

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 4th November, 2010

56. ***Professor Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 01-10-2010 at 13:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian and American nationals who were issued entry visas for Pakistan by Pakistani Consulate in Dubai from 1st January to 31st July, 2010;*
- (b) whether the issuance of these visas was in line with the declared policy of the Government;*
- (c) whether due clearance was sought from Ministry of Interior for all the said visas; and*
- (d) whether it is a fact that some of those visas were issued at the spot and on the very day of application and in some cases even when the Consulate was closed for holiday?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) During the period between 1st January to 31 July 2010, 392 and 186 visas have been issued from the Dubai Consulate to Indian and American nationals respectively.

(b) & (c) A perusal of the record reveals that visas were issued in line with the then declared policy of Interior Ministry about visas for foreigners.

It may be added that in reply to a question of similar nature by a honourable member of the Senate during last session, the Minister of Interior stated on the floor of the house that all visas issued during the period in question were in line with the laid down procedure.

(d) Careful scrutiny of the visa record has established that all the visas were issued after completion of required formalities. So visas can be affixed at a short notice provided all the formalities are met.

57. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-10-2010 at 13:47 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of facilities provided to the farmers to enhance agricultural production in the country; and*
- (b) the amount spent on the provision of said facilities during the last five years with province-wise and year-wise break up?*

Reply not received.

58. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of agricultural machinery being used in the country;*
- (b) the names of the agricultural machinery being produced in the country; and*
- (c) the names of the agricultural machinery being imported from abroad indicating also the names of countries from which the same is being imported?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The names of the agricultural machinery reportedly being used in the country is annexed as -“A”.

(b) The names of agricultural machinery being produced in the country is annexed as- “B”.

(c) The names of the agricultural machinery reportedly being imported from abroad with origin is annexed as - “C”.

59. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 04-10-2010 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of employees of the Utility Stores Corporation at various levels re-instated in service since February 2009;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that on re-instatement each employee in corporation service was to be paid compensation equal to three years pay in installments; and*
- (c) the names of the Salesmen/Assistant Salesmen and helpers given compensation and the amount paid to them so far indicating also the names*

of such employees who have not been paid compensation so far with reasons thereof?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) According to the Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Ordinance No. II 2009, total 675 employees have been reinstated in service since February 2009 in USC.

(b) According to the Para 9 of Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Ordinance No. II 2009, on reinstatement in service each employee in Corporation gets compensation equal to three years emoluments of the pay scale in which he would be placed and the emoluments shall be paid to him in the following manner, namely:—

- a. first installment equal to twelve months emoluments on reinstatement;
- b. second installment equal to twelve months emoluments on the 1st day of January, 2010; and
- c. third installment equal to twelve months emoluments on the 1st day of January, 2011.

(c) Prime Minister's Secretariat have directed that the issue of allocation of funds may jointly work out a proposal on sharing basis by Finance Division and M/o Industries & Production (USC). The case is in process in USC and Finance Division.

60. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-10-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of food grains stored in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the period for which the said grains are sufficient to meet the requirements of the country?*

Reply not received.

61. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 08-10-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the details of projects initiated by the Ministry during the last five years and the progress made so far on each project?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: The development projects executed during the last five years are geared to act as demonstration effect to provide skill development,

common training facilities, technological transfer and common machinery pools. The basic thrust of the development projects is on technology driven growth within a framework, which encourage economy of scale, value addition and diversification of products in order to make our products competitive In the International markets.

List of projects, brief description and progress in terms of expenditure incurred on each is **Annexed**.

62. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 08-10-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of industrial units closed down in the country during the last five years with province-wise and district-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of workers rendered jobless due to closure of those units?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Industries Department of all Provincial Governments and Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) were requested to provide the requisite information. As per their statement of governments of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pukhtunkhwa, Balochistan and EPZA, a total number of 1579 industrial units have been closed down during the last five years. Break-up of closed units in all provinces and in EPZA is as under:—

S. No	Province	No of industrial units
1.	Punjab	115
2.	Sindh	700
3.	Khyber Pukhtunkhwa	688
4.	Balochistan	29
5.	EPZA	47
Total		1579

District-wise break-up of above industries is at **Annex**. However, Government of Sindh has not provided the district-wise break-up of industrial units closed down during the last five years.

(b) As per statement of Industries Department, Government of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa and Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA), approximately Seven thousand five hundred thirty (7530) workers rendered jobless due to closure of industrial units. (Approximately seven thousand (7000) in Khyber Pukhtukhwa and 530 in EPZA). Industries Department Governments of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan have informed that they have no such data.

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

63. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 11-10-2010 at 11:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the income and expenditure of the Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Services Corporation during the last three years;*
- (b) the profit earned or loss suffered by the said Corporation during the said period;*
- (c) the number of employees of the Corporation with grade-wise break-up and the amount paid to them as salary and allowances during that period;*
- (d) the functions of the Corporation; and*
- (e) the grant received by the Corporation from the Federal Government during that period?*

Reply not received.

69. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 20-10-2010 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Textile Industry, its attached departments, corporations, and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case;*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Rana Muhammad Farooq Saeed Khan: (a) The total number of appointments made in the Ministry of Textile Industry and the offices under its administrative control *i.e.* Textile Commissioner's Organization (TCO), Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute (PCSI), National Textile University (NTU) since 2008 is as under:—

Ministry of Textile Industry (Main)

No. of Appointments Made	BPS	Domicile
07	BPS-01=07	Local
Textile Commissioner's Organization, Karachi		
07	BPS-17=02 BPS-16=03 BPS-9=01 BPS-01=01	Punjab=02 Sindh®=03 Sindh(U)=01 K.P.K=01
Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute, Karachi		
14	BPS-16=14	Sind(U)=07 Sindh®=05 Balochistan=02
National Textile University, Faisalabad		
57	BPS-19=03 A-3=01 A-4=17 A-5=01 E-3=2 M-2=01 M-3=02 M-4=01 S-5=12 S-4=02 S-3=05 S-2=02 S-1 =03 *Three officials have been appointed on lump sum package.	Punjab=51 AJK=02 Balochistan=01 Sind=01 KPK=01 Foreign national=01

The details pertaining to the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment, place of domicile and their appointing authority is placed at Annex-I, II, III & V respectively.

(b) The Ministry(Main) has followed the instructions laid down in Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1973 and any other circulated by the

Federal Government from time to time while making recruitment whereas the TCO, PCSI & NTU have made recruitment keeping in view their respective recruitment rules.

(c) The Provincial/Regional Quota has been duly observed by the Ministry (Main) and its sub-ordinate offices.

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70. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 20-10-2010 at 14:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, PBS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Special Initiatives, its attached departments, corporations, and subordinate offices since February, 2008 indicating also the name of the appointing authority in each case; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted for the said appointments; and*
- (c) whether the provincial quota was observed in the said appointments, if not, its reasons?*

Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan: (a) the names, designations, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Special Initiatives, and its subordinate offices *i.e.* Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) Project, and in Pakistan Dairy Development Company (PDDC) are at annexures I, II, III respectively.

In the Ministry of Special Initiatives and Clean Drinking Water for All (CDWA) project the appointing Authority was Secretary Ministry of Special Initiatives, while in Pakistan Dairy Development Company (PDDC) the appointing Authority was Chief Executive Officer (CEO) PDDC.

Officers of the cadre posts/service group BPS- 17 to 19 are posted by Establishment Division detail is in annexure-I.

(b) All the appointments were made by adopting a proper procedure as per Government policy *i.e.* advertisement on “Print Media”, composition of selection committees, conducting of test and interviews.

As far as, PDDC is concerned PDDC is a company established under Section 42 of companies’ ordinance and headed by the Board of Directors (BoD). All appointments were made under Human Resource (HR) policy of PDDC as (annex-IV).

(c) Regional/Provincial quota has been observed for appointment in Ministry of Special Initiatives as per government policy (Annex-V).whereas appointments in CDWA project were made on contract basis. Therefore quota has been observed partially because of non availability of suitable candidates. As for as the remaining quota in respect of provinces/regions is concerned, it is being entertained time to time *i.e.* last year an advertisement was made and the quota was observed accordingly further another advertisement has already been published, and the quota will be strictly followed as per government rules as Annex-VI.

As PDDC has its own entity therefore appointments were made under HR policy which is approved by Security Exchange Commission (SEC).

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*Islamabad :
The 3rd November, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.