

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 12th November, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 44 was deferred on 4th November, 2015)

***Question No. 44. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 03:16 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the percentage of increase in the number of underage working children at various work places in ICT?

Reply not received.

***Question No. 158. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 04-06-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of visas issued by the Pakistan Embassies in China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the number of the said visa holders went back within the prescribed time?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The detail of visas issued by the Pakistan Embassies in China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan during the last five years is as under:

Sr. No.	Country	Visas Issued
1.	China	46009
2.	South Korea	13761
3.	UAE	17999
4.	Saudi Arabia	Reply awaited from Missions abroad

5.	Uzbekistan	1001
6.	Sudan	3402

(b) The FIA, under the Ministry of Interior, keeps the record of Foreigners' departure. They may be requested separately to provide the information.

***Question No. 159. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 05-06-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) *the estimated loss caused to major crops due to floods in the country during 2014; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to avoid shortage of major food items in the country?*

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Estimated losses of crops during flood in 2014 were to the tune of Rs. 10.91 billion.

(b) No shortage of food anticipated.

***Question No. 160. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 09-06-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure laid down for issuance of Pakistani visas to foreigners; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that cases of violation of the said procedure have been surfaced in Pakistan Embassies in China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan during the last five years, if so the details thereof indicating also the names and designation of the officers found involved in those cases and action taken against them?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Visas are issued to foreigners according to the prescribed procedure as laid down in the Visa and Passport Manuel, 2006 and revised instructions issued by the concerned quarters from time to time.

(b) In the last five years no case of visa procedure violation has been reported in respect of China, South Korea, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan and Sudan.

***Question No. 161. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 25-08-2015 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of efforts being made by the Government to revive the game of Hockey in the country;*
- (b) *the number of Astroturf fields available in Pakistan at present; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to groom youngsters and find the best potential / talent in the country for the said game?*

Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) Pakistan Hockey Federation is affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) and responsible for promotion of hockey in the country. The steps being taken by the government for the promotion of hockey are as under:—

- (a) PSB sponsored the visit of Pakistan hockey team to participate in the Qualifying Round - Fintro Hockey World League Semi Finals at Antwerp, Belgium from 14 June to 06 July, 2015 by squeezing its resources.
- (b) Government/PSB took extra ordinary measure to ensure the participation of Pakistan hockey team in the next Olympics in Brazil.
- (c) Government has been actively engaged in promoting the hockey as a national game. Government has rendered every possible assistance to the federation.
- (d) The performance of the PHF and Pakistan hockey team in recent past including Olympic Qualifying Round played in Belgium was reviewed. It has been transpired that:
 - (i) The management of Pakistan Hockey Federation including the Coaches and Selection Committee has performed pathetically. The Federation was disorganized, lack professionalism and sense of responsibility.
 - (ii) This view was established through Inquiry Committee which was constituted under the orders of the Prime Minister after the poor performance of the team in Belgium.
 - (iii) The audit of the PHF conducted by the Auditor General reveals serious mis-management, corrupt practices and carelessness on the part of office bearers.
- (e) The Prime Minister has taken serious view and has desired immediate action. The matter pertaining to year 2009-2014 were focused and serious action is in pipeline.
- (f) The government decided to change status quo.
- (g) Prime Minister / Patron-in-Chief of Pakistan Hockey Federation nominated Brig. (R) Muhammad Khalid Sajjad Khokhar as President, Pakistan Hockey Federation. His nomination has already been ratified by the PHF Congress in its meeting held on 27th August, 2015 at Islamabad.

(h) The new management of the PHF has appointed new selection committee and coaching staff of Pakistan junior team.

(i) Other initiatives to promote the hockey are in hand.

Besides, the grants-in-aid were extended to the federation in the shape of annual and special grants. The annual grant is released for organization of mandatory national championships and to meet its day to day expenses and the special grants for participation in international events at home and abroad.

Government/PSB has released the following financial assistance to PHF for promotion of hockey during the last five year:—

(b) At present the total numbers of synthetic hockey turfs available in Pakistan are 27. List of which is attached at **Annex-I**.

(c) Hockey is the game of our national pride and it has played a very vital role in winning laurels and good name to Pakistan in the International arena.

There is no dearth of talent but all that needed was to impart systematic and scientific training on modern lines to the young players of potential, in their prime.

The junior national training camp is in progress at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad to participate in the 5th Sultan of Johor Junior Men's Invitational Hockey Tournament in Malaysia from 11-18 October, 2015. In first phase 98 players and 04 officials were accommodated at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad.

After trials and scrutiny of players, 55 players were retained alongwith coaches at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad. PSB provided best boarding & lodging and training

facilities. Mr. Tahir Zaman, Chief Coach alongwith coaching staff is imparting training to groom the young players and hunt the talented players.

Subsequently, the talented young hockey players will emerge and take berth in the national side by replacing aging players. The support of government with these steps may revive the hockey sport to world level. PSB also provide Rs. 2.500 million to PHF every year for promotion of Hockey at grass-root level.

Government is extending full cooperation to Pakistan Hockey Federation to hunt talent and groom youngsters to promote hockey in the country and achieve good results at international level.

***Question No. 162. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 21-09-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no University / DAI as well as its sub-campus established in District Tando Allah Yar, Sindh, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to establish the University / DAI as well as its sub-campus in the above said district, if yes, when along with its details?*

Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman: (a) Yes, there is no University DAIs, or its sub campus established in district Tando Allah Yar Sindh. However, following universities are functional in the close vicinity of district Tando Allah Yar and are equally accessible for the people of district Tando Allah Yar:

- (i) Sindh Agriculture University Tandojam (15 Km distance).
- (ii) University of Sindh, Jamshoro.
- (iii) Liaquat University of Health Sciences, Jamshoro.
- (iv) Mehran University of Engineering & Technology, Jamshoro.

(b) Yes, The Government of Pakistan through Higher Education Commission is planning to establish either a new university or a sub-campus of the existing university in each district having potential of higher education intake in the next 3 years. Since, Tando Allah Yar alongwith the Matiari, & Tando Muhammad Khan districts are offshoots of district Hyderabad. Therefore, a federal University at Hyderabad is proposed to be established in FY 2016-17 to accommodate these three districts.

***Question No. 163. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) the action taken by the government against food staff adulteration since January 2015 till todate;*
- (b) the number of persons arrested so far in the said case, indicating also the number of cases pending in the court of law;*
- (c) the number of the said cases in which sentence was awarded, indicating also the nature of punishment; and*
- (d) the number of cases of adulteration in milk registered so far, during the said period, indicating also the action taken against those found involved in those cases?*

Reply not received.

***Question No. 164. Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of private medical colleges established in the country since March, 2008;*
- (b) the number and location of the medical colleges proposed to be established in the country during 2013 and 2014;*
- (c) the criteria laid down for issuance of NOC / registration of the said colleges; and*
- (d) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to regulate functioning of the said colleges?*

Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar: (a) List carrying number of private medical colleges established in the country since March, 2008 is attached at **Annex-I**

(b) List carrying number and location of the medical colleges proposed to be established in the country during 2013 and 2014 is attached at **Annex-II.**

(c) A copy of criteria is attached at **Annex-III**

(d) Steps are being taken by the Ministry to regulate functioning of the said colleges as per PM&DC criteria outlined in PM&DC Ordinance, 1962 amended through an Act XIX of 2012.

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

***Question No. 165. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**

(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan is an agrarian country;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative the quantity of yield of rice throughout the country during the last year; and*
- (c) *the quantity of rice exported by the Pakistan with volume in terms of foreign exchange?*

(Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan: (a) Yes.

(b) Average 980 kg /acre.

(c) Quantity exported = 3.87 million tons
Value = Rs. 208.99 billion

***Question No. 166. Senator Nisar Muhammad:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names, designations, educational qualifications, place of domicile and place of present posting of the officers in BPS 17 and above presently working on deputation in the Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, authorities and subordinate offices etc.?

Minister for Communications: Information regarding officers BS-17 and above working on deputation in Ministry of Communications and its attached departments, authorities and subordinate offices etc. is given below:-

Ministry of Communications (main)	Annex-A
National Highway Authority	Annex-B
NH&MP	Annex-C

No Officer is working on deputation in Pakistan Post Office Department, National Transport & Research Centre and Construction Technology Training Institute.

***Question No. 170. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the number of laborers and workers sent abroad for employment during the current year with the country-wise break-up?

Pir Syed Saddar-ud-Din Shah Rashidi:

- The total 6,92,067 persons including labourers/workers and professionals were registered for employment abroad with effect from 1st January, 2015 to 30th September, 2015. The category- wise position is given at **Annexure-A**.
- The country-wise break-up is given below:

*Question No. 171. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**
(Notice received on 21-10-2015 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether there are any arrangements for processing and preserving Japani fruit (Amlok) and peach being produced in Swat, if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan:

- Primarily this is the responsibility the Provincial Government. The NARC has however, recently developed and excellent cost effective technology to preserve the fruits and Vegetable through solar dryers.
- PARC in collaboration with JICA has started a training program for extension workers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Under the program Agricultural Officers and Field Assistants from KPK are being trained on various aspects of fruit value addition including processing and preservation techniques.

*Question No. 172. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**
(Notice received on 21-10-2015 at 10:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training be pleased to state the names and location of technical schools, colleges and institutes presently working under the administrative control of the Federal Government indicating also the number of teaching and non-teaching staff, capacity of imparting training (field-wise) and the number of persons who have completed training during the last two years from each such, college and institute?

Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman: The Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training is responsible for Human Resource Development *i.e.* for imparting various skills / training to the youth of Pakistan so that they can play role in the development of the country, through National Training Bureau (NTB):

NTB:

- One Technical Training Centre (TTC) presently working under the administrative control of National Training Bureau under Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.
 - This Training Centre is situated in NTB Campus at Plot 39, Sector H-9, Islamabad.
 - Teaching Staff: 28 Nos.
 - Non-Teaching Staff: 15 Nos.
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| Total: | 43 |
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Capacity of imparting training (field-wise) as under:—

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Two technical institutions *i.e.* Government Polytechnic Institute for Women and National Institute of Science and Technical Education (NISTE) are functioning in Islamabad under administrative control of Capital Administration and Development Division (CA&DD). The information received is as under:—

- (i) Government Polytechnic Institute for Women, H-8/1, Islamabad;

Teaching Staff	39
Non-Teaching Staff	21
Total Staff	60

The Institute is imparting Education in following six technologies:—

The number of total persons completed training during last two years as under:—

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- (ii) National Institute of Science and Technical Education (NISTE) H-8/1, Islamabad.

Teaching Staff	63
Non-teaching Staff	179
Total:	242

- Number of Trades/Courses (Annex-I): 30 trades
- Capacity in each trade /course: 25 students
- Passed out in 30 trades/ courses 2013-14: 616

2014-15: 373

Total: 989

- Training of TVET Teachers in 2013-14: 144 Teachers

2014-15: 114 -do-

Total: 258

- Training of Science Teachers in 2013-14: 140

2014-15: 51

Total: 191

*Question No. 173. **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 26-10-2015 at 12:11 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that the work of repair / maintenance of a portion of road near check post at Dargai, Malakand Agency, is being carried out, if so, the date on which the work was started;*
- whether it is also a fact that the said work has not been completed so far, if so, its reasons; and*
- the time by which the said work will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) It is stated that N-45 is one of the busiest road and about 20 thousand vehicles on average daily are plying on this route. A major check post has been established by the security forces to check in coming and out going vehicles from and to Swat Valley. All the vehicles are thoroughly checked by the security personnel to control explosive materials and radical elements. Some vehicles are separated on a side road for detail search and passengers are off loaded. The side road needs treatment alongwith provision of Bus Bays/Passenger Shed. In this with mutual understanding it was decided to provide 6x lane road in

between the two check posts to facilitate checking of the vehicles with increased check points which will be helpful in smooth flow of traffic. Out of which four lines will be flexible pavement and two additional lanes will be rigid. In addition to it, the said road will also be paved and bus bay provided for vehicles which re-stopped and off loaded for detailed search.

In this regard NHA (HQ) awarded a contract amounting to Rs. 18.317 million, for improvement of Dargai Check Post between KM-61+00 - KM-62+00 on N-45 in 2nd June, 2014 and the work completed in December, 2014

(b) The above mentioned contract was completed in December 2014, while tender for remaining/additional work is in pipe line and under procurement.

(c) The said work shall be completed in June, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD,
the 11th November, 2015