

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 17th April, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 25 Deferred on 3rd February, 2015 (110th Session))

***Question No. 25. (Def.). Mrs. Rubina Khalid:**

(Notice received on 14-11-2014 at 03:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state;

- (a) whether it is a fact that PMDC has recommended for closure of Al-Razi Medical College, Peshawar, Hashmat Medical College, Gujarat and Sahiwal Medical College, Sahiwal; and*
- (b) whether any action has been taken on the said recommendations of PIMDC, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) PM&DC recommended the closure of said medical colleges in haste ignoring the codal formalities to be observed under the law. Further, the matter is subjudice in different courts of the country and PM&DC has been requested for provision of its considered view point under the prevailing factual and legal position, which is still awaited despite repeated requests (Annex I & II). So, under the law desired action cannot be taken till the matter is subjudice and completion of formalities by the PM&DC.

(b) Since, the desired response from the PM&DC is awaited in this matter. The Corse of action by Ministry will follow as per law.

***Question No. 32. Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 13-03-2015 at 04:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) whose services have been terminated during the present regime indicating also the reasons for termination in each case;*
- (b) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the employees of the said Foundation whose services have been regularized during the present regime; and*
- (c) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in that Foundation during the present regime?*

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) **25** employees were terminated/ discharged from service during the period on various charges after completing required formalities Annexure-A.

- The services of **one (01)** employee of OPF Girls College, F-8/2, Islamabad have been terminated on account of willful absence from duty Annexure-B.

(b) Services of **5** employees were regularized during the period, after due process Annexure-C.

(c) **125** employees have been appointed in OPF Educational Institutions during the said period.

- o **Thirteen (13)** employees have been appointed in OPF Girls College, F-8/2, Islamabad Annexure-D.
- o **Six (06)** employees have been appointed in OPF Boys College, H-8/4, Islamabad Annexure-E.
- o **Six (06)** employees have appointed in OPF Girls Higher Secondary School, Rawalpindi Annexure-F.
- o **Hundred (100)** employees have been appointed in 22 OPF Educational Institutions established throughout the country Annexure-G.

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

***Question No. 33. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 16-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more vocational training institutes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, if so, the details thereof?

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi: National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) at the federal and TEVTA at provincial level are dealing with training of youth. So far as Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development is

concerned, one Vocational Training Center is planned to be established at Swat by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation.

***Question No. 34. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 16-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the number of persons sent abroad for employment by the Overseas Employment Corporation during the last two years with province-wise break-up?

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi: A Total of 2831 persons sent abroad for employment by the Overseas Employment Corporation during the last two years. The province-wise break-up is given below:

Province	2013	2014	Total	
Punjab		988	765	1753
Sindh	197	384	581	
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	215	165	380	
Balochistan	6	10	16	
A.J. & K.	13	7	20	
Gilgit Baltistan	4	3	7	
Tribal Areas	14	9	23	
Federal Area of Islamabad.	19	32	51	
Total:	1456	1375	2831	

***Question No. 35. Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the number of students belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who were sent abroad on scholarships for higher studies during the last five years with year-wise break-up?

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman: A total of six hundred and ninety eight (698) students belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been sent abroad on scholarships for higher studies during the last five years by Higher Education Commission. The year-wise detail is given below:—

YEAR	NO. OF STUDENTS
2009-2010	132
2010-2011	93

2011-2012	145
2012-2013	179
2013-2014	110
2014-2015*	39
GRAND TOTAL	698

*till date

***Question No. 36. Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government to bridge the gap in the employment and skill development target;*
- (b) *the difference between present Government stance from that of the past Government with regard to prevalent disparity in employment generation and skill development; and*
- (c) *the details of schemes for skill development and employment generation launched by the present Government for tribal and other traditional dwellers living in forest villages in the country with province-wise area-wise breakup?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) The Ministry has taken a number of steps through its Departments to address the issue of filling the gaps between employment and skill development targets, enumerated as under:—

I. NAVTTC:

Following steps have been taken by the Government on the platform of NAVTTC:—

- i. National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) is a platform where future prospects of employees and employers are identified, discussed and policies are framed to bridge up the gap in the employment and skill development targets.
- ii. NAVTTC has established National Skills Information System (NSIS) to ensure provisions of reliable and timely information on demand and supply of skills. So far, following data has been compiled and made available online.

S.#	Activities	Numbers
1.	Registered Trainees	500,000

2.	Registered Industries	42,000
3.	TVET Institutions	3,326
4.	Establishment of job placement & career guidance	100

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- iii. MoU with Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters will be signed shortly to ensure overseas employment of skilled workforce of Pakistan. Furthermore several job fairs are being organized with the provincial head offices in collaboration of Pakistan Overseas Employment Promoters, Intel, BrightSpyre, Chambers etc.

II. National Training Bureau (NTB):- NTB is empowered to finance self-employment. Skill Development Councils (SDCs) have taken the initiatives. Skill Development Council (SDC) Peshawar has launched **Tanzeem Lissail E Wal Mahroom** special training programme. 1300 orphan/disposed girls/boys have been trained in the trades of Tailoring & Garments Making, Plumber, Electrician, Welder, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning and Motor driving. Out of these, 240 are males and 1060 females. This programme is offered free of cost and besides certification, stipend @ Rs.1000/- per month, sewing machine (in case of Tailoring & Garments Making) and tool kit to each Plumber, RAC and Welder trainees have been provided.

Steps taken by the Government on the platform of NTB are as under;

- a. The Government has appointed employers who are nominees of Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), Employers' Federation of Pakistan (EFP) and Chambers of Commerce & Industry (CCI) as Chairmen Skill Development Councils (SDCs) hence they prefer to employ the trainees of SDCs.
- b. The Government has signed MOUs with Saudi Based Company (M/s. Ali Hazza & Co) & UK based Company (M/s. MAKCO) and entering into MOU with Turkey and Japan (JITCO). M/s. Ali Hazza & Co. has **committed** to employ 20,000 trainees in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and GCC Countries in 2015. M/s. MAKCO will send 1200 skilled workers for employment abroad per year after commissioning the project.
- c. National Training Bureau has been declared as focal point for technical & vocational training in Turkey and sister organization with JITCO Japan to enhance the cooperation in vocational training.

(b) Numerous employment opportunities have been ensured by the present Government through the departments of this Ministry for skilled youth in local and international markets with following steps:-

NAVTTTC:-

Initiatives taken by the NAVTTTC for employment generation and skill development are as under;

- i. Development of National Vocational Qualification Framework (NVQF) for greater acceptability and mobility of skilled youth workforce in both local and international markets.
- ii. Internationally acceptable accreditation system for continuous quality assurance and recognition/absorption of Pakistani skilled youth in local and international markets.
- iii. Reforming apprenticeships for greater employment and training opportunities including informal sector.
 - Expand the pool of the literate skilled labor.
 - Free education including technical & vocational streams.
 - Emphasis on diversification so as to transform the system from supply-oriented to demand-driven.
 - Promote excellent hands-on skills
 - Introduction of skill development / technical (know-how) courses to avoid unemployment of school drop-outs.
 - Introduction of special courses for skill development to cater to the demands of specific sectors.
 - Expansion of technical & vocational education and subsidize technology, education & training.
 - Focus on rural areas, strengthen rural trades and vocations.

National Training Bureau (NTB): The present Government has a pro-active stance for placement including employment abroad. The present Government has mobilized world fame employers and M/s Ali Hazza & Company has committed to provide employment to 20,000 during 2015.

Similarly M/s MAKCO did not provide employment to any skilled worker in countries abroad during the period of past Government.

(c) All the schemes that are being executed by NAVTTC through PSDP funded projects or by the Prime Minister Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP) which aims to set the target at far flung/remote areas of the country. Funds allocated and selection of trainees for the PSDP projects are made in the following pattern:—

S.#	Province /Region	Quota (in %)
1.	Balochistan	25
2.	Gilgit-Baltistan	10
3.	AJK	05
4.	KPK	18
5.	FATA	06
6.	Sindh (Rural)	08
7.	Sindh (Urban)	05
8.	Punjab (South)	15
9.	Punjab (North)	06
10.	ICT	02

Similarly, the above mentioned PMYSDP is a nationwide program including FATA and AJK. Distribution of trainees for the PMYSDP was as under:—

Region	Target Trainees
Islamabad	1000
Punjab	12750
Sindh	5850
KPK & FATA	3400
Balochistan	2000
Total:	25,000

Under the PMYSDP-2014, 21934 youth were trained in different demand driven skills. Right now 3052 trainees will get skills in next six months. CDWP in its meeting held on April 1st 2015 has approved part-II of PMYSDP for training of 25000 youth of nation during the next financial year.

TVET sector issues:

Issues contain low productivity, low skills, low enrolments, teacher shortage and quality of vocational training programmes etc. which continue to constrain the development of a large, technically competent workforce in the country. It is generally felt that the existing TVET

system has not been able to cater the challenges posed by the new working environment and is unable to meet the fast changing training requirements of our trade and industry. This has resulted in skills shortages and skill gaps.

To address these issues, first ever National TVET Policy has already been prepared and launched on 4th March, 2015. The Policy was prepared with technical and financial support of GIZ. All stakeholders were consulted while drafting the Policy document.

Following initiative in the form of new projects have been taken by the NTB;

National Training Bureau (NTB):-

i. Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan

A project for training of 5750 youth of Balochistan in 23 trades in the Institutes of Balochistan and other parts of the country has been approved.

ii. Health & Safety Project for Mine Workers

Health & Safety training will be imparted to Mine Workers — (37,000 of Balochistan, 33,000 of KPK, 10,000 of FATA) to reduce the accident ratio at MINES.

iii. Training of Trainers (ToT)

NTB has planned to train 1500 trainers in next 5 years in order to give the priority to Gilgit, Baltistan, Balochistan and tribal areas of KPK. 100% nominees will be accommodated in skill upgrading courses of National Staff Training Institute (NSTI). Need based exclusive courses for instructors of these areas will also be managed.

iv. Fortification of National Training Bureau.

Under this scheme 250,000 Male/Female (youth) will be trained in different trades. Priority will be given to REMOTE AREAS including, Gilgit, Baltistan, AJK, Balochistan and tribal areas of KPK.

***Question No. 38. Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 18-03-2015 at 12:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and locations of the housing scheme launched by Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) so far;*

- (b) *the number of plots in each of the said housing schemes and the names of persons who have been allotted the same; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that allotment of some plots in those schemes has been cancelled after June, 2013, if so, the names of such allottees and the reasons for cancellation in each case?*

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) The Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) since 1981 has launched twelve (12) housing schemes for overseas Pakistanis as per following locations:—

(b) The number of plots in each housing schemes along with their status is as under:—

(c) Yes. After June, 2013 following nineteen (19) plots of OPF Housing Scheme Phase-I Lahore were cancelled.

i. 11 Residential plots allotted to the Employees of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis were cancelled due to discrepancy in following proper allotment criteria and seniority.

- 08 commercial plots due to default in depositing payments and violation of terms & conditions of auction/allotment. Names of such allottees are as under:—

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

***Question No. 39. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the funds / amount provided by World Health Organization (WHO) to control TB, HIV, AIDs, Child Malnutrition and Cancer in the country during the last five years with year-wise break-up and details of utilization of the same?

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: The budget cycle of WHO is of two years and therefore yearly breakup is not available. The last completed cycle is 2012-2013. The distribution of funds is on programmatic basis and breakup of fund on program basis, details of which are attached as under:—

S#	Program	2008-09	2010-11	2012-13
1.	HIV/TB/Malaria	351,000	1,591,690	520,781
2.	NCD,cancer	241,000	111,101	62,417
3.	MNCH	286,000	2,711,917	2,120,809

***Question No. 40. Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schools and colleges being managed by the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF),*
- (b) the names and locations of the said schools and colleges which are operational at present; and*
- (c) the names and locations of the said schools and colleges which are non-operational at present indicating also the reasons for non-operation in each case?*

Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) Presently 24 Educational Institutions (02 colleges & 22 schools) are being managed by OPF.

(b) The names and location of the OPF schools/colleges are as under:—

OPF COLLEGES

1. OPF Boys College, H-8/4, Islamabad
2. OPF Girls College, F-8/2, Islamabad

OPF SCHOOLS

Province	No of Schools	Location
Punjab	09	Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Multan, Shiekhupura, Bhalwal, Depalpur, Gujrat, Kallar Syedan, Pakpattan
Sindh	05	Dadu, Larkana, Sanghar, Badin, Karachi
Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	03	Dera Ismail Khan, Manshera, Hangu
Balochistan	02	Quetta, Turbat
AJK	03	Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, Kotli
Total	22	

(c) At present no OPF school/college is non-operational.

***Question No. 41. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of delegations sent to the Peoples Republic of China during the last three years and the results achieved there from?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The frequency of exchanges at all levels between the two countries has been rising, underscoring the growing breath of cooperation in all sectors between Pakistan and China.

A total of 121 delegations from Pakistan visited China in the last three years; as shown below:

Year	Number of delegations visited China
2012	42
2013	44
2014	35
Total	121

These delegations represented a cross-section of Pakistan's political leadership, government institutions, business leaders, academia and media persons. The exchanges helped deepen and expand cooperation in the areas of trade, investment, education, science, defence, energy, culture etc. This was reciprocated by a large number of delegations' visits from China.

The last three years have seen the Pakistan-China relationship grow in various spheres, strength to strength. It is most visible in the economic spheres. Bilateral trade has increased from \$8.66 billion in 2011 to an all-time high of \$14.22 billion in 2014. (Break-up of trade is given below).

In US \$ (millions)

Year	Imports from China	Exports to China	Total
2011	6,935	1,729	8,664
2012	8,480	2,120	10,600
2013	9,276	3,140	12,476
2014	11,010	3,210	14,220

China's direct investment in Pakistan has been as under:

FDI inflows to Pakistan from China source (Board of Investment data, all figures are in US\$ million)

Country	2011-12	2012-13	1013-14	2014-15 (Jul— Feb)
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China	126.1	90.6	695.8	175.1
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Approximately, 85 MoUs and Agreements have been signed since 2012. The most important of these is the MoU signed in July 2013 to establish the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), during the Prime Minister's first official visit to China after assuming office. The CPEC has been conceived as the linchpin of connectivity expansion between the two countries. It is a transformative project that would upgrade Pakistan's transport and energy infrastructure, connecting remote and underdeveloped areas of Pakistan with the main transport network. The energy projects conceived under the CPEC would add nearly 10,000 MW to Pakistan's national grid. With the implementation of the CPEC, an upsurge in investment flows into Pakistan is expected; rough estimates amount to US \$30 billion (approximately), with investments in infrastructure development and establishment of Special Economic Zones along the Corridor.

***Question No. 42. Mr. Saeed Ghani:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether senior officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who have remained posted on sensitive positions are allowed, after their retirement, to serve in private / corporate institutions, if so, the names of such officers and the names of institutions where they are serving at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Section 14 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 allows a Civil Servant to seek private employment after retirement, but for employment within the first two years of retirement, prior approval of the competent authority is required.

2. According to the available record, no retired officer of the Ministry has sought permission to work after retirement.

***Question No. 43. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation, place of domicile and date of present posting of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Mission in Norway; and*
- (b) the details of complaints received against the said persons during the last three years indicating also the action taken in each case?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is as follows:

(b) No complaint against the above-mentioned officers and officials has been received during their stay in the Mission up-till now.

***Question No. 44. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, place of domicile and date of present posting of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Mission in Turkey; and*
- (b) *the details of complaints received against the said persons during the last three years indicating also the action taken in each case?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The requisite information, to the extent of the officers and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is as follows:

*The officer belongs to the Ministry of Commerce.

(b) No complaint against the above-mentioned officers and officials has been received during their stay in the Mission up-till now.

***Question No. 45. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, place of domicile and date of present posting of the persons working in Pakistan Embassy / Mission in Kyrgyzstan; and*
- (b) *the details of complaints received against the said persons during the last three years indicating also the action taken in each case?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The requisite information is as follows:

S. No.	Name	Designation	Place of Domicile	Date of Present Posting
1.	Mr. Muhammad Bakhsh Sangi	Second Secretary/ Charge d' Affaires	Sindh (R)	12-04-2012
2.	Mr. Farid Akbar Secretary	Assistant Private	Islamabad	19-03-2015
3.	Mr. Ameer Hamza	Accountant	Punjab	10-07-2014

(b) The Office of the Federal Ombudsman had forwarded a complaint regarding receipt of taking illegal gratification by Mr. Muhammad Bakhsh Sangi, Second Secretary for the attestation of educational documents. However, the Mission denied these allegations and maintained that best efforts were being made to facilitate Pakistani students, studying in Kyrgyzstan. The Mission's views were conveyed to the office of the Ombudsman on 12 November, 2014, which has not issued further instructions on the matter, so far.

***Question No. 46. Col(R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designation and educational qualifications of the persons working in the Drug Testing Unit of NIH, Islamabad; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of staff in the said Unit, if so, the time by which that shortage will be removed?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) The detail of officers & officials working in the Drugs Control & Traditional Medicines Division of the National Institute of Health, along with their designations and qualifications is enclosed herewith at **Annex-I**.

(b) Presently, shortage of staff does exist in the Drugs Control & Traditional Medicines Division due to ban on recruitment in the recent past. However now the case for recruitment is under process. After finalization of the case, the vacant posts will be filled accordingly.

***Question No. 46-A. Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure laid down for selection of students from various provinces for awarding scholarship for study abroad;*
- (b) the number of students sent abroad for education from 2008 to 2014 with province-wise breakup indicating also the names of universities abroad where they got admission; and*
- (c) the names, parentage and place of domicile of the students belonging to Balochistan who were sent abroad for education during the said period indicating also the discipline in which they got admission there?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman: (a) A uniform procedure has been laid down for selection of students from various provinces for awarding scholarships for study abroad. The same at **ANNEX-A**.

(b) A total of six thousand seven hundred and thirty seven (6737) students sent abroad for education from 2008 to 2014. The province wise break-up is attached at **ANNEX-B**. The names of foreign Universities where they got admission are attached at **ANNEX-C&D**.

(c) The names, parentage/CNIC and place of domicile of the students belonging to Balochistan who were sent abroad for education during the said period with detail of discipline are at **ANNEX-E&F**.

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ISLAMABAD :
The 16th April, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.