

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 July, 2009

52. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-06-2009 at 14:32 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount spent by the National Tuberculosis control Programme on the construction and maintenance of its offices in Islamabad and on purchase of various items for those offices since 1st May, 2008; and*
- (b) *the names of the firms/contractors to whom contracts were awarded for the said works/jobs indicating also the amount of tender and the amount so paid and the time by which balance amount will be paid?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: (a) No amount has been spent by National TB Control Programme in Islamabad on construction and maintenance of its offices as the same are presently housed in a rented building. Since 1st May, 2008 the programme purchased 20 computers and 19 furniture items costing Rs.785,680/- & Rs.98,141/- respectively.

(b) S. No.	Firm Name	Item	Amount Paid	Amount to be paid
1.	M/s. Al- Haseeb Technologies Lahore.	Computers	785,680/-	Nil
2.	M/s. Chaudhry Enterprises Rawalpindi.	Furniture Items	98,141	Nil

53. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-06-2009 at 14:37 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number and location of agricultural research centers in the country; and*
- (b) *the details of new variety of crops/seeds developed in those centers during the last three years?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Pakistan-Agricultural Research Council (PARC) has four Research Centres:

1. National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad.
2. Southern Agricultural Research Centre (SARC) Karachi.
3. Arid Zone Research Centre, Quetta.
4. Mountain Agricultural Research Centre (MARC), Gilgit.

**(b) NEW VARIETIES OF CROP SEEDS DEVELOPED BY
PAKISTAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS
(2006-08)**

	Crop	Variety	Year of Release	Developed at
	Oilseed			
(i)	Canola Rapeseed	Pakola	2007	NARC, Islamabad
(ii)	Canola	Canola	2007	NARC, Islamabad
	Mustard	Raya		
	Rice	Shahkar	2006	NARC, Islamabad
	Sorghum	Johar	2006	NARC, Islamabad
	Millet	Bajra Super-I	2006	NARC, Islamabad
	Barley	AZRC-2006	2006	Arid Zone Research Centre, Quetta

New Varieties/Seed

The NRD research establishments identify suitable crop varieties for specific agro-ecozones through selection/screening methods. Following crop varieties were selected/introduced during last 3 years:

Wheat	:	Cham 6 AZRC 2008
Barley	:	Chiltan
Lentil	:	ILL 8081 (Bolan)
Oilseed	:	AZ – Raya
Chickpea	:	AZC-06
Sorgham	:	Bajra Super 1
Millet	:	Johar
Medicinal		
Herbs	:	Aspgol-(MARC)
	:	Ajwane-(MARC-2008)
		Kasni – (Juglote 2007, Juglote 2008)
		Badian – (KARINA 2006)

NARC/PRMC

VARIETIES DEVELOPED BY NARC DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Crop	Variety	Year of release	Yield Potential
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Wheat	NARC-09 (NR-268)	Approved by Punjab Seed Council- 2009	5.5
Rice	Shahkar	2006	6.5
SORGHUM	JOHAR	2006	4.5
MILLET	BAJRA SUPER-I	2006	4.5
Rapeseed & Mustered	Pakola Canola Raya	2007 2007	2.6 2.4
Groundnut	Pothwar*	Candidate	1.2
Lentil	NARC06-1	Approved by Punjab Seed Council-2009	3.2

55. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the rates of various laboratory/medical tests being charged by the PIMS from the private patients; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide the said facility free of cost to the patients?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: (a) The detail of rates of various laboratory/ medical tests being charged by the PIMS from private patients are at Annex-A.

(b) Presently, there is no such proposal under consideration.

56. ***Chaudhry Shujat Hussain:** (Notice received on 23-06-2009 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Textile Industrial Units (spinning and weaving) with province wise break up;*
- (b) *the number of such industrial units working at present; and*
- (c) *the number of the said industrial units closed down during the year 2008-09 indicating also the reasons of closure?*

Reply not received.

57. ***Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 24-06-2009 at 15:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of medicines of banned or registration of which cancelled during the last three years along with reasons thereof?

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: (a) During the last three years 297 drugs (Annexure A) were banned and registrations were cancelled on the basis of safety, efficacy and quality.

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

58. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-06-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) the number of vehicles of the Heavy Mechanical complex Texila placed at the disposal of Ministry; and

(b) the amount spent on the maintenance and fuel of those vehicles since July 2008?

Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo: (a) Since 11th March, 2009, one vehicle of Heavy Mechanical Complex viz Suzuki Liana Car is attached with Ministry of Industries, and Production.

(b) The above vehicle was attached with Ministry of Industries & Production in March, 2009 and since then Heavy Mechanical Complex have not spent any amount on fuel/maintenance charges.

Repair and Maintenance cost is being met by the Ministry. An amount of Rs. 43477/- is spent on its repair, maintenance and fuel.

59. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 25-06-2009 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of sanctioned posts in BPS-04 to 22 in Sheikh Zayed Hospital Quetta and the number of persons appointed in each grade?

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: Details of sanctioned posts (BS-4 to BS-22) in Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Hospital, Quetta are given below:—

BPS	No. of Posts	Filled	Vacant
22	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	19	02	17
19	17	07	10
18	42	09	33
17	174	43	131
16	170	05	165
15	02	02	00
14	13	11	02

12	19	15	04
11	09	04	05
09	81	55	26
07	35	24	11
06	82	51	31
05	29	18	11
04	42	31	11
Total	734	277	457

60. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 26-06-2009 at 08:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade wise and province wise break up?*

Reply not received.

61. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 26-06-2009 at 08:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Planning and Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices ; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade wise and province wise break up?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The information is being collected from the concerned quarters and will be placed before the House on next Rota Day.

62. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 26-06-2009 at 08:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of officers in BS-17 and above working in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices; and*
- (b) *the number of posts lying vacant in the above organizations in BS-17 and above, with grade wise and province wise break up?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhri: (a) List showing the names of officers, designation and place of domicile is at **Annex-A**.

(b) List of vacant posts BS-17 and above in Health Division (Main), grade-wise and province-wise is at **Annex-B**.

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

63. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-06-2009 at 08:41 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of industrial units working in NWFP and the number of workers therein; and*
- (b) *the number of sick industrial units in NWFP and the number of workers affected due to their closure?*

Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo: (a) There are 1552 industrial units established so far in NWFP and 66129 workers are employed therein.

(b) There are 702 sick/closed industrial units and 20230 workers have been affected due to their closure.

65. ***Mr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-07-2009 at 14:24 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of completion of building of Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Quetta;*
- (b) *the time by which hospital will start functioning; and*
- (c) *the amount approved and released for the said hospital during the last three years?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhri: (a) The building of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed, Federal Hospital, Quetta was completed by UAE Government in 1998.

(b) The hospital has been functioning since April, 2007 for out door patients. In door patient facility will be operationalized when equipment is received.

(c) Approved cost of PC-I is Rs. 497.220 million out of which funds released to the hospital during last three years are as follows:—

<i>(Rs. in million)</i>	
2006-07	Rs. 230.000
2007-08	Rs. 108.750
2008-09	Rs. 80.000
Total:	Rs. 418.750

66. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 04-07-2009 at 14:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to enhance per acre yield of various crops and to achieve self reliance in agricultural outputs; and*
- (b) *the achievements of various R and D institutions in this regard during the last three years?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The steps taken by the present government to enhance per acre yield of various crops and to achieve self-reliance in agricultural outputs are mentioned at Annexure-I, along with the achievements gained thereupon.

(b) There are two principle agricultural research institutes of federal government which include Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Islamabad and Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC), Karachi Achievements of PARC & PCCC are attached at Annexure-II & III respectively.

67. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 08-07-2009 at 14:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantity of wheat produced in the country during the years 2008 and 2009;*
- (b) *the quantity of wheat imported during the said period; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to achieve self-reliance in wheat production?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Wheat production during 2007-08 was 21 million tones while according to the 2nd estimates (received from the provinces) wheat production for year 2008 – 2009 is 23.420 million tonnes.

(b) Wheat imports during 2007-08 were 1.7 million tonnes and in 2008-09 2.6 millions tones.

(c) To achieve the self-reliance in wheat production, Government has taken the following steps:—

- (i) The Guaranteed Minimum Price (GMP) of wheat for 2008-09 was increased to Rs. 950/- per 40 kgs.
- (ii) Target of 6.5 million tones of wheat was fixed for procurement by the public sector.
- (iii) Government increased the subsidy on fertilizer to the tune of Rs.32 billion and also removed GST on fertilizer and pesticides.
- (iv) Ensured timely availability of inputs like seed, fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides. The supply of Agri. Credit to farmers was also increased.
- (v) The farmers were advised for judicious use of water and micro-management of irrigation water at local level through active coordination of Irrigation and Agriculture Departments.
- (vi) Under Grow More Wheat Campaigns Federal/Provincial Agriculture Departments disseminated information to the growers through electronic and print media on production technology of wheat crop. Provincial Agriculture Departments also educated the farmers at the field level regarding bringing more area under wheat and adoption of good agricultural practices for increasing wheat productivity.

68. ***Nawabzada Mir Haji Lashkari Raisani:** (Notice received on 13-07-2009 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the budget allocated for the Ministry of Health and the amount given for health sector in Balochistan during the last three years with year-wise break up?

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: The budget allocation for Ministry of Health and amount given thereof for health sector in Balochistan during last three years is as follows:—

(Rs. in million)

Year	Allocation	Amount given for Health Sector in Balochistan
2006-07	14,471.032	295.824
2007-08	18,064.310	156.022
2008-09	18,166.489	178.741
Total:	50,701.831	630.587

70. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 15-07-2009 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry and its subordinate offices during financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 with grade-wise and province-wise break up?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: Number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture(Main) and its attached departments/subordinate offices during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 with grade-wise and province-wise are as under:—

A- MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (MAIN)

ISLAMABAD :
The 28th July, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

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