the issues of Electronic Data Interchange, Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary measures (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).

### **Japan**

In 1960 both countries mutually granted most favored treatment on trade and entry of nationals. Japan has contributed substantially to the economic development of Pakistan as a major bilateral development cooperation partner.

Pakistan's major exports to Japan are Cotton yarn, cotton fabric, crude vegetable materials, leather etc.

Pakistan's major imports from Japan are road vehicles and their parts, machinery (all sorts), iron and steel manufacturing thereof, chemical material and product etc.

The B2B dialogue was held at Tokyo on 21st March 2012, while the Government-Business Dialogue was held on 22nd March, 2012. Pakistani side was led by Commerce Minister. The other members of official delegation were Secretary Commerce and CE TDAP. The Japanese side was led by their Mr. Okada Vice Minister, METI. Both sessions were actively participated by the public and private sectors of both countries.

JETRO is planning to conduct a survey during this year on the investment and business environment of Pakistan as well as needs of Japanese companies operating in the country for the Pakistan-Japan

FTA. Results of the survey are expected to be shared with MOC during this year. Any progress has not been shared with M/Commerce as yet.

The 4th session of Pakistan-Japan Government Business Dialogue was held at Tokyo in March 2012. A request has been received from CC Tokyo to convene the 5th session of Pakistan-Japan Government Business Dialogue in the 2nd Quarter in Islamabad. We are now in the process of finalization of Agenda for the upcoming dialogue.

### **South Korea**

Pakistan's major exports to Korea are Fish and fish preparation, Oil seed and oleaginous fruit, cotton yarn, cotton fabrics (woven), petroleum, ethyl alcohol, chemical elements and compounds, leather and medical/ surgical instruments 77.5% of our exports comprise raw materials like Naphtha, Unrefined copper, Indentured Ethyl Alcohol and Cotton Yarn

Pakistan's major imports from Korea are Iron and steel manufacturing machinery and it parts, vaccines for human medicine, chemical material and products, polyesters, dying tanning and coloring matters.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and Ministry of Commerce of the Islamic Republic Pakistan in April 2014.

It has been agreed in the MOU that both sides will conduct study to explore the possibilities of Free trade agreement. Ministry is in the process finalizing TORs of the study in this regard.

MoU also contains a proposal to form a Joint Trade Commission. Pakistan's Commercial Counselor in Seoul has been asked to finalize the agenda of the first meeting of the JTC in consultations with Korean side.

### **Malaysia:**

The Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) for Closer Economic Partnership between Pakistan and Malaysia was signed on 08-11-2007 and became effective from 1st January 2008.

Under Malaysia-Pakistan Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (MPCEPA), a Joint Committee has been established to review the implementation and operation of this agreement. The 1st Joint Committee meeting of the MPCEPA was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12th September, 2011. The 2nd meeting of Joint Review Committee was held on 25-26 February, 2014 in Islamabad.

### **Indonesia :**

Pakistan and Indonesia signed Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) on 3th February, 2012. The PTA was operationalized in September, 2013. At present Feasibility study to conduct FTA has been proposed. Pakistan and Indonesia also signed Mutual Recognition Agreement on plant quarantine and trade of horticulture products in August 2013.

### **Thailand :**

Inaugural Session of Pak-Thailand Joint Trade Committee was held in Islamabad in August 2013. It was decided during the meeting that both sides will conduct feasibility study to negotiate Free Trade Agreement. At present Feasibility study to conduct FTA has been proposed.

### **OTHERS:**

Trade development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) being national trade promotion agency participates in different Trade Fairs & Exhibitions in different regions. TDAP also arrange business delegations to and from Pakistan.

The government has taken various steps to enhance trade with South Asia, North America & Middle East, which are as follows:

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### **Trade Fairs**

The details of SAARC Trade Fairs held in last five years are given below;

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## **NORTH AMERICA**

### **Trade & Investment Framework Agreement with USA (TIFA)**

Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) between Pakistan and USA was signed on 25th June, 2003 in Washington D.C. Wide ranging initiatives are covered under the Agreement which include enhancement of bilateral trade in goods and services and to secure favorable conditions for long term development and diversification of bilateral trade. The TIFA Council has met seven times since its inception of which five meetings were held during last five years. The last meeting was held on May 13-14, 2014

### **US-Pakistan Business Opportunities Conferences**

Pakistan-US Business Opportunities Conference was first held in London on 4-5 October 2012, followed by a second conference in Dubai on 25-26 June, 2013. Large number of companies participated in both the conferences which included leading names of their respective fields.

After the first conference, Ministry of Commerce introduced a travel insurance for foreign buyers to facilitate them in traveling to Pakistan in the wake of negative travel advisories.

During the second conference, Pakistan Private Investment Initiative (PPII) announced launching of two new privates equity funds focused solely on Pakistan's dynamic and fast-growing small- and medium-sized businesses. Seed investment to capitalize the funds would be

provided by USAID and Abraaj Group and JS Private Equity Management have committed to match or exceed these seed funds with investments of their own, as well as private funds raised from other limited investors. Pooled funds for the initiative will initially be \$100 million which is expected to grow many folds into hundreds of millions of dollars in investment for small and medium businesses, as per USAID Administrator.

Based on the success of the two conferences, Ministry of Commerce in collaboration with USTR is going to hold the third conference in November this year.

### **Trade Exhibitions Organized by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan**

The following trade fairs/exhibitions were organized and participated in by TDAP during last five years:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
USA	05	09	06	09	10
Mexico	01	-	-	-	-

### **MIDDLE EAST**

#### **Trade Preferential System of Organization of Islamic Conference (TPS-OIC);**

Ministry of Commerce has already signed & ratified the required three agreements pertaining to Trade Preferential System (TPS-OIC) among OIC member states and submitted the instrument of ratification and concession list to OIC Secretariat through Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 15-5-2012.

#### **Pak-GCC FTA**

Commerce Division is pursuing Free Trade Agreement with Gulf Cooperation Council; so far two rounds of FTA negotiations have been held. The first round of negotiations with Pakistan held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2006, The second round took place in 2008 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. MOC has requested to MOFA for holding 3rd Round of negotiation on the subject FTA.

#### **Saudi Arabia**

Efforts are at hand to conclude an agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investment.

#### **UAE**

11th Session of Pak-UAE meeting was held on 6-7th November, 2013. Both sides agreed on the followings;

- Formation of Pak-UAE Joint Business Council.
- Lifting of ban on Pakistan's Poultry products and the ban was lifted subsequently.

- UAE may use its influence for early conclusion of Pak-GCC FTA.
- Exchange of Business delegation.

TDAP is making ground work to actively participate in Expo 2020 to be held in Dubai.

### **Qatar**

In 2nd Session of Pakistan — Qatar Joint Ministerial Commission held on 22nd and 23rd February'2012 in Islamabad, it was decided by both sides to encourage the organization of trade fairs & exhibitions in order to promote Pakistani products and services and facilitate trade and cooperation between the business communities of both countries. The Qatari side supported the organization of a Pakistani trade fair in Doha in 2012. FPCCI is interested in organizing an exclusive Pakistani exhibition in collaboration with our counterparts in Doha, Qatar. Beside FPCCI would like to participate in their annual event where we intend to send exhibitors for B2C. 3rd Session of Pak-Qatar was held on 18th Feb, 2014. Both sides agreed activation of Joint Business Council between the chambers of both the countries. Trade balance was in favor of Qatar and Pakistani side requested to reduce that trade deficit. Both sides agreed to encourage trade fairs and exhibitions.

During the visit of Prime Minister of Kuwait to Pakistan in November 2013 an MoU was signed with Qatar for organizing exhibitions between both countries. Proposal for organizing a single country exhibition by Pakistan in Qatar is also under consideration.

### **Bahrain**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain along with Commerce Minister of Bahrain and 30 members Business delegation visited Pakistan on 19 March, 2014. Ministry of Commerce in liaison with TDAP and FPCCI organized Business forum, arranged B2B meeting and various MOUs was signed between FPCCI, KCCI and RCCI with Bahrain counterpart for enhancement of bilateral trade between the two countries.

### **Kuwait**

In 2012, Kuwait participated in Expo Pakistan for the first time with a delegation of 14 businessmen. The products of interest were halal red meat, construction material, honey, bed linen, working gloves and ready-made food products.

In 2013, a delegation of 15 businessmen visited the Expo Pakistan. The sectors of interest were software (telecom sector and lighting solutions), hospital linen, construction material and fruits and vegetables. In August 2013, the Commercial Section held a Pakistan Basmati Rice and Mango, Food Festival (funded from EMDF).

### **Oman**

6th Session of Pak-Oman JMC was held at Islamabad on March 02, 2010. Both sides agreed on the followings;

- i. Enhancing cooperation in area of commerce and Trade.

- ii. To constitute Joint Working Group. Pakistani side conveyed the composition of JWG to Oman, response from Oman is awaited.
- iii. Formation of Joint Business Council.

## **Yemen**

7th Session of Pak-Yemen JMC was held at Islamabad on January, 7-8, 2014. Both sides agreed on the followings.

- I. Formation of Joint Business Council.
- II. Addressed the problems faced by exports of pharmaceutical products from Pakistan to Yemen through formation of a Committee.
- III. Formation of Technical Committee for entering into PTA or FTA with Yemen.
- IV. Exchange of Business delegations.
- V. Possibility of signing of Bilateral Investment Treaty.
- VI. Yemeni side requested for streamlining of Pakistani Visa regime for Yemeni Businessmen.

As a result of the above efforts, Pakistan's exports to South Asia, North America & Middle East have increased by 8.41%, 1.55% & 4.74 %, respectively, during the period under discussion.

- (b) The statistics of present balance of trade with said countries are as under;

Pakistan's trade with SAARC Countries during the five years is at **Annex-I**.

The balance of trade details Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand are attached at **Annex-II**.

Pakistan's trade with South Asia, North America and Middle East during the last five years is at **Annex-III to IV**, respectively.

- (c) **Indonesia :**

- Pakistan and Indonesia signed Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) on 3rd February, 2012. The PTA was operationalized in September, 2013. Enforcement of PTA, being the first step under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will be followed by negotiations on bilateral FTA as per the commitments already agreed between the two sides.

34. (Def) \***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of countries with which Pakistan has signed free trade agreements so far indicating also the date of signing of agreement in each case,*
- (b) *whether the National Tariff Commission was consulted by the Ministry of Commerce before signing the said agreements, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the balance of trade with each of the said countries, separately, from the date those agreements came into effect?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Pakistan signed three free trade agreement so far, details are as under;

<b>Name of the Partner Country</b>	<b>Date of Signing</b>
China	24th November, 2006
Malaysia	8th November, 2007.
Sri Lanka	12th June, 2005
SAARC	6th January 2004

(b) Yes. National Tariff Commission (NTC) always provided input on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) to M/o Commerce;

The Ministry has incorporated provisions in following FTAs signed by Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the recommendations of NTC.

(i) **Pak-Malaysia FTA:** In chapter 5 (Trade Remedies) under article 52 Anti-dumping, article 53 Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, article 54-Bilateral Safeguard Measures & article 55- Global Safeguard Measures.

(ii) **Pak-China FTA:** In chapter V (Trade Remedies) under article 25-Antidumping and countervailing Measures, article-26 Global Safeguard Measures article 27-Bilateral Safeguard Measures.

(iii) **Pak-Sri Lanka FTA:** In article VIII Safeguard Measures of Free Trade Agreement. The relevant provisions failing within the mandate of NTC were incorporated in agreements with above countries under the chapters/articles relating to Trade Remedies including Anti-dumping Subsidies & Countervailing Measures, Bilateral Safeguard Measures and Global Safeguard Measures. Texts of all the FTAs are available at the website of M/o Commerce *i.e.* [www.commerce.gov.pk](http://www.commerce.gov.pk)

(c) Details of balance of trade with China, Malaysia and Sri Lanka are as under:-

The Balance of trade with each of the SAFTA members from the date of operationalization of the agreement is enclosed as **Annex-I**

35. (Def.) **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether the National Tariff Commission (NTC) has suggested any safeguarding measures, tariffs and para tariffs, duties and subsidies on any tariff line in connection with granting MFN status to India, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) whether any proposal / suggestion of the said Commission has been incorporated / included by the Government in its negotiations with India, if so, its details; and*
- (c) whether that Commission has ever levied countervailing duties and anti dumping measures / duties on goods being imported from India during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The National Tariff Commission, besides enforcing and implementing trade defence laws, is mandated to advise the Ministry of Commerce on tariff measures or other forms of assistance for providing protection to indigenous industry. The Commission has been asked to suggest safeguard measures, tariff and para tariffs, duties and subsidies, where deemed necessary, in connection with granting MFN status to India, in order to guard against unfair competition. Besides this, following initiatives have also been taken by the Ministry of Commerce:—

- Following committees have been constituted with representation of public and private sectors:
    - i. Regional Trade Committee on Agriculture Sector
    - ii. Regional Trade Committee on Pharmaceutical Sector
    - iii. Regional Trade Committee on Auto Sector
    - iv. Regional Trade Committee on Textile Sector
    - v. Wagah Trade Committee on Agriculture
    - vi. Wagah Trade Committee
  - Directorate of Agriculture has been established in NTC, with the objective to provide protection to the local agriculture sector through prompt application of trade defence measures in case of injury or threat of injury due to any import surge from India.
  - A mechanism is being developed wherein the Textile & Pharmaceutics sectors will have an informal advisory role at NTC with the objective to provide protection to the local industry.
  - Trade Monitoring Cells in the Ministry of Commerce and TDAP, Lahore have been established.
- (b) As above.

(c) The Commission has levied anti-dumping duty @ 10.94% for a period of five years on 13-02-2011 on dumped imports of phthalic anhydride imported from India.

No countervailing duty has been imposed so far on any goods imported from India.

36. (Def.) \***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the export of Halal meat and food from Pakistan has considerably decreased during the recent years, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the same?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastagir Khan:** The export of Halal meat increased to US\$ 230.2 million during July-June 2013-14 from US\$ 211.1 million in same period last year, showing an increase of 9.0%, whereas the export of other food decreased to US\$ 4393.7 million from US\$ 4550.9 million showing decrease of 3.45% The break up is as under:-

Value in Million US\$

Item	2012-13 (July-June)	2013-14 (July-June)
Meat	211.1	230.2
Other Food	4550.9	4393.7
Total:	4762.0	4623.9

**Source: PBS**

The export value of some food items like Rice, Fish, Fruits and oil seed has increased whereas export value of vegetables, tobacco, wheat, sugar, spices, has decreased. (Details are given at Annex-A)

The Government has taken following steps to increase the export of meat and food:—

- (i) ECC of the Cabinet in its decision dated 30th July, 2013, imposed ban on the commercial export of live animals from the country *w.e.f.* 1st October, 2014 to enhance the export of meat.
- (ii) Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export. Company (PHDEC), established with the mandate of work for production, development and export of horticulture products has:—
  - (a) Conducted trainings/workshops/seminars for the capacity building of growers, processors and exporters.
  - (b) Provided support to the horticulture industry for country specific Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) compliance and;
- (c) Established Hot Water Treatment Plant at Karachi on Public Private Partnership basis and Irradiation Treatment Facility at Lahore in collaboration with Atomic Energy Commission.

- (iii) The Government has announced following incentives under Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2012-15:—
- (a) 50 percent subsidy on cost of plant & machinery for processing of meat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA and Balochistan.
  - (b) Setting-up of Exim Bank
  - (c) Mark-up support of 2 percent on prevailing Long Term Financing Scheme for future import/purchase of machinery.
  - (d) Mark-up support of 1.5 percent on Export Finance Scheme (EFS) to *inter-alia* processed food, meat and meat preparation.
  - (e) Subsidizing 50 percent cost of plant & machinery for establishing processing plants for meat, fruits, vegetables, dates etc.
  - (f) Up-gradation of rice inspection labs.

48. (Def.) **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption and misappropriation surfaced in the State Life Insurance Corporation during the last five years indicating also the names of the persons involved in those cases and action taken against them; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control such cases in future?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The details of cases of corruption and misappropriation surfaced in the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan during the last five years indicating along with the names of the persons involved in those and action take against them:—

\*Matters reported to the FIA.

Details of the names involved and action taken is at Annex 'A'.

- (b) The steps taken by the Government to control such cases in future:

Adherence to the Rules and Regulations shall be ensured to control the loopholes. Officials found guilty are awarded punishment after adopting laid down procedure of disciplinary proceeding under the provisions of State Life Employees (Service) Regulations, 1973.



3.	Reduction/Downgraded	4
4.	Recoveries	6
5.	Withheld increments	0
6.	Censures	1
7.	Warning	2
8.	Close the case	0
9.	Disposed Off	0
10.	Exonerated	9
11.	Under Process	52

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51. (Def.) **\*Mr. Taj Haider:** (Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 1:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation, date of birth, date of appointment, educational qualifications, previous trainings and experience of the persons who have been appointed, promoted or appointed on deputation basis against the posts of General Managers, Deputy General Managers, Assistant General Managers, Managers, Deputy Managers, Assistant Managers, Trainee Executives reinstated and FLMI Trainees in the State Life Insurance Corporation since 1st January, 2009;*
- (b) *whether any action / proceedings have been initiated against the said persons who do not possess the required qualifications, experience or trainings, if so the details thereof;*
- (c) *the seniority position of the said officers who have not been promoted so far despite the fact that they fulfill the required qualifications / criteria for promotion; and*
- (d) *whether there is any difference in prescribed qualifications and criteria for selection, absorption and regularization of services of the Trainee Executives, FLMI Trainees and employees of that corporation who acquire FLMI qualification, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The following number of appointments and promotions have been made against the said posts since 1st January, 2009:

Appointments	Promotion	Trainee Executive Reinstated	FLMI Trainees	Appointments on Deputation
311	753	175	“Nil”	16

Detail of appointments is placed at **(Annex-A)**. Detail of promotions is placed at **(Annex -B)**. Detail of Trainee Executive Reinstated and FLMI Trainees placed at **(Annex -C)**. Detail of appointments on Deputation is placed at **(Annex -D)**.

(b) The disciplinary proceedings against (07) seven officers have been initiated who do not possess the required qualification, experience or trainings. Detailed report is placed at **(Annex -E)**.

(c) There are about 693 officers who stand eligible for consideration of promotion in different posts *i.e.* Deputy General Manager, General Managers, Assistant General Manager, Manager, Deputy Manager, and Assistant Manager. Detailed report is placed at **(Annex -F)**.

(d) There is a difference in prescribed qualification and criteria for selection of Trainee Executives, FLMI Trainees and Employees of the Corporation as per following:

<b>Trainee Executives</b>	<b>FLMI Trainees</b>	<b>FLMI for Corporations Employees</b>
(i) They should be Graduate and Post Graduate.	(i) They should be Intermediate with at least 77% aggregate marks and at least 75% marks in Economics or Accounting or Mathematics or Statistics or Physics.	(i) They should be Graduate with at least 3 years services with State Life. (ii) Intermediate/Diploma holders with at least 4 years services with State Life. (iii) Matriculate with at least 5 years service with State Life.

Detailed report is placed at **(Annex -G)**.

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

53. (Def.) **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 11:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Russian Federation, if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far; and*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to enhance trade with the said country?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Pakistan initiated the process of starting PTA negotiations leading to an FTA with the Russian Federation in 2004. Russian side at that point of

time was of the view that PTA / FTA may only be considered once it becomes member of WTO. It became member of WTO in 2012. Accordingly Russian Federation was requested to consider PTA / FTA with Pakistan. Russian Federation in last IGC held in 2012, was of the view that as Customs Union has been established among Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, therefore the PTA/FTA negotiations can only be started after consulting its Customs Union partners.

(b) The Government of Pakistan has taken / is taking following steps for enhancing trade with Russian Federation:

- The issue of exporters claims against Russian Federation which have proved a major bottleneck in the improvement of bilateral trade relation is being pursued by the government quite actively. A committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to resolve the issue at the earliest.
- Russian side has been requested to consider PTA / FTA with Pakistan. Russian side is of the view that it will respond after consulting its Custom Union Partners.
- Pakistani side in order to enhance the bilateral trade is in favor of establishing Joint Business Council (JBC). Accordingly a draft to establish was forwarded to Russian side to which their response is awaited.

55. (Def.) \***Mrs. Sehar Kamran** : (Notice received on 08-07-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) so far; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that signing of the said agreement with the council has been delayed, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be signed?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:**

(a) **Steps taken by Government of Pakistan**

1. Negotiations with the GCC were undertaken in terms of Article-2 of the Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation between Pakistan and GCC which was signed at Islamabad on 26th August, 2004.

2. During the first round of negotiations held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2006, GCC agreed to engage with Pakistan to establish a Free Trade Area.

3. The second round took place in 2008 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In this round Architecture (text of FTA) modalities, regarding the concession lists and rules of Origin were

discussed. The discussion in the first two rounds included negotiation on goods as well as services sector.

4. After 2nd round in 2008. Minister of Commerce taken following actions:

- (a) Circulation of Draft text to the stakeholders.
- (b) Preparation of concession lists.
- (c) Circulation of concession lists.
- (d) Convening of Inter-Ministerial Meeting.

5. An MoU of “Strategic Dialogue between GCC and Pakistan” was signed in 2010, which included conducting negotiations on FTA.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that signing of the Pak-GCC FTA has been delayed but for the following reasons:

Cautious of the global economic crisis, GCC suspended all its ongoing FTA negotiations in 2008. According to decision by the Supreme Council of GCC, member countries could only negotiate free trade - agreements collectively with the exception of USA.

Ministry of Commerce has been pursuing the process and taken the following action regarding start of negotiation for the next round so that Pak-GCC FTA can be concluded at the earliest:-

- I. During the visit of the Prime Minister of Kuwait to Pakistan in November 2013, the issue of FTA was raised by the Government of Pakistan. Kuwait as the GCC chair in 2013, promised to support Pakistan for the FTA.
- II. During the 3rd Session of Pak-Qatar JMC held on 18th Feb, 2014, Pakistani side requested the Qatari side to take up the matter for holding 3rd round of Pak-GCC FTA.
- III. His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain along with Commerce Minister of Bahrain and 30 members Business delegation visited Pakistan on 19 March, 2014. Pakistani side took up the issue with Bahraini side for the same.
- IV. Pak-Saudi 10th JMC Session was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 15-16 April, 2014. Commerce Minister led the delegation. The issue for conclusion of Pak-GCC FTA was raised with Saudi Arabia, as GCC headquarter is in KSA.
- V. Pakistan in all JMCs with the Gulf countries raised the issue for early conclusion of Pak-GCC FTA, the response from the GCC is pending.

5. (Def) \*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether there is any provision for lodging complaints / complaint centers in Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) and Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH), Islamabad for redressal of complaints of patients, if so, the details thereof, and*
- (b) the number of complaints received by the said offices or centers in those hospitals during the last two years and action taken thereon separately?*

**Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:** (a) There is provision for lodging complaints/ complains centers in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences(PIMS) and Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH) Islamabad for redressal of complaints of patients.

**Procedure of redressal of complaints of the patients in PIMS**

There is system of addressing complaints of the patients in PIMS. The complaints are submitted to the concerned/designated Administrator Officer(s) who process the same accordingly. The Deputy Director Indoor, OPD and EAC are designated officers for receiving complaints regarding their respective area of responsibility. The complaints probed into by the nominated officer(s)/Committees and the authorities act accordingly. The same is highlighted for public information through sign boards. The concerned Cell of PIMS headed by Superintendent & Additional Director act as Coordinating Officer.

**Procedure of redressal of complaints of the patients in FGSH**

The Federal Government Polyclinic has a proper complaint cell for receiving complaints and formulated following committees comprising of senior doctors to deal with such issues, whenever it is brought into the notice of Administration. Furthermore, there is laid down procedures (E&D Rules) and the actions are taken according to these rules where required:—

- o Ethical Committee
- o Vigilance Committee
- o Complaint Committee
- o Death Review Committee
- o When require under (E&D) Rules other committees are also constituted to deal such matter.

(b) Detail of complaints of the patients received in PIMS and action taken at Annexure-A.

Detail of complaints of the patients received in FGSH and action taken at Annexure-B.

10. (Def.) \*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of outdoor patients treated in PIMS, Islamabad, during 2011 and 2012;*
- (b) *the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide better facilities to the said patients in that hospital; and*
- (c) *whether the indoor patients are provided medicines and facility of clinical tests free of cost in the said hospital?*

**Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:** (a)

The number of outdoor patients treated in PIMS, Islamabad during 2011 is 853212 and during 2012 is 908720.

(b) PIMS has already taken vital steps to provide better facilities to the patients at OPDs. For this purpose, PIMS has established sufficient computerized registration counters for patients (separately for male and female) and also deputed adequate number of doctors for better facilitation to the patients. Senior Citizens are much respected segment of our society. PIMS is carrying out its responsibilities to give the due facilities to the Senior Citizens. A special counter is functioning in OPD for guiding the patients, issuance of treatment cards, and provision of wheel Chairs. Special seating arrangements have also been made in OPD and senior citizens do not have to stand in queues for obtaining treatment card as well as for consultation.

(c) All the indoor patients are being provided free of cost medicines. The patients admitted in General Ward and entitled patients are provided facility of free tests.

12. (Def.) \*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan: (Notice received on 26-06-2014 at 10:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the criteria laid down for issuance of membership of Islamabad Club with category-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the names of persons who have been issued membership of the said club during the last ten years indicating also the date of issuance of membership and fee charged for the same in each case; and*
- (c) *the details of facilities extended by that club to its members?*

**Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:** The information is being collected from the Quarter concerned. It will be placed on Floor of the House as and when received.

14. (Def.) **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-06-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of current investments made by the State Life Insurance Corporation;*
- (b) the monthly / yearly income of the Corporation from the said investments; and*
- (c) the authority which approved those investments?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The details of investment presently made by SLIC are as under:

(b) The amount earned from the said investments during the last five years and details of its utilization are as under:-

The amount earned from the investment portfolio is re-invested. This has been the practice of the investment division to reinvest the amount earned (Net) in the portfolio.

(c) The investment decisions are taken by the Investment Committee, headed by the Chairman, SLIC and periodically reviewed by the Board. All investments are made in accordance with the relevant rules and policies.

15. (Def.) **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :** (Notice received on 27-06-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the countries with which Pakistan trade is in deficit at present; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to remove the said deficit during the last one year?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Details of the top ten countries with which Pakistan has the trade deficit are as under, complete list of the countries is attached as Annex-I.

(b) It is not feasible for any country to have positive trade balance with every trading partner. However, the only way to address the issue of negative trade balance is to enhance exports. Government has taken following initiatives to enhance exports;

- In 2013 Pakistan became eligible for GSP Plus Scheme. Due to preferential treatment given to Pakistani products, Pakistan's exports to EU have increased by \$ 333 million during the period Jan-April, 2014.
- Government has facilitated the signing of MoU between Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Pakistan,
- Afghanistan and Central Asian States on exploring and utilizing the vast potential of investment and trade in the region.
- Pakistan is also a part of agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area, an initiative which aims to promote regional trade.
- Pakistan China Free Trade Agreement, which is effective since 2007 has increased trade between the two neighbors, the bilateral trade has increased from \$ 3 billion to \$ 9 billion annually.
- Steps have been taken to increase our exports to the Japan. B2B dialogue was held on 21st March 2012. 4th Japan Pakistan Government Business Dialogue was held in March, 2012.
- A MoU has been signed with South Korea to enter into a Free Trade Agreement.
- Pakistan and Malaysia have Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement for Closer Economic Partnership. Bilateral trade between the two countries was at \$ 1.23 billion in 2007 and in 2013 it has reached \$ 2.12 billion.
- Pakistan has signed a free trade agreement with Indonesia in 2013.



- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has arranged trade fairs and exhibition to promote Pakistani exports. Expo Pakistan is held every year where buyers all over the world are invited. Furthermore, 2nd Life style Pakistan exhibition is also being held in India to promote our products in Indian market.
- TDAP took Pakistani exporters to 10 exhibitions in USA alone during 2013-14.

16. (Def.) \***Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah** : (Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 11:30 a.m.)

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

- whether it is a fact that freight charges for commodities imported from India via Monabao - Khokhrapar rout, which will require to reach southern parts of the country, would be cheaper as compared to freight charges for those imported via other routes;*
- the steps taken / being taken by the Government to open Monabao - Khokhrapar rout for trade with India; and*
- the impediments in opening the said rout and the steps proposed to be taken up to address the same?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) It is a fact that freight charges for commodities imported from India *via* Munabao-Khokhrapar route for southern parts of the country would be lesser than freight charges for those imported *via* other routes, due to lesser distance.

(b) & (c) During the visit of Indian Commerce Minister to Pakistan in February, 2012, the two sides, among other things, agreed that possibilities of opening route for trade will be explored in consultation with the stakeholders (**Annex-I**). It was agreed in principle to constitute a Joint Working Group to explore the possibility of opening this route for trade. Presently, there are infrastructure issues like lack of road network for operationalization of the route for trade and non-availability of Customs' set up at the border point. The matter is under discussion with the stakeholders to achieve this objective.

19. (Def.) \***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood**: (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- the names and place of domicile of Members of the Board of Directors of the State Life Insurance Corporation; and*
- the procedure laid down for appointment of Board Members?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgri Khan:** (a) Following are the names and places of domicile of the members of the Board of Directors of the State Life Insurance Corporation:

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S. No.	Name of appointed Director	Place of Domicile
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1.	Mr. Saeed Chaman, Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan	Sindh
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of appointed Director</b>	<b>Place of Domicile</b>
2.	Mr. Mohsin Nathani, CEO, Standard Chartered Bank, UAE	Sindh
3.	Mr. Saad Amanullah, CEO, Gillettee Pakistan	Sindh
4.	Mr. Shafqat Ahmed	Punjab

(b) The members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the Prime Minister. A Summary for the Prime Minister is routed through the Establishment Division for the appointment of the Board members.

The Director should fulfill the criteria laid down in Regulation 3(iii)(b) of Insurance Companies (sound and Prudent), Management Regulations, 2012 which is as under:

*“In determining a person’s competence and capability the following shall be considered:*

- (a) The Chief Executive or Principal Officer must fulfill the following requirements:
- (1) Such person must have a minimum educational qualification of a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan or foreign qualification of equivalent level recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, with at least 10 years’ experience out of which 5 years as Key Officer in the Insurance Industry; or
  - (2) Such person must (a) be an ACII or FCII, (b) be a fellow of the institute or Society of Actuaries or equivalent qualification as recognized by the Pakistan Society of Actuaries, (c) hold a master’s degree in insurance, Risk Management or Actuarial Science from a university recognized by the Higher Education Commission with at least 5 years’ experience as Key Officer in the insurance industry.”
- The number of Director of BoD, SLIC is eight including a representative from Ministry of Commerce;
  - The Directors appointed on BoD for a period of three years;

- A Director shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of sixty five years.

24. (Def.) **\*Mrs. Khalida Parveen :** (Notice received on 25-07-2014 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate unstarred question No.7, replied on 16th May, 2014 and state:*

- (a) the details of the stay order obtained by the Federal Employees Cooperative Housing Society against the action to be taken by CDA for various irregularities / violations committed by that society in its housing scheme namely 'Jinnah Gardens Phase-1, Zone-5 indicating also the time / period for which the same has been granted; and*
- (b) whether the CDA or Cooperative Department, ICT, has taken any steps for vacation of the said stay order, if so, the details thereof and if not, its reasons?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) WP No.2632/2012

FECHS Vs Federation of Pakistan

Islamabad High Court order dated 09-08-2012.

No adverse action shall be taken against the petitioner.

FECHS Vs CDA in District Courts of Islamabad

Stay order dated 19-12-2013

Both the parties are hereby restrained from changing nature of buildings, roads, etc in the Society in any manner pursuant to show cause Notice dated 09-12-2013.

(b) Yes, report and parawise comments in both cases have been submitted for vacation of the stay by CDA.

28. (Def.) **\*Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :** (Notice received on 27-08-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the date on which the present zoning regulations of Blue Area, Islamabad were enacted; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to amend / update the said regulations?*

*Reply not received.*

30. (Def.) **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash :** (Notice received on 05-09-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start development work in sectors I-12, I-15 and E-12, Islamabad, if so, the time by which the same will be started and completed?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** Yes. The proposal to start development work in Sector I-12 is under consideration. Cost estimate are being prepared and codal formalities of the project are also being observed.

The proposal to start development work in sector I-15 is also under consideration. Development work will be started hopefully within three months and stipulated completion time is two years.

The proposal to start development work in sector E-12 is also under consideration. It is expected that development work will commence in couple of months after resolving the issue of adverse possession of land. CDA will try to complete this task within shortest possible time.

31. (Def.) **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash :** (Notice received on 05-09-2014 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is fact that underground water level / water table in Islamabad is lowering down rapidly, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to maintain the same; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch projects for harvesting / storage of rain water and construction of check water dams in Islamabad, if so, when?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Yes, the underground water level / water table in Islamabad is lowering down as the existing resources of surface water are not enough to meet the water supply requirements of Islamabad independently and ground water has to be harvested and is supplied to cope with the demands as well. Projects for “Conduction of water from Indus River System of Tarbela Dam to Islamabad and Rawalpindi” and “Construction of Chirah Dam Project” have been initiated by the Government, as steps to meet the requirements.

(b) At present there is no proposal under consideration by the CDA to launch Projects for harvesting / storage of rain water in Islamabad.

32. (Def.) **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash :** (Notice received on 08-09-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of Housing Societies are working illegally in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the number of projects launched by the said societies in Islamabad so far; and*
- (c) *the details of action taken by CDA against the said societies?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Yes, there are a number of housing societies/schemes working in Islamabad illegally. The details are at Annex-I, II, III & IV.

(b) The number of projects launched by the said societies in Islamabad are 80.

(c) The details of action taken by the CDA is at Annex-V.

32-A (Def.) \*Mr. Shahi Syed : (Notice received on 23-09-2014 at 1:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that presently there is no teacher for science subjects in the Federal Government High School, Presidency Colony, Islamabad, if so, the time by which teachers for those subjects will be posted there; and*
- (b) *the arrangements presently made for teaching the said subjects in that school?*

**Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:** (a)

There was no teacher for science subject in Islamabad Model School for Girls (I-X), Presidency Colony, Islamabad as fresh recruitment of teachers has not been made due to ban in recruitments and the posts are lying vacant. Recently 03 teachers have been transferred in the school for teaching science subjects. They have joined their duties at place of posting.

(b) As stop gap arrangement, the Principal has appointed a science teacher on temporary basis in the school.

166. \*Syeda Sughra Imam: (Notice received on 27-06-2014 at 02:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether the Cabinet Division was consulted on the Rawalpindi - Islamabad Metro Bus project, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *whether any cost benefit analysis of the said project has been carried out to assess its benefits to the people and economy of ICT, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

167. \*Syeda Sughra Imam: (Notice received on 27-06-2014 at 02:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the name of the Cabinet Committee which authorized the sale / privatization of the Government's shares in the United Bank Limited;*
- (b) the names of Ministries / Divisions which are members of the said Committee;*
- (c) the names and designations of the Ministers who were present in the meeting of the said committee when the decision of the said sale / privatization was taken indicating also the names of those Ministers who were in favour of that decision; and*
- (d) the details of the said decision and the privatization plan that was approved by the Committee?*

Reply not received.

168. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 01-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)  
*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of meetings of ECC held since June, 2013; and*
- (b) the details of decisions taken in the said meetings?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Thirty Seven (37) meetings of the ECC have been held since June, 2013.

(b) The information with regard to decisions of the Cabinet or its Committees are treated as "Secret" under the Rules of Business, 1973. Therefore, this part of the question is not admissible for answer under rule 50 (xvii) (d) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, in the Senate 2012, being sensitive in nature.

169. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state the details of facilities / incentives being provided by the Government to the textile sector in the country and comparison of the same with those being provided by India and Bangladesh to their textile sectors?*

**Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi:** (a) The Government approved Textiles Package in Budget 2014-15. The package is comprised of following important initiatives:

**Drawback of Local Taxes**

Draw-back for local taxes and levies would be given to exporters of textile products on FOB values of their enhanced exports on an incremental basis if increased beyond 10% over previous year's exports

### **Easy Finance**

Mark up rate for Export Refinance Scheme of State Bank of Pakistan is being reduced from 9.4% to 7.5% from 1st of July 2014.

Textile industry units in the value added sector would be provided Long Term Financing facility (LTFF) for up gradation of technology from State Bank of Pakistan at the rate of 9% for 3-10 years duration.

### **Tariff on Machinery Imports**

Duty free import of textile machinery for the period of two years.

### **Vocational Training**

A new vocation training programme will be launched to train 120,000 men and women, over the five year period, for skills required in the value added sector such as garments and made ups etc.

(b) Ministry of Textile India has Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme, subsidies on FoB values under Drawback, Market Linked Focus Product Scheme and Incremental Export Incentivization Scheme

Bangladesh provides 5% subsidy on exports if local yarn and fabric is used.

170. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the Government to develop finer quality of cotton to increase value addition to its finished goods?*

**Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi:** The following initiatives have been taken for developing finer quality cotton production:-

- PCCC and other cotton research institutes developed some varieties with over 30 mm staple length, like CIM-573, MNH 990, CEMB-33, Alsaleemi H-61
- PCCC has acquired over 4000 germplasm from the USA, and is utilizing these resources in developing long and extra long staple varieties through breeding for quality traits.

- PCCC has tested the long varieties, already developed, at coastal areas of Thatta (Sindh) and Winder (Baluchistan).
- Long varieties are not getting popularize because buyer not ready to pay premium price.

This Ministry has also instructed provincial governments to implement the cotton control Act in letter and spirit to ensure standardization and grading of cotton according to international standards adopted by the Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute.

171. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and designation of the persons who were allotted rooms / suits in Government hostels and CDA hostels in Islamabad during the last two years indicating also the rate at which the rent charged from them?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** The list of the allottees of Government Hostel and CDA Officers Hostel during the last two years and also rate at which the rent charged from them is at **Annex-A**.

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

172. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- the locations of the zonal offices of the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA); and*
- the number of persons working in each zonal office with province-wise break-up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The locations of the zonal offices of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) are given below:

Sr. No.	Location of Zonal Offices
1.	PTA Zonal Office, Lahore Location: Adjacent Cantt. Telephone Exchange, 165-Abid Majeed Road, Lahore
2.	PTA Zonal Office, Karachi Location: Wireless Compound Opposite Jinnah Post-Graduate Medical Centre (J.P.M.C), Rafiqi Shaheed Road, Karachi



3. PTA Zonal Office, Peshawar  
Location: Plot No. 11, Sector A-3, Phase-V,  
Hayatabad, Peshawar
  4. PTA Zonal Office, Quetta  
Location: Behind F.I.A Building Samungli Road, Quetta
  5. PTA Zonal Office, Rawalpindi  
Location: House No. 161, Street No. 9, Chaklala Scheme III,  
Rawalpindi
  6. PTA Zonal Office, Muzaffarabad (AJ&K)  
Location: B-92, Upper Chattar Housing Scheme,  
Muzaffarabad (AJ&K)
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(b) The No. of persons working in PTA Zonal Offices with province-wise break-up are attached as **Annexure A**.

173. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 10-07-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the amount spent on the repairing and maintenance of IJ Principal road in front of sector I-9, road from Metro to Police Lines, Islamabad, Ibn-e-Sina road G-7 section, Khadda Market road, G-7 Markaz and I & T Centre road, G-9/4 during the last five years; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken against the contractors / consultants of the said projects for using sub standard material, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Drainage at I.J. Principal road in sector I-9 was improved at a cost of Rs.5 Million whereas the routine maintenance (Patch work) is being carried out through departmental labour. The road from Metro to NESCOM 'Chowk, has recently been repaired through departmental labour and road frothy ,NESCOM to Police Lines was re-habilitated by providing concrete pavement at an approximate Cost of Rs.220 Million. Maintenance of Ibn-e-Sina road was carried out though departmental labour: Maintenance of Khadda Market, G-7 was carried out at cost of Rs.3.5 Million in the year 2011-2012. Improvement of road parking, footpath and drainage system in I&T Centre, G-9/4 has been carried out at a cost of Rs.16 Million in 2012-2013.

(b) No sub standard material has been used.

174. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 15-07-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption surfaced in Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) during the last five years indicating also the names and designations of the officers / officials found involved in the same and the action taken against them?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** No cases of corruption have been reported in PTA during the last five years.

175. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 16-07-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of stall holders in weekly bazaars in Islamabad against whom action was taken on the charges of selling sub-standard items or selling various items at higher rates during the month of Ramadan this year; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to control the quality and rates of various items being sold in the said bazaars?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) 17 stallholders were found involved in selling sub-standard items and 62 stallholders in over charging. During month of Ramadan fine amounting to Rs. 62,100/- was imposed on stallholders involved in such activities.

(b) Quality of foods items is especially being monitored in the interest of consumers. Teams consisting of Inspectors, Supervisors and Security Guards are deployed in each Bazaar to monitor and control the prices and quality of items being sold in these bazaars. If any stallholder involved in selling of sub-standard items either noticed by Bazaar Administration directly or pointed out by the customer, is found, he is dealt with and severe action is taken, either imposition of fine or suspension of stall or both. Moreover, a team from Directorate of Health Services, CDA headed by Health Officer, also visits each weekly Bazaar to observe/monitor the quality of food items being sold in these Bazaars. The team got 35 samples of food items, issued 50 notices and 23 stallholders were challaned during month of Ramadan.

2. Furthermore, for improvement in management of weekly Bazaars, another Director has been deputed. Now Bazaar Administration have adopted better vigilance/monitoring system to control overcharging, weight and measures, price checking and improvement of security matters. CDA is making all efforts to provide essential commodities of good quality at cheaper rates as compared to other ICT Markets and "Sahoolat Bazaars" of Rawalpindi.

176. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:** (Notice received on 23-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the number of residential and commercial plots auctioned / sold by CDA in Islamabad during the last four years indicating also the income received from the same with year-wise break-up?

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** 135 Residential plots were auctioned and an amount of **Rs.2,462,717,000 (Rs.2462.717 Million)** was received as in the last four years from period 2010 to 2014. Year-wise detail of auctioned plots and income received is at Annex-A. 93 Commercial plots auctioned / sold during the last four years through open auction and pre-qualification against an amount of **Rs. 23,958.741,510/-**. Year-wise detail is attached at Annex "B".

177. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:** (Notice received on 05-08-2014 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the criteria laid down for the allotment of stalls in the weekly bazaars in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for allotment of kiosks in Islamabad Capital Territory; and*
- (c) *the names and addresses of the widows and disabled persons who have been allotted stalls in the weekly bazaars and kiosks in Islamabad Capital Territory during the last one year?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The criteria of allotment of stall in weekly bazaars is on first come first serve basis.

(b) According to laid down policy for allotment of Cabins shops, kiosk / tea stalls and temporary structure in Islamabad was published / framed by Planning Wing CDA on 20-04-1986. Under the above mentioned policy, the authority has issued the temporary licenses on following basis:-

- i. 20 per cent for invalid / handicapped persons who can run the Khokha / Tea stalls.
- ii. 60 per cent to owners of the existing Khokhas cabin shops tea stalls and Khokhas.
- iii. 20 per cent discretionary quota of CDA Board.

As of now the policy has been cancelled by Competent Authority due to massive encroachments and violation by Khokha licenses.

(c) In pursuance of the policy, the Stalls in weekly Bazaars were allotted on first come first serve basis. Secondly, no allotment of kiosk was made during last one year due to imposition of Ban for allotment of Kiosks by CDA Board.

178. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi:** (Notice received on 08-08-2014 at 08:35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of losses suffered by PIA during the last two years with year-wise head-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons appointed in PIA during the said period indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them; and*
- (c) *the details of promotions made by PIA during that period?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:**

(b) 486 persons were appointed in PIAC during the said period. The detail is **Annexed-A&B.**

(c) 2761 employees were promoted during the said period as per detail attached as **Annexed-C.**

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

179. **\*Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 22-08-2014 at 14:00)

*Will the Minister for Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restore access to You Tube in the country, if so, when; and*
- (b) *the impediments in restoring the said access?*

Reply not received

180. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 09-09-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of action taken by CDA against illegal constructions and encroachments in residential and commercial areas in Islamabad during 2013 and 2014;*
- (b) *the details of permissions granted for extra construction in the residential and commercial areas during the said period; and*
- (c) *the details of requests for permission for extra construction in the said areas rejected during that period indicating also the reasons for rejection in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a)**

- (1) Plot No. 18-19-20-21 Markaz F-11, Islamabad, 200 Shops have been demolished.
- (2) Golden Heights F-11 Markaz, Islamabad, Restaurant in the Basement demolished.
- (3) Illegal Shops in F-10 Markaz established in verandah of the building demolished.
- (4) Illegal site office of Margalla Town in F-10 Markaz demolished.
- (5) House No.22, Street No. 18, F-7/2, Islamabad building violations demolished.
- (6) House No. 2-C, Street No. 20, F-7/2, Islamabad building violations demolished.
- (7) House No. 20-A, Collage Road, F-7/2, Islamabad building violations demolished.

(b) No such permission has been granted by Building Control Directorate, CDA. However, building plans of seven (07) commercial plots in Markaz of Islamabad during the period 2013-2014 have been approved with additional floor.

(c) Building Control Directorate Scrutinized and approved the building plans keeping in view the terms and conditions of allotment and Islamabad Residential Sectors Zoning (Building Control) Regulation, 2005,

181. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 12-09-2014 at 05:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that verification of educational credentials of the Government employees was started during the last few years, if so, the names and designations of employees whose educational credentials have been found fake so far with Ministry / Department / Institution wise breakup indicating also the action taken in each case; and*
- (b) *whether there is any mechanism in place to ascertain as to whether the Government employees are genuine residents of the provinces against the domicile of which they are appointed?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) It is a fact that the verification of educational credentials of BS-17 and above Government employees was started under the then Prime Minister's directive dated 15-2-2011. All Ministries/Divisions have initiated the process. So far no fake degree/certificate of any Government officer of BS-17 & above has been reported by the concerned Ministries/Divisions to the Establishment Division.

(b) A well establish mechanism is in place in the federal government for direct recruitment to civil posts on the basis of provincial/regional quota of domicile to which a candidate belongs. However, domicile is issued to a person by the District Magistrate/District Officer Revenue/District Authority of the respective province.

182. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-09-2014 at 02:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to deal with adverse impact of climate change with particular reference to floods in the country 2014?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division:** The following steps are being taken by the Government of Pakistan to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change.

1. Research on Climate Change Related Issues

Pakistan is extremely vulnerable to climate change impacts because of its geographical location, high population and low technological and resource base. The most serious challenges for Pakistan are the threats to its Water Security, Food Security and Energy Security, owing to possible shifts in weather patterns on temporal and spatial scales, and the increased variability of monsoon. Under this background, Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) was established in Pakistan in May 2002 as a PSDP (Public Sector Development Project) for 10 years. In March 2013, it was granted the status of a regular national entity by passage of "GCISC Act 2013". GCISC is a dedicated research centre for climate change research. The main objectives of the Centre are:

- (i) To assess the climate changes expected in different parts of Pakistan in the coming decades in consonance with the global level changes projected by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and other international bodies;
- (ii) To assess the likely impacts, both positive and negative, on the key sectors of Pakistan in - quantitative terms;
- (iii) To identify appropriate adaptation measures for coping with the negative impacts; and

2. Formulation of 'National Climate Change Policy'

The 'National Climate Change Policy (NCCP)' was formulated by the expert scientists working on climate change related issues in Pakistan. The Policy was approved by the government in 2012 and launched by Climate Change Division in February 2013.

3. Preparation of 'Framework for Implementation of Climate Change Policy'

In follow-up of 'National Climate Change Policy, the Climate Change Division, in November 2013, prepared a policy document "Framework for Implementation of Climate Change Policy (2014-2030)".

4. Preparation of 'Work Programme for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation'

In 2014, the Climate Change Division prepared a "Work Programme for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Pakistan: Priority Actions" which outlines 10 clear project initiatives with detailed provincial and local action plans as a Government of Pakistan response to move forward on delivering the National Climate Change Policy.

5. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) an autonomous body working under the Climate Change Division has taken appropriate strategic level institutional and policy measures for disaster risk reduction adapting a multi-hazard approach to cope with floods in Pakistan on the following lines:-

(a) National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy has been formulated by NDMA and already approved by National Disaster Management Commission in February, 2013. The policy lays emphasis on risk knowledge, prevention & mitigation and preparedness.

(b) Based on the policy guidelines and parameters, NDMA, with the technical assistance of Japanese experts, has also formulated a prospective ten years' National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) for the country and got it approved by the National Disaster Management Commission (NDMC).

(c) Before the monsoon season 2014, NDMA initiated a comprehensive disaster preparedness / contingency plan in collaboration with all provincial/regional disaster management authorities and various government and UN system in Pakistan. It was because of this detailed planning that major disaster in the aftermath of monsoon rains / floods was successfully mitigated and effective rescue and relief operations were carried out wherever required.

183. \*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq: (Notice received on 22-09-2014 at 02:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:*

*(a) the steps taken by the Government / NDMA to conduct a survey to assess and identify the persons / families affected by the floods this year; and*

*(b) the details of compensation paid / proposed to be paid to the said affectees?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division:**(a) The following steps have been taken by the provincial governments/National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to conduct survey to assess the extent of damages/losses by the floods 2014:

## (1) Multi Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA)

- (i) Multi Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) was jointly conducted by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), United Nations (UN), Non Government Organizations (NGO's) and District Authorities from 12th - 26" September 2014.
- (ii) Main objectives were to identify humanitarian needs and gaps in relief efforts and to give a snap shot of damages to community infrastructure.
- (iii) Districts / villages were identified in consultation with the Provincial Government and launched in 5 districts of Punjab (Hafizabad, Chiniot, Jhang, Multan, Mandibaha-ud-din). Sample size included 557 affected villages with 942 key informants.
- (iv) As per the Multi Sector Initial Rapid Assessment report, agriculture, housing, livelihood and community, infrastructure are the worst hit sectors.
- (v) Draft report prepared by United Nations Office for the-Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) has been forwarded to Punjab Government for endorsement.

## 2. Detailed Survey of Damages / Losses.

Respective Government of Punjab, AJ&K and Gilgit-Baltistan are carrying out. detailed survey of various sectors like agriculture, food security, shelter/ temporary living, health, waters, hygiene & sanitation, education, livelihood, and government community infrastructure etc. The survey is under process and detailed reports will be furnished by the respective provincial governments.

## 3. Recovery Need Assessment (RNA)

- (i) The process of Recovery Need Assessment has started in AJ&K and Punjab from 3rd October 2014 with initial draft expected by 30th October 2014 through United Nation Development Programme (UNDP).
- (ii) The assessment is being carried out jointly by NDMA. Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), UNDP Line Departments and district authorities in 28 Districts of Punjab and 5 Districts of AJ&K

4. Damage Need Assessment (DNA) Economics Affairs Division (EAD) is the lead agency for Damage Need Assessment, which has been planned to be conducted with the help of World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB). The process is due to commence shortly.

## 5. Recovery / Reconstruction



Recovery and reconstruction will be undertaken based on the outcome of Recovery Need Assessment / Damage Need Assessment.

(b) The detail of compensation paid / proposed to be paid by the Provincial Governments is as under:-

(1) Punjab Government Punjab Government has planned “Recovery” in three phases:-

- (a) Phase-I Rs.25000 cash compensation per affected household.
- (b) Phase-II Crop compensation to be paid after assessment.
- (c) Phase-III Remaining house compensation will be paid after assessment.
- (d) So far, Rs.1.757 Billion has been paid to 70.317 confirmed affectees.
- (e) Death compensation Rs. 1.6 Million per death has been distributed. .

2. AJ&K/Gilgit-Baltistan Government

Mechanism for the compensation (amount / mode of payment) is being worked out in consultation with respective Governments, However, death compensation for AJ&K. / Gilgit Baltistan has been disbursed as under:-

- (a) AJ&K An amount of Rs.26 million has been disbursed amongst next of kin of 26 deaths.
- (b) Gilgit-Baltistan An amount of Rs. 13 million has been disbursed amongst next of kin of 13 deaths.

Islamabad,  
the 28th October, 2014

AMJED PERVEZ,  
Secretary.