

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 21st January, 2016

@(Def.) *Question No.167. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**
(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 05:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the impact as the Pak-Afghan border security after US-Army's exit from Afghanistan in the near future; and*
- (b) *whether any Internal security plan has been devised to cope with the situation arising out in the country after US-Army's exit indicating also the route of the said exit?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Primarily it is for Ministry of Foreign Affairs to evaluate and Asses the possible political and geo-strategic impact on Pak-Afghan border security after Us Army's exit from Afghanistan in the the near future. However, Pak Army is fully prepared and vigilant to handle technical aspects of Pak-Afghan border security after Us Army's exit from Afghanistan. Some of steps taken are as follows:—

- Increased manning level on the border 1,83,000 troops deployed.
- Enhanced border patrolling and aerial surveillance.
- Control of border through better command & control and division of area of responsibility through manageable sectors and deploying of Sector Headquarters.

@ Deferred from 15th January, 2016

- Incorporation of local tribesmen in border security systems through mobilizing local Lashkars, Amman Committees.
- Incorporating FC, Levies and Khasadars to man joint posts and to patrol infrequent routes, dominate critical spaces and reinvestigating intelligence activity both Cis and transfortier.

- Effective checking of all traffic on established routes on border.
- Effective Rear Area Security ensured through better coordination between all law enforcement and intelligence agencies and the military component.
- Effective coordination between Civil Govt. CM Office, Governor Office and the Corps HQ through regular Apex Committee meetings headed by the Governor of the Province.

(b) To devise internal security plan to cope with the situation arising out in the country after US Army's exit relates to Ministry of Interior.

@*Question No. 29. **Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**

(Notice received on 18-12-2015 at 04:47 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.6, replied on 15th December, 2015 and state:

- (a) *whether the domicile certificates of the candidates are get verified before making their appointments in PIA;*
- (b) *whether the domicile certificates of the 95 persons belonging to FATA who are presently working in PIA were get verified when they were appointed in PIA; and*
- (c) *the action taken/being taken against the persons who are appointed on fake domicile certificates of FATA?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Domicile certificates of the candidates were not got verified before making their appointment, however since 2009 PIA is in practice of verifying the domicile certificates from the concerned authorities of FATA at the time of appointment.

@ Deferred from 13th January, 2016

(b) Currently, 93 persons holding FATA domicile are working in PIA. Two are no more in service since November, 2015. PIAC have sent 93 domiciles of these employees of FATA region but till date have received 20 verifications from concerned authorities. Whereas, verification of remaining 73 are awaited. Detail is at **Annex-I&II**.

(c) No domicile certificate out of 20 has been found fake or bogus.

*Qestion No. 96. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 03-12-2015 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of complaints received by the Government regarding Pak-Afghan Transit Trade during the last two years and action taken thereupon?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: Eight complaints in total have been received in Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Directorate General of Transit Trade (DGTT) and the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) pertaining to Afghan transit trade out of which three complaints were filed with the, FTO which were investigated and the FTO did not find any maladministration on part of the department. The same were, therefore, disposed off in favour of the department accordingly. The remaining five complaints were filed with the FBR/DGTT. Complaints regarding delay in auction, transporters strike and hiring of private persons/*Lappoos* were investigated and addressed to the satisfaction of the complainant. Regarding complaint of un-cleared cargo belonging to US Army/ NATO/ ISAF at Karachi ports, a Joint Inspection Team (JIT) has been constituted by the Ministry of Defense for inspection of the said cargo and its subsequent disposal. Complaint regarding monopoly by Insurance Companies in issuance of guarantees has been scrutinized by DGTT and his report along with proposals is under consideration in the FBR.

3. Although Afghan Transit Trade has been a problematic area, FBR has taken multiple steps in coordination with the relevant stakeholders in order to streamline the operational aspects over the past few years. These include re-negotiation of APTTA 2010, introduction of Pakistan Customs automated system (WeBOC) for processing of Afghan transit cargo, usage of risk management systems for clearance and selection of cargo meant for examination, reduction in the scanning of Afghan transit cargo from 100% to 20% and clearance of 85% — 90% of Afghan transit cargo on the same day and establishing Electronic Data Interchange between Pakistan Customs and Afghan Customs for real time exchange of data.
4. Performance of Pakistan Customs is evident from the fact that as against approximately 60,000 Goods Declarations (GDs) pertaining to Afghan transit cargo filed with Customs, only 08 complaints have been received.

*Question No. 97. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 03-12-2015 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the date on which the incumbent Chairman, Trading Corporation of Pakistan was appointed indicating also the tenure of his appointment / posting; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for his appointment against the said post?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Mr. Rizwan Ahmad (PAS/BS-21) was posted as Chairman, Trading Corporation of Pakistan under Commerce Division *vide* Establishment Division's Notification dated 09-07-2013, with the approval of the Prime Minister being, the competent authority (Annex -I). Further, no specific tenure of posting of Chairman, TCP has been prescribed.

(b) The Chairman, Trading Corporation of Pakistan has been posted with the approval of the Prime Minister.

***Question No. 98. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 03-12-2015 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the volume of export of Halal meat and other Halal items of the country during the last two years;*
- (b) the steps taken /being by the Government to explore new markets in order to increase export of the said items; and*
- (c) whether any mechanism has been devised by the Government to ensure purity and quality of those items?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The volume of export of Halal meat and other Halal items of the country during the last two years is at annex-I.

(b) The following measures have been taken by TDAP for promotion of the export of Halal meat from country:

1. Participation in the International Exhibitions:-

- Foodex, Jeddah,(17-20, November, 2015)
- World Food Moscow,(14-17, September, 2015)

1. TDAP sent a trade delegation to Moscow and St. Petersburg in September, 2015 comprising 13 companies from the food sector, including two companies from the Halal Meat sector.

2. Inspectors from Malaysia and Egypt visited Pakistan in the last two years, which led to the selection of a total of seven companies (from Pakistan) for export to these countries.

(c) Government has taken following steps to ensure purity and quality of those items:—

- (i) Ministry of Science & Technology is in process to establish Pakistan Halal Authority to promote *interalia* trade in Halal articles.
- (ii) Pakistan Standard & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has formulated standards for Halal products.
- (iii) Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) has established Halal Authentication laboratory at PCSIR Labs. Lahore and Peshawar for export and import of Halal items according to Islamic Shariah.

- (iv) Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC), being the National Accreditation Body, has launched the Halal Accreditation Scheme according to Pakistan Standard PS 4992-2010, in line with the requirements of OIC/SMIIC Halal Guidelines for the recognition and acceptability of Halal Certification Bodies operating in Pakistan and the certificates issued by them. So far, PNAC has awarded accreditation certificate to 04 (four) Halal Certification Bodies in the country.
- (v) Animal Quarantine Department (AQD) of M/o National Food Security & Research is regulating import and export of animals and animal products as per provisions of Animal Quarantine Act, 1979 and Rules, 1980.

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

***Question No. 98-A. Senator Aurangzeb Khan:**

(Notice received on 08-01-2016 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether PIA publish any magazine for the convenience of passengers, if so, the name of the magazine, number of copies being published and date since which the same is being published;*
- (b) *the names, designations, date and nature of appointments of the persons working for publishing the said magazine; and*
- (c) *whether the increase made in the salaries of other employees of PIA is admissible to the said persons, if not, the reasons for this disparity?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Pakistan International Airline (PIA), for the convenience of passengers, prints an in-flight magazine named Humsafar which is being published since 1980 on a two-monthly basis with the publication of 6000 copies per issue.

- (b) Humsafar Section comprises of the following:—
- (i) Manager (in-flight Entertainment & Humsafar) a regular PIA employee, Incharge of In-flight magazine Humsafar, responsible for overall planning/management, production and distribution since 2008.
- (ii) Sr. Advertising Officer & Editor Humsafar are daily wages staff associated with Humsafar since 2008 as Editor for English Section, with responsibilities of Planning, Management and Production of the Magazine.
- (iii) Public Relation Officer & Urdu Editor Humsafar are regular PIA employees, associated with. Humsafar since 2011.

(c) Increase in their salaries is admissible as per the rules of the Corporation similar to other employees.

***Question No. 98-B. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 07-01-2016 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that most of the ventilator machines in PIMS, Islamabad are out of order, if so, the amount to be incurred on repairing of the same;*
- (b) *the steps being taken to buy new ventilator machines for the said hospital to deal with emergency and accidental cases;*
- (c) *the amount allocated and utilized on purchase and repairing of the said machines in that hospital during the last two years; and*
- (d) *whether record of patients of accident cases who were not admitted in that hospital is maintained, if so, the number of such patients who were not admitted due to non availability of the said machines and were referred to the private hospitals during the said period?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) All the Ventilators in PIMS, Islamabad are in working condition.

(b) PIMS have already purchased new Ventilators to cater the demand of our critical areas under PC-I named "Upgradation of Critical Care in PIMS"

(c) All the Ventilators being used are new and under warranty. Therefore no repair cost is involved as yet. However, after the expiry of warranty period, PIMS shall have to spend approximately four to five percent of the total equipment value. The Department wise current status is attached in Annex-A.

(d) This data is not available in our record.

***Question No. 99. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 15-12-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is fact that CDA allotted plots in sector 1-15, Islamabad in 2006; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that development work in that sector has not been started so far, if so, the time by which the same will be started and completed?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Yes, CDA allotted different sizes of plots in Sector I-15 in year 2005.

(b) The Project of Infrastructure Development was awarded in March 2006 on turn key basis. The said contract was terminated in April, 2007 due to the default of the contractor. A road around the Commercial area of the sector (Markaz) has been constructed. The major roads linking Sector I-14, I-15 and I-16 have also been constructed.

The said work is scheduled to be started shortly after the completion of codal formalities and its completion period will be three years.

*Question No. 100 **Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 01-01-2016 at 11:30 a. m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of trade agreements signed between Pakistan and Russia during the last three years indicating also the fields in which the same were signed,*
- (b) *the volume of trade between the said countries at present; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the said volume of trade between the two countries?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Pakistan and Russian Federation have no signed any trade agreement in last three years. Russian Federation is a member of Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), which is a customs union of Russian Federation and other former soviet states. In order to gain competitive market access in EEU, Ministry of Commerce in consultation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs is reaching out to EEU to initiate a dialogue for a Free Trade Agreement.

(b) The bilateral trade between Pakistan and Russian Federation in last 5 years is given below:

(figures: US\$ million)

Year	Pakistan's exports to Russian Federation	Pakistan's imports from Russian Federation	Volume of trade
2010-11	183.57	163.42	346.99
2011-12	189.61	202.05	391.67
2012-13	207.31	277.17	484.48

2013-14	187.04	235.08	422.11
2014-15	183.84	206.45	390.29

(c) In order to bolster bilateral trade between the two countries Ministry of Commerce has undertaken the following steps recently:

- (i) A seminar was held in Lahore on 31st December, 2014 by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) to create awareness among the exporters.
- (ii) TDAP arranged participation of 12 exporters from agricultural sector in World Food Moscow exhibition from 14th -17th September, 2015 with the view to help them introduce and capture Russian Market.
- (iii) In order to get competitive market access in Russian Federation by lowering the customs duties applicable on Pakistani goods, Ministry of Commerce has requested Ministry of Foreign Affairs to request Eurasian Economic Union for initiation of talks for a Free Trade Agreement.
- (iv) Heimtextil Moscow is one the leading exhibition for textile products; TDAP arranges participation of Pakistani exporters in this exhibition every year.
- (iv) TDAP is arranging participation of 15 exhibitors in the International Sports Exhibition in Moscow in February, 2016.

*Question No. 101. **Senator Nighat Mirza:**
(Notice received on 01-01-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a notification had been issued during the previous Government to regularize the services of the teachers working in the education department, Islamabad Capital Territory, on daily wages basis, if so, the present status of implemenations of the same; and*
- (b) *the number of teachers working on daily wages basis in the educaional institutions in ICT at present?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Yes it is fact that a notification was issued by the previous Government to regularize the services of the daily wage employees working in Educational Institutions of Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad. Resultantly, 340 daily

wage teachers were adjusted against available posts and remaining could not be adjusted due to non availability of seats. At present, a Committee has been constituted on the directions of Honorable Islamabad High Court to examine the cases of these Daily wagers and the fate of these employees will be decided in the light of such recommendations.

(b) At present, 1364 teachers have been working on daily wage basis in the Educational Institutions under Federal Directorate of Education, Islamabad.

***Question No. 102. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 01-01-2016 at 04:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that:

- (a) *the quantity of fruits exported to foreign countries during the last two years with country wise break up indicating also the foreign exchange earned from the same; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase export of Pakistani fruits during the said period and the results thereof?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Country-wise volume of export of fruits during last two years is at Annex-I.

(b) The Government has taken following steps to enhance the export of fruits:

- Ministry of Commerce under Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2012-15 announced subsidizing 50% cost of plant and machinery for dates, processing.
- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is undertaking various export promotional activities through trade exhibitions and delegations of food items.
- Drawback of local taxes at the rate of 2-4% of FOB- realized value of enhanced exports has also been announced under SRO 177(1)12015 dated 27th February, 2015.
- Through active trade diplomacy, Government is trying to get better market access for the local businesses in international markets by concluding Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with different countries.
- A Citrus Development Board is also being formed for development of citrus sector.
- Prime Minister of Pakistan has been pleased to approve in principle establishment of dry port at Sargodha to enhance the export of kinds alongwith other products.
- Ministry of Commerce has established Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export Company (PHDEC) to promote exports of fruits.

- Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export Company has taken following steps to increase export of horticultural products:—
 - Supported the industry to obtain international certifications like BRC, Global GAP, HACCP & ISO 22000.
 - Conducted capacity building programmes for growers, processors, pack-houses & exporters on international compliances of SPS requirements.
 - Identified and accessed high-end new markets like S. Korea, Australia, Lebanon, USA, Mauritius, Bulgaria, Sweden, Latvia, Ireland.
 - Made successful sea freighted shipments of mangoes to European destinations.
 - Completed supply chain improvement projects like Pakistan Horti-Fresh, Karachi, Irradiation Facility, Lahore and Apple Grading Plant, Quetta.
- Board of Administrators of Export Development Fund has approved several projects for development of fruits meant for export.

*Question No. 104. **Senator Aurangzeb Khan:**
(Notice received on 05-01-2016 at 09:30 a. m.)

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

- (a) *the marketing strategy devised by PIA and ratio of its success so far;*
- (b) *the names and designation of the persons working in Marketing section of the said airlines indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them;*
- (c) *whether the said employees possess the required educational qualifications prescribed for Marketing section of that airline; and*
- (d) *whether the perks given to those employees are decided accordance to their performance or otherwise?*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) The prime responsibility of Marketing Department of PIA is to generate revenues through selling space in terms of passenger and cargo. Following marketing strategies are in place for revenue maximization:—

- (i) Fleet expansion
- (ii) Routes Rationalization

- (iii) New destination
- (iv) Schedule Reliability
- (v) Enhanced Revenue management systems for optimum revenue generation
- (vi) Enhancement in existing product

(b) The detail is very lengthy therefore, one copy of the same is placed with Secretary Committee on the floor of the Senate mentioning names designations and Pay Group of employees working in marketing department of PIA. With regards to the pay, allowance and perquisites of employees working in marketing department, it may please be noted that the pay scales prevalent in PIA are uniform across all admin categories of employees, including marketing department. Only field staff of marketing department working as sales promotion officers is paid an additional allowance at the rate of Rs. 8,000/ approx, in lieu of telephone, entertainment and fuel. As for the admissible perks, marketing department employees enjoy same perks as admissible to other admin category employees, including Car (for District Managers, GMs and Director only) medical, free and rebated passage etc.

(c) Each position/incumbency in PIA has a predefined job specification and job description and all these positions are filled only with the employees who meet the designated job specification of that particular position, including but not limited to the educational qualification.

(d) Currently, there is a uniform performance management system prevalent in PIA, across all admin category department, including marketing. Hence, the perks given to the employees working in marketing department are not associate with their performance as such It is also worth noting that no additional perks/allowances are currently being paid to marketing department employees *viz-a-viz* their counterparts in other departments, except as mentioned in Para 'b' above.

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***Question No. 105. Senator Aurangzeb Khan:**
(Notice received on 05-01-2016 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names and nature of work of the various sections/departments of PIA;*
- (b) the sanctioned posts and the number of persons presently working in each of the said sections / departments; and*

(c) *the names of those sections / departments in which appointments have been made during the last five years indicating also the names and place of domicile of the persons and prescribed quota under which they have been appointed*

Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division: (a) Following are the names of various sections/departments of PIA and nature of work can be determined by the same:—

- (i) Human Resources as Administration
 - (ii) Airport Services
 - (iii) Marketing/Customer Services (Flight Services)
 - (iv) Vigilance and Monitoring
 - (v) Finance
 - (vi) Works and Projects
 - (vii) Special Projects
 - (viii) Information and Communications Technology
 - (ix) Procurement and Logistics
 - (x) Engineering and Maintenance
 - (xi) Training, Development, Corporate Planning and MRO
 - (xii) Flight Operations
 - (xiii) Safety and Quality Assurance
 - (xiv) Legal Services
 - (xv) Precision Engineering
- (b&c) Detail is an Annexed.

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***Question No. 106. Senator Hafiz Hamdullah:**
(Notice received on 05-01-2016 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the conditions and procedure laid down for registration of the newly

born babies in the hospitals under the administrative control of the Federal Government indicating also the fee, if any, being charged for the same?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:

PIMS:

- MCH Centre only issues mother's discharge slip to the parents of new born babies.
- On the basis of discharge slip, CDA/DMA or Union Council register new born babies.
- PIMS does not charge any fee in this regard.

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- The Hospital provides the Birth information Report to the parents at time of birth and duplicate copy is kept as record.
- Further registration of baby is done by the CDA and they issue the birth certificate.
- No fee is charged by the Hospital for the said procedure.

Capital Hospital

The patients delivered at Capital Hospital are entered in the record register of Capital Hospital in labour room. Hospital's Birth Certificate is issued at the time of discharge and no fee is charged.

***Question No. 107. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi:**
(Notice received on 06-01-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that there is no play ground in IMCB, Sector 1-10/1, Islainabad, if so, its reason and the time by which a play ground will be constructed in that college?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: Yes it is a fact that there is no proper play ground in Islamabad Model College for Boys, I-10/1 due to small area. The Institution was established at primary level in year 1995. Later on, it was upgraded to college level. The college has 24 classrooms with 04 laboratories having an enrollment of 1800 students. The total area of college is 20 kanals whereas the covered area is 16 kanals. The area of other colleges as compared to this college where play ground exist can be seen as under:

Name of Institution	Area
Islamabad Model College for Girls, F-6/2	30 Kanal

Islamabad Model College for Girls, G-10/2	57 Kanal
Islamabad Model College for Girls, F-8/1	38 Kanal
Islamabad Model College for Boys, G-6/3	120 Kanal

Due to non availability of sufficient space in the college area, the play ground cannot be constructed. However, a small playground with size of 70 x 90 feet is available in the college.

ISLAMABAD :
The 20th January, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.