

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 10th June, 2009

53. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 30-04-2009 at 13:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names and place of domicile of the members, specialists and advisors working in the Planning Commission indicating also the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them;*
- (b) the names, date and duration of appointment of the persons presently re-employed in the Ministry of Planning and Development after their retirement from Government service; and*
- (c) the names and place of domicile of the officers re-employed in the Project wing of the Ministry indicating also the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Planning Commission which apart from the Deputy Chairman, comprise nine (9) Members including Secretary, P&D Division. Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, N.I., H.I, S.I, former Chairman, PAEC is also appointed as Advisor to Planning Commission on Science and Technology in MP-I Scale with the status of Minister of State. Domicile and details of Members of Planning Commission are at Annex-I. List of Specialists/Consultants is at Annex-II.

- (b) Annex-II.
- (c) Details are at Annex-III.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OF MEMBERS

Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, N.I., H. I., S. I.,

Advisor to Planning Commission on Science & Technology With the Status of Minister of State

Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, N. I., H.I., S. I., is an eminent scientist of Pakistan with a Ph. D in Physics and globally acknowledged post doctoral research and teaching experiencing for over 45 years in the area of science and technology. He has vast experience in formulation of science policy. In recognition of his historic contributions in nuclear Programme, the Government of Pakistan awarded him Nishan-e-Imtiaz and Sitara-Imtiaz.

MR. ASHRAF M. HAYAT

Member Coordination / Secretary Planning and Development Division

Mr. Ashraf M. Hayat, a BS-22 Officer has been posted by Establishment Division with the approval of Prime Minister.

MR. PARVEZ BUTT (H., SI)

Member Energy

- M.Sc. (Mechanical / Nuclear Engineering), University of Toronto, Canada
- B.Sc., (Mechanical Engineering)

Mr. Parvez Butt joined Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission in May 1963 and rose to be its Chairman from where he retired in April 2006. As Director (SES) and then Member (Power), he made significant contribution to the indigenization programme of PAEC and established HMC-3, the country's largest equipment manufacturing workshops. After his retirement from PAEC he was appointed as Secretary, Science & Technology from where he retired in April 2008.

He has been awarded HI, SI and Tamgha-e-Baqa for his significant contribution to the power, engineering and other civilian and strategic programmes of PAEC. He is working as Member (Energy), Planning Commission since 13 August 2008.

MR. M. AKRAM MALIK

Member Infrastructure

- B.Sc.
- Post Graduate in Development Administration Diploma Birmingham University, UK

Mr. Akram Malik joined the DMG in 1973. He has served as Federal Secretary in Economic Affairs, Planning and Development and Local Government. He has also served as Executive Director in Asian Development Bank (2002-2005) and Commercial Counselor as well as and later Economic Minister in Pakistan High Commission in London (1988-92).

He remained Chairman Planning and Development and Finance Secretary in Punjab and earlier on Provincial Secretary in different Departments. As a field officer he served as Deputy Commissioner in Rawalpindi and Rahim Yar Khan districts and as Commissioner Bahawalpur.

He compiled the first district Gazetteer after partition on Rahim Yar Khan district. He possesses a distinguished record of public service both in the Secretariat and the field. He was appointed as Member Infrastructure in 2008.

LT. GEN. (RETD) MUHAMMAD ZUBAIR HI(M), P.E.
Member Implementation and Monitoring

- M.Sc. Defence & Strategic Studies, NDC
- M.Sc. Joint War Studies
- B.Sc. Engineering (Civil) M.I.E. Pakistan

Engr. Lt. Gen Muhammad Zubair (Retd) has served Pakistan Army for 38 years. He served as Engineer in Chief. During his service contributed toward national development by executing mega projects. He was responsible for implementation of Lahore-Faisalabad Highway on Built Own Transfer (BOT) basis. He has also remained as Chairman Earthquake Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Authority.

He has been Chairman National Camouflage and Concealment Committees, Evaluation and Standardization of Technical Design for u/ground Shelters and Academic Council. MCE. He has also served as Member Water and Power Committee, Federal Flood Commission. Executive Committee, Pakistan Engineering Council, Punjab Engineering Academy. He has been awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz (M) and Hilal-i-Imtiaz (M) for his distinguished services.

DR. SHAUKAT HAMEED
Member

- B.Sc. Oxford
- D.Phil, Oxford
- Fellow Pakistan Academy of Sciences
- Rector, GIKI
- Rhodes Scholar

Dr. Shaukat Hameed is an eminent scientist who served Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) for 37 years and retired as Chief Scientist and Director General. During his stay in PAEC he was actively involved in R & D, teaching, production, technical management, and policy planning and was engaged in design and production of laser and electronic equipment.

Dr. Shaukat Hameed Khan was appointed as Member, Science & Technology, Planning Commission on 21st August 2008 with the approval of Prime Minister on contract basis in MP-I Scale for a period of two years on existing terms and conditions. During this period, he continued to hold two assignments of Member S&T as well as Member, Social Sector in addition to his duties due to the fact the post of Member, Social Sector held by Mr. Ijaz Rahim had fallen vacant on completion of his turn.

Dr. Shaukat is working with Planning Commission since 2005 and has actively contributed to the national document "Vision 2030 Pakistan in 21st century". He has authored over 23 papers in international journals and conferences. He has been awarded Pride of

Performance. He has over 40 years professional expertise in diverse areas of Academic and Research in Social Sector activities.

DR. MUHAMMAD E. TUSNEEM

Member Food & Agriculture

- M.S (Soils), University of Philippines
- Ph. D, (Agronomy), Louisiana State University, USA

Mr. Tusneem is recognized as an eminent agriculture expert and development practitioner with wide ranging experience in agriculture sector at planning, research and development levels. Dr. Tusneem served as Chairman Pakistan Agriculture Research Council until his retirement. He has also worked with the Asian Development Bank for over 28 years and was appointed as Director General for East and Central Asia region including China. He has intimate knowledge of the discipline covering 24 countries of Asia and Pacific region.

DR. RASHID AMJAD

Member / Chief Economist / Vice Chancellor PIDE

- Ph.D (Economics) from Queen's College, University of Cambridge, UK.

A distinguished economist and educationist, Dr. Rashid Amjad graduated from Government College, Lahore and obtained his Tripos in Economics B.A (Hons) and Ph.D from the University of Cambridge.

He was a Member of the Panel of Economists to frame Pakistan's Fifth Five Year Plan. He has returned a large number of Articles and Books. He has Co-Authored "Management of the Pakistan Economy 1947-82" and "Private Industrial Investment in Pakistan 1960-70".

He worked for over 27 years in I. L. O. in various capacities including Director. Policy Planning, Director, Employments Strategy Department etc.

DR. SAMAR MUBARAKMAND, NI, HI, SI

Member (Science & Technology)

- M.Sc (Pb), D.Phil (Oxon)

Dr. Samar Mubarakmand joined Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission in 1962 and rose to the post of Member Technical. He has been founding Director General, National Development Complex from 1994-2001. He was founding Chairman of National Engineering and Scientific Commission from 2001-2007. His specialized fields include: Nuclear Instrumentation, Fiber Optics, Application of Lasers, Nuclear Weapon Systems. Nuclear Diagnostics and Missile Technology. Performed as Team Leader and played a key role in the conception, design and execution of the indigenous programmes of surface to surface, solid fuel, SHAHEEN Missile System.

He has been awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz in 1992, Hilal-i-Imtiaz in 1998 and Nishan-i-Imtiaz in 2003. He is working as Member (S&T), Planning Commission since 16th December, 2008.

54. *Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood: (Notice received on 30-04-2009 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the percentage of increase in the prices of various food items in the country since January, 2009;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the increase in prices of food items?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The prices of some major food items since January, 2009 to date have increased with the following percentages:—

Commodities	Percentage increase in prices since January,2009
Wheat Flour	5.49 %
Mung (Pulse)	5.37 %
Mash (Pulse)	14.73 %
Turmeric.	20.70 %
Potato	8.86 %
Onion	13.78 %
Milk (Buffalo)	6.31 %
Beef (with bones)	8.27 %
Mutton	7.29 %
Sugar Refined	13.62 %
Maize	9.16 %

- (b) Government has taken the following steps to control the prices of these food items:
1. Currently ban is imposed on export of wheat to ensure supply to the common man on affordable price.
 2. Allowed import of raw and refined sugar in private sector as well as TCP to check escalation of sugar price.
 3. Arranged supply of sugar through Utility Stores at subsidized rates.
 4. Supply of ghee at Utility Store Corporation of Pakistan (USC).
 5. For import substitution of edible oil, Palm oil and Olive Plantation is being encouraged. Other oil seed crops like Canola and Sunflower have been focused further to increase local production.
 6. Free movement of agriculture commodities including wheat has been allowed across Provincial frontiers. A credit line was set up for private sector for building of storage and commodity procurement.
 7. Government decided to allow import of wheat and wheat flour by the private sector according to the specifications prescribed by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

8. Support price of wheat for 2008-09 crop was raised from Rs.625 to Rs. 950 per 40 Kg which has resulted in record crop, easing the supply position of wheat in the country.
9. A procurement target of 6,550,000 tons of wheat was fixed, against which 9,123,942 tons have been procured by the public sector up to 08-06-2009.
10. Government has allowed duty free import of essential items including pulses from regional countries.
11. Government through PASSCO procured Gram and Mung pulses as buffer stocks to stabilize prices of these pulses in the Market. During 2006-07 following quantities of Gram and Mung were procured.

Gram	=	86	Thousand	M. Tons
Mung	=	25.8	Thousand	M. Tons

55. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and location of the institutions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health;*
- (b) *the number of persons working in those institutions with grade-wise and province-wise break up; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts in the said institutions with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: (a) The names and location of institutions under the administrative control of Ministry of Health are given below:—

1. Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Saddar Karachi.
2. Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad.
3. Tuberculoses Control, Asghar Mall, Rawalpindi.
4. National Institute of Health, Chak Shehzad, Islamabad
5. Pakistan Medical Research Council, G-5/2, Islamabad.
6. Health Services Academy, Chak Shehzad, Islamabad.
7. National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, Saddar, Karachi.
8. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad.
9. National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, Islamabad.
10. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Hospital, Quetta.
11. National Institute of Child Health, Karachi.

(b) Number of persons working in aforementioned institutions are given below:—

JPMC, Karachi.

Total employees in Grade 1—21 are 2018 and its detail may seen at Annex-I.

FGSH, Islamabad.

Total employees in Grade 1— 21 are 1452 with detail at Annex-III.

TB Centre, Rawalpindi.

Total employees are 91 with detail at Annex-V.

NIH, Islamabad.

Total employees are 290 with detail at Annex-VII.

PMRC, Islamabad.

Total employees are 283 with detail at Annex-IX.

Health Services Academy, Islamabad.

Total employees are 343 with detail Annex-XI.

NICVD, Karachi.

Total employees are 555 with detail at Annex-XII.

PIMS, Islamabad.

Total employees are 2400 with detail at Annex-XIV.

NICH, Karachi.

Total employees are 634 with detail at Annex-XVI.

NIRM, Islamabad.

Total employees are 194 with detail at Annex-XVIII.

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Hospital, Quetta.

Total employees are 465 with detail at Annex-XX.

(c) **JPMC, Karachi.**

Total number of 431 vacancies grade and province-wise may be seen at Annex-II.

FGSH, Islamabad.

Total number of 89 vacancies grade and province-wise is at Annex-IV.

TB Centre, Rawalpindi.

Total 07 posts are vacant with detail at 1 at Annex-VI.

NIH, Islamabad.

Total 38 posts are vacant with detail at Annex-VIII.

PMRC, Islamabad.

Total vacant posts are 50 with detail at Annex-X.

HSA, Islamabad.

Total vacant posts are 16 with detail at Annex-XI.

NICVD, Karachi.

Total vacant posts are 04 with detail at Annex-XIII.

PIMS, Islamabad.

Total vacant posts are 122 with detail at Annex-XV.

NICH, Karachi.

Total vacant posts are 48 with detail at Annex-XVII.

NIRM, Islamabad.

Total vacant posts are 16 with detail at Annex-XIX.

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Hospital, Quetta.

Total vacant posts are 432 with detail at Annex-XXI.

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

56. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:30 a.m)

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

(a) the amount allocated in the PSDP for Baluchistan during the period from January, 2002 to January, 2008; and

(b) *the amount allocated in the PSDP for that province during the current financial year?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The allocation for Balochistan in federal PSDP during Financial. Years 2001-02 to 2007-08 is indicated below:—

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Allocation (Rs Billion)</i>
2001-02	5.5
2002-03	7.8
2003-04	11.8
2004-05	20.3
2005-06	21.5
2006-07	34.8
2007-08	46.6

(b) An amount of Rs 42.6 billion has been allocated for Balochistan in federal PSDP during current financial year *i.e.* 2008-09

57. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 02-05-2009 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that NIH has been declared as a satellite hospital of PIMS, if so, the details of services, including emergency services provided in the said satellite hospital;*
- (b) *the budget allocated for the said hospital during the current financial year;*
- (c) *the names of doctors and other staff working in the said satellite hospital; and*
- (d) *the measures envisaged to make that hospital useful and effective for the residents of the area?*

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: (a) Only one component of NIH (Hospital Wing) was handed over to PIMS on 01-02-2005 for running its un-utilized Indoor facilities and up-grading the emergency services for 24 hours alongwith diagnostic services to rural population of surrounding areas. The services available there are as under:—

- (i) Indoor patients.
- (ii) Emergency Department.
- (iii) X-Ray Department.
- (iv) Diagnostic facilities *i.e.* CTG machine, ECG, Ultrasound, multi purpose ultrasound unit for physiotherapy and new Nebulizer for asthmatic patients for management of Allergy Centre.
- (v) Gynae/Ante-natal OPD.

- (vi) Physiotherapy Department.
 - (vii) EPI Centre.
 - (viii) Family Planning Centre.
 - (ix) Animal Bite Treatment Centre.
- (b) No separate budget is allocated. The expenditure is met from PIMS annual allocation.
- (c) The names of doctors and other staff working in PIMS Satellite Hospital is given in Annex-A.
- (d) PIMS Satellite Hospital was upgraded after February, 2005 by PIMS to make it fully functional as 50 bedded Indoor as well as Outdoor facility alongwith 24 hours emergency care services for surrounding rural population of ICT, NIH employees and their families.
58. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-05-2009 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of controversial issues between Pakistan and India; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to resolve those issues?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) and (b) Composite Dialogue between Pakistan and India was resumed in 2004. The fifth round was launched by the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries on 21 July 2008 in New Delhi. In the wake of Mumbai incident of November 2008 India has placed a “pause” on the Composite Dialogue.

Major controversial issues between Pakistan and India are as under:

1. **Jammu and Kashmir dispute**

Pakistan’s principled position on Jammu and Kashmir dispute is based on the UN Security Council Resolutions, which provide that the final disposition of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with the will of the people to be determined through a free and impartial plebiscite under the UN auspices. Pakistan is committed to this position. The issue has been discussed during five rounds of Composite dialogue. The last Foreign Secretary level talks on Jammu and Kashmir under the 5th Round of the Composite Dialogue process was held on July 21, 2008 in New Delhi. An important development was the decision to commence cross-LoC trade on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad and Poonch-Rawalakot routes from 21 October 2008. Resolution of the Kashmir dispute holds the key to durable peace in the region which is an essential pre-requisite for the economic uplift of South Asia and prosperity of its people. Pakistan maintains that the people of Kashmir should be associated with the dialogue process between Pakistan and India.

2. **Siachen and Sir Creek**

The Siachen glacier is situated near the north-eastern tip of Baltistan and forms part of the Northern Areas. Strategically, it lies to the north of the terminus of the Line of Control (NJ 9842) which was also the terminus of the Cease Fire Line of 1949 and of the agreement on the Line of Control of 1972. Since 1947, this area has been controlled and administered by Pakistan as part of its Northern Areas. India moved its troops in Siachen in April 1984. In order to forestall further incursions by the Indians, Pakistani troops took up positions in the area.

The first round of Defence Secretary-level talks on Siachen was held in January 1986. Since then, 11 rounds of talks have been held between the two countries. The matter has also been discussed at various levels during bilateral meetings. Several ideas have been exchanged for the resolution of the issue. However, no progress has been made due to India's insistence on authentication by Pakistan of the Actual Ground Position Line.

Similarly the Sir Creek issue has been discussed between Pakistan and India intermittently from 1976 -2004 but failed to reach a decision. The issue is being discussed under Composite dialogue process. During the review meetings of the Fourth round (21 May 2008), EAM Mukherjee remarked that "Sir Creek was close to a resolution" in response to the emphasis by the Foreign Minister regarding its "doability".

3. **Water Issues**

Under the provisions of Indus Waters Treaty, the waters of three Western Rivers, namely Indus, Jhelum and Chenab, have been allocated to Pakistan. Under the Indus Waters Treaty (1960), restrictions have been placed on the design and the operation of hydroelectric plants, storage works and other river works to be constructed by India on the Western Rivers. The Treaty provides a procedure for the settlement of differences and disputes. Any question, which arises between the parties, is to be first examined by the Commission. If the Commission fails to resolve the issue, either Commissioner can initiate action to resolve the issue through Neutral Expert/Court of Arbitration. Questions of technical nature are to be dealt with by a Neutral Expert whereas other questions are to be settled through a Court of Arbitration. Construction of water reservoirs by India in violation of the Indus Waters Treaty is a matter of great concern for us. It is important to adhere to the Indus Water Treaty in letter and spirit to reach a just resolution to the water disputes. Resolution of the Water issues is extremely important.

59. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 04-05-2009 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that sixteen Pakistanis have been sentenced by a court in Yemen, if so, the charges framed against the said persons and the sentence awarded to each of them;*

- (b) *the details of legal assistance provided/being provided by the Pakistan Embassy in Yemen to those persons during their trials and in their appeals to higher courts;*
- (c) *whether any interpreter was provided to those persons by the Pakistan Embassy in Yemen before, during and after their trial; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to expedite the hearing of appeals, if any, of the said persons in higher courts?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) Yes. Out of the sixteen Pakistanis, the Yemeni Court awarded death sentence to one Mr. Khuda Bakhsh and 25 years imprisonment to the rest of fifteen individuals on the charges of smuggling of drugs to Yemen;

(b) Embassy of Pakistan, Sana'a hired the services of a lawyer for defending the cases of these Pakistani nationals in the First Instance Court. The lawyer will file an appeal before the Appellate Court;

(c) An interpreter has been provided by the Mission; and

(d) The lawyer hired for the purpose is in the process of submitting an appeal in the Appellate Court.

61. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 06-05-2009 at 15:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently directed to regularize the services of all daily wages employees of the Utility Stores Corporation, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the salaries for the last some months have not been paid to some of the said employees, if so, the time by which the same will be paid to them?*

Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo: (a) No such direction has been received from the Prime Minister Secretariat.

(b) After the induction of requisite manpower on contract basis, the surplus daily wage employees have been relieved from service and they have been paid accordingly. However, necessary data/information is being collected from USC Regional/Zonal offices to confirm that dues of all ex-daily wage employees have been cleared.

62. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 08-05-2009 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names, designation and date of appointment of officers working on deputation basis in Planning and Development Division; and*

(b) *the normal tenure of deputation for officers in one department?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) At present 21 (Twenty one) officers are working on deputation basis in the Planning and Development Division. Details at Annex-I.

(b) The normal tenure of deputation is initially for a period of 3 years which is extendable for 2 years on year to year basis.

63. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 09-05-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of sick industrial units in the country at present; and*

(b) *the number of profitable industries rendered sick since January, 2006?*

Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo: (a) At present there are 2041 numbers of Sick Industrial Units in the country.

(b) 66 industrial units became sick.

64. ***Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 09-05-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the production of Pakistan Steel Mills at present with categories wise break up?

Mian Manzoor Ahmad Wattoo: Production for the financial year 2008-09 alongwith product-wise break-up is as under:—

Product	Budget 2008-09 (Tons)	Actual Production till April 2009 (Tons)	Fulfilment against proportionate budget, %age
Coke	454,813	355,328	94%
Sinter	1,165,641	821,354	85%
Hot metal	917,021	694,168	91%
Raw steel	826,417	615,936	89%
Bloom	115,064	89,271	93%
Slab	634,338	455,323	86%
Cast Billet	77,015	71,342	111%
Rolled Billet	161,843	151,335	112%
HR-Products	495,039	366,162	89%
CR-Products	134,101	105,311	94%

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GP-Products	23,289	22,504	116%
Raw Steel Capacity, %age	75%	67%	89%

66. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-05-2009 at 11:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications and experience of the Ambassadors/High Commissioners presently serving in foreign countries?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: The names, educational qualifications and experience of Ambassadors and High Commissioners presently serving in foreign countries (Missions) are given as below:

67. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 16-05-2009 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by Government to develop mechanism for quality assurance in food and other consumer related items in Country; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish monitoring teams at union council level under the direct control of PCSIR for quality assurance of the said items?*

Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati: (a) I. Realizing the need and importance of Metrology, Standards, Testing and Quality assurance, Government of Pakistan established Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) under the Act VI 1996 (under the administrative control of this Ministry).

II. PSQCA have developed a mechanism for ensuring the quality of products both for mandatory as well as voluntary conformance. It has formulated National standards and also adopted ISO/IEC national standards as Pakistan standards on various items particularly food items and other consumer items / products. PSQCA has so far formulated / adopted 28081 Pakistan standards. 78 of these standards have been notified as mandatory standards which mainly relate to food and safety. The manufacture and sale of these has to conform to laid down Pakistan standards for which samples are taken from industry and also from open market as per laid down procedure and tested at Quality Control Centre (QCC) of PSQCA and from other laboratories recognized by PSQCA for conformance with Pakistan Standard Specifications.

(b) No.

68. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 18-05-2009 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of Foreign visitors / delegations hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since March, 2008, indicating also the date of arrival and departure, purpose of visit, the amount spent and the details of benefits achieved by Pakistan in each case?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: The requisite information regarding visitors/delegations hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since March, 2008 is attached as Annexure-A.

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

69. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 27-05-2009 at 15:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Foreign visitors / delegations hosted by the Ministry of Health since March, 2008, indicating also the date of arrival and departure, purpose of visit, the amount spent and the details of benefits achieved by Pakistan in each case?

Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani: One foreign visitor, Dr. Hussain A. Gezairy, Regional Director, World Health Organization (WHO)/ Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO), visited Pakistan from 8th to 11th January 2009 on the invitation of the Minister for Health.

The purpose of the visit, amount spent and details of benefits achieved by Pakistan are annexed.

Expenditure Incurred:

An amount of Rs.106,978/- (Rupees One Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight only) was incurred on the visit of Dr. Hussain A. Gezairy Regional Director EMRO to Pakistan.

Purpose of the Visit:

- To explore avenues for further cooperation and enhancement of the Primary Health Care (PHC) initiative.
- Discussion with government on current efforts being invested for a Polio free Pakistan.
- Promote equity and produce tangible impacts on the health indicators especially related to Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 4,5&6.
- Ensure universal vaccination coverage of Newborns against Hepatitis B.
- Initiatives needed for sustainability of TB control efforts in Pakistan.
- Consolidate the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response capacity (HEPR).

Benefits Achieved:

- The Honorable Prime Minister after necessary consultation announced the launch of the Prime Ministers Action Plan on Polio Eradication. WHO ensured its full support to achieve the goal of Polio eradication.

- ✿ Hepatitis Control Program is also reinforced after having useful discussions between the key figures and Policy matters.
- ✿ WHO supported the strengthening of routine Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) coverage thereby helping the Government to ensure universal Hepatitis B vaccination coverage of newborns.
- ✿ WHO has ensured its support in consolidating the Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (HEPR) capacity in Health System in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th June, 2009.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

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For Wednesday, the 10th June, 2009

5. **Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 13-05-2009 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of departments / organizations under the administrative control of the Ministry of Science and Technology; and*
- (b) the names, date of birth, designations, educational qualifications, date of appointment and place of domicile of the officers in BPS 17 and above working in the said departments/organizations?*

Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati: (a) (1) There are 17 Science & Technology Organizations under Ministry of Science & Technology as per listed below:—

- (1) Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR)
- (2) Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC)
- (3) STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan.
- (4) Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)
- (5) National Institute of Electronics (NIE)
- (6) Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET)
- (7) Center for Applied Molecular Biology (CAMB)
- (8) Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources (PCRWR)
- (9) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)
- (10) Council for Works and Housing Research (CWHR)
- (11) Pakistan Council for Science & Technology (PCST)
- (12) Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC)
- (13) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA)
- (14) COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT)
- (15) National Physical & Standards Laboratory (NPSL)

- (16) Pakistan Technology Board (PTB)
- (17) National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST)

(b) (1) Please see information regarding Officers of organizations under the administrative control Ministry of Science & Technology as per Annexure below:—

- (1) Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) Annex-I.
- (2) Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) Annex-II
- (3) STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan. Annex-III.
- (4) Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) Annex-IV.
- (5) National Institute of Electronics (NIE) Annex-V.
- (6) Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET) Annex-VI.
- (7) Center for Applied Molecular Biology (CAMB) Annex-VII.
- (8) Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources (PCRWR). Annex-VIII.
- (9) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Annex-IX.
- (10) Council for Works and Housing Research (CWHR) Annex-X.
- (11) Pakistan Council for Science & Technology (PCST) Annex-XI.
- (12) Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Annex-XII.
- (13) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) Annex-XIII.
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