

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 3rd March, 2016

@ *Question No. 30. **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 10:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization be pleased to state the share awarded / given to provinces in the Federal Budget for Financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 according to 7th NFC Award?

Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar: The share awarded/given to Provinces for financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15 according to 7th NFC Award is as follows:

(Def) *Question No. 100. **Senator Rahila Magsi:**
(Notice received on 01-01-2016 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trade agreements signed between Pakistan and Russia during the last three years indicating also the fields in which the same were signed;*
- (b) the volume of trade between the said countries at present; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the said volume of trade between the two countries?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Pakistan and Russian Federation have not signed any trade agreement in last three years. Russian Federation is a member of Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), which is a customs union of Russian Federation and other former soviet states. In order to gain competitive market access in EEU, Ministry of Commerce in consultation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs is reaching out to EEU to initiate a dialogue for a Free Trade Agreement.

(b) The bilateral trade between Pakistan and Russian Federation in last 5 years is given below:

(figures: US\$ million)

Year	Pakistan's exports to Russian Federation	Pakistan's imports from Russian Federation	Volume of trade
2010-11	183.57	163.42	346.99
2011-12	189.61	202.05	391.67
2012-13	207.31	277.17	484.48
2013-14	187.04	235.08	422.11
2014-15	183.84	206.45	390.29

(c) In order to bolster bilateral trade between the two countries Ministry of Commerce has undertaken the following steps recently:

- (i) A seminar was held in Lahore on 31st December, 2014 by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) to create awareness among the exporters.
- (ii) TDAP arranged participation of 12 exporters from agricultural sector in World Food Moscow exhibition from 14th - 17th September, 2015 with the view to help them introduce and capture Russian Market.
- (iii) In order to get competitive market access in Russian Federation by lowering the customs duties applicable on Pakistani goods, Ministry of Commerce has requested Ministry of Foreign Affairs to request Eurasian Economic Union for initiation of talks for a Free Trade Agreement.
- (iv) Heimtextil Moscow is one of the leading, exhibition for textile products; TDAP arranges participation of Pakistani exporters in this exhibition every year.
- (v) TDAP is arranging participation of 15 exhibitors in the International Sports Exhibition in Moscow in February, 2016.

(Def) *Question No. 102. **Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**

(Notice received on 01-01-2016 at 04:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that:

- (a) *the quantity of fruits exported to foreign countries during the last two years with country wise break up indicating also the foreign exchange earned from the same; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase export of Pakistani fruits during the said period and the results thereof?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Country-wise volume of export of fruits during last two years is at Annex-I.

(b) The Government has taken following steps to enhance the export of fruits:

- Ministry of Commerce under Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2012-15 announced subsidizing 50% cost of plant and machinery for dates, processing.
- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is undertaking various export promotional activities through trade exhibitions and delegations of food items.
- Drawback of local taxes at the rate of 2-4% of FOB- realized value of enhanced exports has also been announced under SRO 177(I)/2015 dated 27th February, 2015.
- Through active trade diplomacy, Government is trying to get better market access for the local businesses in international markets by concluding Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with different countries.
- A Citrus Development Board is also being formed for development of citrus sector.
- Prime Minister of Pakistan has been pleased to approve in principle establishment of dry port at Sargodha to enhance the export of kinos alongwith other products.
- Ministry of Commerce has established Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Company (PHDEC) to promote exports of fruits.
- Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Company has taken following steps to increase export of horticultural products:—
 - Supported the industry to obtain international certifications like BRC, Global GAP, HACCP & ISO 22000.
 - Conducted capacity building programmes for growers, processors, pack-houses and exporters on international compliances of SPS requirements.
 - Identified and accessed high-end new markets like S. Korea, Australia, Lebanon, USA, Mauritius, Bulgaria, Sweden, Latvia, Ireland.
 - Made successful sea freighted shipments of mangoes to European destinations.
 - Completed supply chain improvement projects like Pakistan Horti-Fresh, Karachi, Irradiation Facility, Lahore and Apple Grading Plant, Quetta.

- Board of Administrators of Export Development Fund has approved several projects for development of fruits meant for export.

(Def.) *Question No. 29. **Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**

(Notice received on 18-12-2015 at 04:47 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 6, replied on 15th December, 2015 and state:

- whether the domicile certificates of the candidates are get verified before making their appointments in PIA;*
- whether the domicile certificates of the 95 persons belonging to FATA who are presently working in PIA were get verified when they were appointed in PIA; and*
- the action taken / being taken against the persons who are appointed on fake domicile certificates of FATA?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a & b) PIAC is in practice since 2009 to verify the domicile certificates from the concerned authorities of FATA. They have sent *93 domiciles for verification of employees from FATA region, however, received 20 verifications of employees from concerned authorities as per list **Annexed**. It is worth mentioning that FATA is comprised of 07 Tribal Agencies *i.e* Bajor, Khyber, Mohmand, Orakzai, Kurram, North Waziristan and South Waziristan and 06 Frontier Regions *i.e* FR Peshawar, FR Lakki Marwat, FR Kohat, FR Tank, FR Banu and FR Dera Ismail Khan. Each tribal agency is headed by a political agent and depending on its size about two to three Assistant Political Agents and three to ten Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars. Therefore, the remote geographical locations and complex structure of FATA especially tribal agencies is taking up time for domicile verification. Due to high security reasons it is not possible for PIA staff to move in the tribal area, however, they are doing their level best to get the domiciles verified from each agency or frontier region of FATA in the shortest possible time. The status of verification will be submitted as soon as it is received.

(c) Moreover, if PIAC receive any adverse report of any candidate/ employee of any region, verification are sent to the concerned authority against the report. So far, PIAC have not received any fake/bogus domicile certificate from FATA region.

*Question No. 43. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the amount spent on new Islamabad International Airport so far with head-wise breakup?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: Head-wise breakup of amount spend on New Islamabad International Airport so far is given below:—

*Question No. 44. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 12:36 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons presently working in horticulture and sanitation Directorates of CDA; and*
- (b) the number of the said persons deputed in various areas with area-wise breakup and the details of duties assigned to them?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Total 813 numbers of Officer/Official person presently working in horticulture Directorate of CDA.

In Sanitation Directorate of CDA in total 1131 officers/officials are working against the sanctioned strength of 1939 ranging from BPS-1 to 19.

(b) Detail of Horticulture staff deputed in various areas with area-wise breakup and the details of duties is **Annex-I**.

Chief Sanitary Superintendent is the head of the Supervisory staff and his duties include supervision/monitoring of the cleaning works assigned to Chief Sanitary Inspectors. Chief Sanitary Inspector is deputed in each zone comprising of 4-5 sector and the municipal area of Islambad has been divided into 5 zones for the purpose of cleaning services. Sanitary Inspector is deployed at sector level whereas sanitary supervisor is deputed to look after the work in two sub-sectors. Mate is deployed at sub-sector level to directly Supervise the workers. The sanitary works are deployed taking into consideration the number of employees and load of work in any particular sector. Sector-wise details of the sanitary works are at **Annex-II**.

*Question No. 45. **Senator Hamza:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 12:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the design for signal free Islamabad Express Highway project has been finalized, if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) the original dates for commencement and completion of work on the said project;*
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to ensure smooth flow of traffic during the execution of that project; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct "Purpose Built" bus stops and to offer operation of Bus service to any local / international company on BOT basis on the said Expressway, if so, the details thereof?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) The concept plan/design for development of signal free corridor of Islamabad expressway from Zero point to G.T Road has been approved at a PC-I cost of Rs. 21489 million. According to the design of the project six interchanges will be constructed from Zero point to G.T Road to make the highway signal free. The road has been planned to be widened in the sections Zero point to Faizabad and Karal chowk to G.T Road. The scope of work will include construction of pedestrian bridges, bus stops and landscaping works etc.

(b) The 1st phase of the project commenced on 05 August 2015, it was substantially completed on 05 December 2016. The entire project is expected to be completed by June 2017 subject to availability of funds.

(c) The project is being executed in the running traffic, with effective traffic managing and minimum possible disturbance to the traffic.

(d) Bus stops/lay bays will be constructed at appropriate locations for the facilitation of existing local bus service.

Presently there is no proposal for bus service under consideration in CDA. However, the signal free corridor contains provision and corridor for mono rail in future.

***Question No. 46. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 22-01-2016 at 03:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that PIA has been fined by the foreign airports on carrying illegal Pakistanis and violation of aviation rules during the last 3 years?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: During the last three years 259 inadmissible/deportee fine cases relates to Pakistani passengers travelling against forged passports, visas etc to Foreign countries have been reported and an amount of Rs. 14.89 million had been fined. Out of the same Rs. 10.67 million has already been paid and recovered. However, the remaining fines amounting to Rs. 4.22 million are under adjustment/process with concerned authorities/agents at foreign stations including Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, UK, USA, Canada, India, Italy, Bangladesh, Denmark, Norway, France, Spain etc.

***Question No. 48. Senator Sehar Kamran:**

(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of steps taken by the Government for safety and security of educational institutions in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether the Government have issued directions to the administration of private educational institutions in connection with security, if so, the details thereof?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) FDE endeavors to provide quality education to the children of residents of Islamabad through its 422 educational institutions. Every effort is being made to ensure safe, secure and conducive environment in all the educational institutions. The steps being taken in this regard are as under:—

- An amount of Rs. 182.337 million allocated and transferred to PWD for repairing and uplifting of boundary wall of educational institutions. Installation of razor wire is also included in the project. The said work has been started in 24 Educational Institutions working under FDE.
- Under 1st phase of Prime Minister Education Reforms Program work on upraising of boundary walls of 22 institutions is near completion. The work of remaining institutions will be carried out in 2nd phase.
- Provision of CCTV Surveillance System in all public institutions under FDE.
- Designed and developed Security Inspection Monitoring System (SIMS) for real time monitoring, analysis and reporting security inspection.
- Designed and developed Daily Visitor Invigilation System (DVIS) for Schools/Colleges to make educational institutions secure from all manifestation of threat and other suspicious activities.
- Chowkidars are appointed in the institutions and they perform their duties vigilantly to ensure security of the institutions.
- Visitors are allowed to enter the institutions after they prove their identity and checked properly.
- Chowkidars are equipped with metal detectors in most institutions.
- Students are not allowed to go outside the college premises.
- Emergency telephone numbers are displayed at prominent places in the institutions.
- Fire extinguishers are installed in the institutions.

(b) Following instructions have been issued, by the Government, to the administration of Private Educational Institutions for their safety and security in Islamabad:

- i. Non-scalable walls (atleast eight feet high);
- ii. Wall topped off with two feet high concertina wire;
- iii. Trained security guards (roof tap, gate and stealth placement);

- iv. Metal detectors;
- v. Walk through gates;
- vi. CCTV coverage with fifteen days memory backup;
- vii. Emergency exits;
- viii. Nomination of chief security officer by each private educational institution and
- ix. Verification of pick and drop services.

In addition to the above, Special Branch of the office of Assistant Inspector General of Police has been assigned to conduct security audit of private educational institutions of Islamabad. Moreover, office of the Chief Commissioner (ICT) has constituted an Implementation Watch Committee to review security arrangements of these private educational institutions.

***Question No. 49. Senator Hafiz Hamdullah:**
(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 12:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the number of officers in BPS-20 and above working in the Federal Government with grade-wise and province-wise breakup?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Establishment Division is responsible for posting / transfer of the officers of Pakistan Administrative Service, Police Service of Pakistan and Secretariat Group only. Other information, pertaining to other Occupational Groups /Services, can be provided by respective Ministries / Divisions. Number of BS-20 and above officers of PAS, PSP & SG is at Annex-I, Annex-II & Annex-III in descending order.

***Question No. 50. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**
(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on plantation of trees by CDA in the green belts of Islamabad during the last two years with sector-wise breakup?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: Total expenditure incurred on plantation of trees by CDA in the green belts of Islamabad during the last two years is Rs. 6.00 million. Sector-wise breakup is as under:—

Sectorial and green belts expenditure	6.00 million
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***Question No. 51. Senator Rahila Magsi:**
(Notice received on 25-01-2016 at 04:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present volume of trade between Pakistan and China; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the exports from Pakistan to that country are less than the imports therefrom, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the balance of trade with that country?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Bilateral trade between Pakistan-China for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 follows:—

Year	Imports	Exports	Total Trade
2013-14	7,772,418	2,416,987	10,189,405
2014-15	10,172,731	2,126,854	12,299,585

(b) It is a fact that Pakistan's exports to China are less than imports as shown in the above table.

However, Ministry of Commerce is taking following steps to improve trade balance with China.

- Contrary to the general perception, following the implementation of FTA, the rate of growth in Pakistan's exports to China is higher as compared to the growth in China's exports to Pakistan. Prior to signing of CPFTA the volume of trade was approximately \$ 4 billion out of which exports from Pakistan were \$ 575 million. At present out of total trade volume of \$ 12 billion, Pakistan's exports have jumped to \$ 2.1 billion, which is a more than three and half times increase.
- Pakistan and China have already started negotiations for the second phase of Pak-China FTA since 2011. So far six meetings have been held in this regard. The last meeting of negotiation on 2nd phase of CPFTA, was held in Beijing on 14-16th October, 2015. Pakistan shared its concerns regarding insufficient utilization of concession given by China to Pakistan and competition faced by the local industries due to cheap imports from China. It was agreed that the tariff reduction modalities of 2nd Phase would be designed in a way that all the genuine concerns of both countries are adequately accommodated.
- In order to showcase Pakistani products, Chinese Government was requested to facilitate Pakistan's participation in exhibitions / trade fairs in China. China is offering Pakistan free of charge space in all its major fairs. In addition, Chinese Businessmen are invited to participate in Expo Pakistan.
- The difficulty in issuance of visa for the Pakistani businessmen is being considered as a Non Tariff Barrier hindering expansion of bilateral trade. We are pursuing with

the Chinese side to consider evolving a simplified visa regime for Pakistani businessmen.

- Ministry of Commerce and Pakistan's Embassy in Beijing arranged a visit of Chinese businessmen from 18-22 January, 2016 during which China-Pakistan Business Opportunities Conference was held in Islamabad on 18-19th January, 2016. This visit proved good for B2B matchmaking.

***Question No. 52. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for PIMS are being utilized for the Shaheed Zulfiqar University, if so, the reasons thereof?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: It is not fact. Funds allocated for PIMS have not been used for Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad.

***Question No. 53. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the amount of funds allocated for Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad during the last two years and details of utilization of the same with head-wise breakup?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:

1. The Higher Education Commission provided a grant of Rs. 25.000 million for the FY 2014-15 and Rs. 12.502 million for the FY 2015-16 upto January 2016. The utilization is as under:—

FY 2014-15

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount Rs. in Millions
1.	Salary Expenditure	9.223
2.	Non Salary Expenditure	15.777
Total Expenditure		25.000

FY 2015-16

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount Rs. in Millions
1.	Salary Expenditure	12.502

Total Expenditure	12.502
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2. The Honorable President of Pakistan awarded a grant of Rs. 5.000 million during the FY 2014-15 for the construction / up-gradation of Pathology Laboratory; the expenditure there from is as under:

Sr.No	Particulars	Amount Rs in Millions
1.	Tender/Foundation	3.300

***Question No. 54. Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 12:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that PIA has not lowered its fares so far despite of reduction in petroleum prices in the international market, if so, the time by which the same will be lowered?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: Despite reduction in fuel prices worldwide PIA is continuously operating on socio-economic routes like Gwadar, Panjgur, Dalbandin, Turbat, Dera Ghazi Khan, Chitral, Gilgit, Skardu etc. where operational costs are quite high.

In view of above facts where PIA is already incurring high operational cost but has still reduced its fares up to 15% in Business and up to 30% in Economy class on various international and domestic routes to pass on the advantage of reduction in fuel prices to its valued customers.

***Question No. 55. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 01:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to prevent drop out of students from primary and secondary schools in Islamabad?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: The Government is making sincere efforts to prevent dropout of students from schools in Islamabad. The steps being taken in this regard are as under:—

- Implementation of Article 25-A *i.e* “Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012.
- Age Relaxation at the time of admission.
- Provision of Free Textbooks to the students.
- Establishment of Literacy Cell.
- Development of Condensed Syllabus.
- Role of School Management Committee (SMC).
- Ban on Corporal Punishment.
- Relaxation in admission policy.

***Question No. 56. Senator Nehal Hashmi:**
(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan did not submit the Intended National Determined Contribution (INDC) before the Climate Change Summit Conference, held on 28th November, 2015, at Paris, France, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the impacts of the said failure on the country?*

Mr. Zahid Hamid: (a) No.

Pakistan submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDCs) on 12th November, 2015 prior to Climate Change Summit held on 28th November, 2015 in Paris, France (**Annex-I**). Pakistan's INDCs did not contain quantified commitments due to unavailability of reliable data. In this regard, a study will be carried out for determining Pakistan's emission projections in future. The study will calculate future emission projections followed by its analysis regarding potential for mitigation in all sectors of the economy. Pakistan is committed to reduce its emissions after reaching peak levels to the extent possible subject to affordability, provision of international climate finance, transfer of technology and capacity building. As such, Pakistan will only be able to make specific commitments once reliable data on our peak emissions levels is available.

(b) Not applicable as INDCs submitted on time. However, Conference of the Parties (COP) reiterated its invitation to communicate INDCs before 22nd Session of the COP (November 2016). After completion of study mentioned at (a), revised INDCs shall be submitted to the UNFCCC Secretariat by November, 2016.

Annex-I

Pakistan - Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)

1. Pakistan's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (Pak-INDCs) is submitted in compliance to the decision (1/CO.20) taken at the 20th Session of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Lima, Peru.

2. Pak-INDC is rooted in Vision 2025 of Pakistan - a roadmap of economic growth, social inclusion and sustainable development. It is also aligned with the country's continued commitment to the issue of climate change as reflected in the National Climate Change Policy as well as national policies on agriculture, power, energy, energy efficiency, water and other sectors.

3. Pakistan's development needs are expected to grow necessitating the requirement of affordable sources of power generation, development of infrastructure and enabling industry to take a lead role in meeting the transformation.

4. However Pakistan is committed to reduce its emissions after reaching peak levels to the extent possible subject to affordability, provision of international climate finance, transfer of technology and capacity building. As such Pakistan will only be able to make specific commitments once reliable data on our peak emission levels is available.

5. A process of calculating the country's future emission projections through detailed studies and analysis is currently underway. Potential for mitigation exists in all sectors of the economy. The GHG emission projections along with possibility of economy wide mitigation and its abatement cost will be determined after the completion of this exercise.

6. Adaptation to impacts of Climate change is a vast area of untapped opportunities in Pakistan due to its multi-sectoral nature of economy, huge infrastructure needs, distinct climatic zones, ecological systems and administrative arrangements. The investment costs for adaptation interventions are being determined in consultation with the provinces and other stakeholders, and will also be conveyed in due course of time.

7. Pakistan is committed to the objectives of UNFCCC for the overall benefit of all humanity. It will therefore actively engage with the international community in development of responsive global climate governance that is beneficial to all. Together with other Parties, Pakistan will promote and support low-carbon, climate resilient development.

***Question No. 57. Senator Rahila Magsi:**

(Notice received on 26-01-2016 at 04:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and quantum of goods being exported to EU market at present with zero tariff under the GSP plus status; and*
- (b) the names and quantum of goods being exported to the said market under preferential rate policy?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Pakistani's exports to EU have increased from US\$ 6.21 billion during 2013 to US\$ 7.54 billion in 2014. As a result of GSP Plus Pakistan's exports to EU registered an increase of US\$ 1.32 billion in one year, which connotes an increase of 21%. Despite deepened financial crises Pakistani exports grew by 9.42 % for the period January-October, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014 in terms of Euros. List of products having zero tariff under GSP Plus status is at Annex-I.

(b) As a result of GSP Plus duties on products originating from Pakistan have been withdrawn since 1st January, 2014. Preferential rate policy was applicable for Pakistan before 1st January, 2014 during which duties upto 12.4% were applied on Textile products, 6.4% on

Leather and Footwear products etc. however at the moment no duties are being applied on products originating from Pakistan in EU.

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

***Question No. 58. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja:**

(Notice received on 28-01-2016 at 04:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that modern technology / equipments, to help the aircrafts land safely during bad weather and foggy conditions, have not been installed at airports in the country, if so, the time by which the same will be installed?

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: Almost all the airports of Pakistan are equipped with one or more type of navigational /landing facilities such as Instrument landing system (ILS), Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range (VOR) or Non-Directional Beacon (NDB). Performance Based Navigation Approach Procedures using Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) have also been provided at all major and medium airports. Few airports covered with mountains such as Chitral, Gilgit and Skardu are without instrument approach procedures/facilities owing to the terrain limitations.

2. All major international airports like Benazir Bhutto Int'l Airport (BBIAP) Islamabad, Jinnah Int'l Airport (JIAP) Karachi, Bacha Khan Int'l Airport (BKIAP) Peshawar, Quetta Int'l Airport, Multan Int'l Airport and Faisalabad Int'l Airport are equipped with appropriate instrument landing facilities, and Allama Iqbal Int'l Airport (AIIAP) Lahore being mostly exposed to bad weather/foggy Conditions are provided with top of the line facilities of instrument landing system. The under construction Islamabad Int'l Airport is also planned to be equipped with the latest instrument landing facility.

3. However, the Islamabad International Airport (IIAP) is being constructed as a state of the art first green field airport of Pakistan and it would be equipped with all the modern & high tech equipment/systems. To facilitate the aircrafts landing in bad weather, the latest Navigational Aids/ATC Equipment along with AWOS (Airport Weather Observation System) has already been procured for installation at IIAP.

***Question No. 59. Senator Sehar Kamran:**

(Notice received on 29-01-2016 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the volume of trade between Pakistan and India at present;*
- (b) the names of major items being imported from and exported to India; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve balance of trade with that country?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) The volume of trade between Pak-India for the last three years is as follow:—

Million US\$

Years	Total Volume
2012-13	2137.363
2013-14	2137.363
2014-15	2057.89

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

(b) Top Ten Exportable items to India

S.No	Country/Commodity
1.	Exports FRUIT & FRUIT PREPS. INCRUIT
2.	Exports RAW COTTON
3.	Exports LEATHER
4.	Exports CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INCL.CEMENT
5.	Exports ORES & CONSES OF NON-FER MET & SCR
6.	Exports CHEMICAL ELEMENT AND COMPOUNDSM
7.	Exports COTTON FABRICS (WOVEN)
8.	Exports CRUDE MINERALS (EXCL.SALT)
9.	Exports CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCT
10.	Exports GLASS AND GLASSWARE

Top Ten Importable items from India

1.	Imports	CHEMICAL ELEMENT AND COMPOUNDSM
2.	Imports	VEGETABLES & VEGET.PREP INCL.PULSE
3.	Imports	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCT
4.	Imports	FEEDING STUFF FOR ANIMALS
5.	Imports	DYEING TANNING AND COLORING MATER
6.	Imports	SHIP & BOAT INCL. SHIPS BREAKING
7.	Imports	RAW COTTON
8.	Imports	MACHINERY (ALL SORTS) & ITS PART
9.	Imports	COTTON YARN
10.	Imports	MEDICAL & PHARMACETICAL PRODUCTS

(c) The Commerce Secretaries of the two countries have been holding talks under Economic and Commercial Cooperation, which is one of the tracks of Composite Dialogue process. The negotiations on trade normalization include removal of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) to provide Pakistani exporters a level playing field. During the 7th Secretary Level Talks in September 2012, following three agreements were signed to address the issue:—

- (i) Agreement on Customs Cooperation Between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of India
- (ii) Agreement between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Government of the Republic of India for Redressal of Trade Grievances
- (iii) Bilateral Cooperation Agreement on Mutual recognition between Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) and Bureau of India Standard (BIS)

The above agreements could not become operational as further progress was stymied by suspension of dialogue process. It is expected that on resumption of dialogue, these agreements will become operational, helping remove the NTBs which are hampering Pakistan's exports to India.

***Question No. 60. Senator Saleem H. Mandviwalla:**
(Notice received on 29-01-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designation, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the persons appointed in PIA during the last three years; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the present Deputy Manager, Public Affairs of the said airline does not fulfill the criteria/qualifications prescribed for that post, if so, the reasons for this appointment against the post?*

Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division: (a) A total of 691 employees have been appointed in PIAC during the last three years. The requisite detail regarding names, designation, educational qualification and place of domicile is (**Annexure-I**).

(b) It is not a fact that Deputy Manager, Public Affairs does not fulfill the criteria/qualifications prescribed for the post. The advertisement for career opportunity was published by PIA on 8th May 2015 for the posts of General Manager, Deputy General Manager, Managers and Assistant Managers (**Annexure-II**). One of the requisite qualification was Masters in Mass Communication. After due process Ms. Maryum Baqir Mirza was selected for the post of Deputy General Manager, her C.V is attached at **Annexure-III**.

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

***Question No. 61. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state the amount collected as rent by CDA from the Houses, Flats, Shops and other property owned by it during the year 2013-14, indicating also the number of defaulters at present?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: Capital Development Authority, Directorate of Accounts it is submitted that according to compiled account of the Financial 2013-14 receipt collected on account of

Rent of Khoka	Rs.	140,801,057.00.
Rent of the Govt. Houses	Rs.	20,089,714.00.
Rent of Govt. Hostel (Room Rent)	Rs.	3,417,406.00.
Rent of the CDA officers Hostel	Rs.	4 86,370.00.
Rest/Guest Houses other Buildings	Rs.	1,222,008.00.

***Question No. 62. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of patients treated in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and Federal Government Polyclinic Hospitals, Islamabad during the year 2014-15; and*
- (b) the number of patients referred from other cities to the said hospitals during the last one year?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) The detail of total number of patients treated in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Federal Government Polyclinic (FGPC) during the year 2014-15 are as under:—

PIMS

14,77,753 patients were treated in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad during the year 2014-15. (around 50% patients comes from other cities).

FGPC

24,00,000/- patients were treated in Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad during 2014-15.

(b) PIMS

709,322 referred patients from other hospitals / cities were treated during the year 2014-15. Detail is at Annex-A.

FGPC

The patients come directly to hospital in emergency or OPD. The proper referral system is not being observed by the private Health Centers and the Hospital of the other cities and the provinces. However according to the recently maintained data in the light of Assembly question 1500 patients were treated other than Islamabad resident in the last months.

***Question No. 63. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 04-02-2016 at 01:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and date of appointment of the persons working in Federal General hospital, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad on contract basis; and*
- (b) whether the case for regularization of services of the said employees has been sent to the Committee constituted for regularization of the services of the employees working on contract and daily wages basis in the light of the verdict of Islamabad*

High Court, if so, the recommendations made by the said committee in the case and the time by which their service will be regularized?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) There are 39 contract employees working in Federal General Hospital, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad since 2012. List of the contract employees is attached (**Annexure-I**).

(b) Yes, the case of the said contract employees has been sent to the Committee constituted for regularization of services of employees working on contract and daily wages basis in the light of the verdict of Honorable Islamabad High Court. Second part is related to Committee and Cabinet Division.

***Question No. 65. Senator Sehar Kamran:**

(Notice received on 08-02-2016 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that maintenance work has not been carried out in F-9 Park, Islamabad since long, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the details of fields, walking paths, walking and jogging tracks, instruments of exercise, swings and other items installed for children and other infrastructure in the said park which require maintenance at present, and the time by which maintenance work thereof will be carried out?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) No it is not a fact; the maintenance work of F-9 Park is being carried out regularly by the Parks Directorate from time to time.

(b) The Park is being maintained regularly in all respects within the available Budget by the Park directorate. All the swings and other items installed in kids play area are in working condition.

***Question No. 66. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 08-02-2016 at 03:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the criteria laid down for appointment of members of the Board of Directors of PIA;*
- (b) *the names, educational qualifications, place of domicile and date of appointment of the present members of the said Board indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them;*
- (c) *the names of countries visited by the members of that Board and their families during the last five years indicating also the expenditure incurred on the same; and*

- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to change the criteria for selection/appointment of the said Board and appoint professionals as its members, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The criteria laid down for appointment of Members of the Board of Directors of PIAC, as stipulated in Section 6 (1) and Section 7(1) of PIAC Act 1956 is as under

“6. Board of Directors.—(1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the following eleven Directors, namely:—

- (a) The Chairman;
- (b) Eight Directors to be nominated by the Federal Government; and
- (c) Two Directors to be elected by the shareholders other than the Federal Government.”

“7. Terms of office of Directors.—(1) *An appointed Director shall hold office for a term of three years unless sooner removed by the Federal Government, and may be appointed thereafter for a further term of such duration as the Federal Government may in appointing him therefor, determine.*

The competence for nomination of Members PIA Board of Directors lies with Federal Government as per Section 6(1) (b) and Section 7(1) of PIAC Act 1956. The present Board of Directors meets the criteria as stipulated in PIAC Act 1956.

(b) The names, education qualification, place of domicile and their date of appointment is as under, however, they are not drawing any pay, allowances and other benefits from PIAC:—

(c) & (d) The requisite information is lengthy and time consuming which is being obtained from the concerned quarter and will be provided on next Rota Day.

***Question No. 67. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of cellular/mobile companies operating in Pakistan indicating also the number of customers of each company;*
- (b) *whether any criteria/mechanism has been established to bring uniformity in the rates of calls being charged by the said companies, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The name of Cellular Mobile companies operating in Pakistan along with the number of customers of each company are as below:

Operator	Mobile Connections as on 31st January 2016
Mobilink	36,973,674
Ufone	20,262,334
CMPak	24,613,601
Telenor	35,392,846
Warid	10,799,112
Total	128,041,567

(b) Under the current legal framework, tariff of telecommunication services is deregulated and the prices of telecom services are subject to market forces. PTA only regulates tariff of Significant Market Power Operators (SMP). Nonetheless, PTA keeps a close watch on the tariff and pricing of all telecom services and takes appropriate measures against any unfair, burdensome or anticompetitive tariff levied by operators when it comes to the knowledge of PTA.

***Question No. 68. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of trade agreements signed by the present Government indicating also the names of countries with which the same have been signed; and*
- (b) the volume of annual trade with the said countries under those agreements?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) No Trade Agreement has been signed by the present government However the Pakistan-Indonesia Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), which was signed in February, 2012, became operational in September, 2013.

Moreover, European Union granted GSP Plus status to Pakistan since January, 2014 under its sub-arrangement 'Special Incentive for Sustainable Development and Good Governance'. This scheme provides duty free access to two thirds of all product categories from Pakistan starting from January 1, 2014.

(b) The bilateral trade volume with Indonesia for tart three years is as follows;

Year	Total Trade
2012-13	1,492.62
2013-14	1,707.14
2014-15	2,212.278

*Question No. 69. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of corruption cases surfaced in Trading Corporation of Pakistan during the last five years indicating also the names and designations of the officers found involved in the same and action taken against them?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: During the last five years, two cases of corruption/embezzlement have surfaced as per details given below:—

Embezzlement of amount on account of receipt of inspection fee for export of Basmati Rice to European Union Countries:

- (a) The embezzled amount of Rs 1.992 million was recovered from the rice exporters on 09-07-2015.
- (b) After proper inquiry in the matter punishment was awarded to the following two employees:—
 - i. Mr. Ghulam Abbas, former General Manager was awarded the punishment of reduction in the lower grade.
 - ii. Services of Mr. Ghulam Anwar Somroo, Ex-Procurement Assistant/Rice Analyzer were terminated.

Withdrawal of funds from TCP Accounts against issuance of fake letters:—

(a) The Bank (ABL) released payments against fake authority letter containing forged signature. The Bank reported the matter to FIA. During investigation the accused, namely, Mr. Mohan Lal, Assistant Manager of TCP admitted two other (total three) transactions against fake letters as per following details:—

S.No	Party name	Date	Account No	Amount(Rs)
1.	M/s Al-Hamad Traders	18-07-2014	01-570-0002-6	72,80,000/
2.	M/s Friends	10-10-2008	1-570-005-9	8,786,500/

Enterprises				
3.	M/S H.M. Zafar Traders	24-02-2011	01-570-0002-6	6,495,000/
Total				22,555,000/

- (b) The FIA has registered three separate FIRs against three persons including Mr. Mohan Lal, Assistant Manager, TCP.
- (c) After proper inquiry, the services of Mr. Mohan Lal Ex-Assistant Manager have been terminated.
- (d) Mr. Mohan Lal is in Jail .
- (e) Reportedly one of the accused namely Mangal Das has been allowed bail by the Honorable High Court of Sindh against deposit of his share amount besides bail security.

***Question No. 70. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**
(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether the Government has declared any area(s) as Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park and Game Reserve through notifications in the official Gazettee under sections 20(1), 21(1) and 22(1) of the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 respectively, if so, the details of those notifications and the areas notified thereunder?

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: Yes, The Federal Government has issued the following notification under section 20 (1), 21 (1) and 22 (1) of the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and management) Ordinance 1979 at Annexure A (I, II, III)

S. #	Name of the Area	Section	Notification
1.	Wildlife sanctuaries	20 (1)	S.R.O 442(1)/80
2.	Margallah Hills National Park	21 (1)	S.R.O 443(1)/80
3.	Game Reserve	22 (1)	S.R.O 444(1)/80

The detail of the areas of National Park, wildlife sanctuaries and game reserve are available in above mentioned notification.

***Question No. 71. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Wildlife Management Board has been constituted under section 4 of the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979, if so, the names of its member;*
- (b) *whether the Rules have been framed under the said Ordinance, if not the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be framed; and*
- (c) *the details of Certificates of Lawful possession under section 9 and “Dealer’s Permits” under section 14 issued under the said Ordinance during the last ten years with year wise break up?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Yes, the Federal Government has constituted the Wildlife Management Board under Section-4 of the Islamabad Wildlife Ordinance-1979 vide notification No. 69/ 2015-CDA-II dated 07-07-2015. The following are the Board members; Annexure “A”

(i) **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

1. Representative of Minister-in-charge of the Cabinet Division *Member*
2. Mayor of ICT Metropolitan Corporation *Member*
3. Chairman, CDA. *Member*
4. Member (Environment), CDA. *Member*
5. I. G, Forest & Wildlife, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad. *Member*
6. Secretary, Wildlife Department, Government of Punjab. *Member*
7. Secretary, Environment (Wildlife) Department, Government of KPK. *Member*

(ii) **NON-OFFICIAL MEMBER**

8. Dr. Tariq Fazal Ch. MNA *Member*
9. Maryyum Aurganzeb, MNA *Member*
10. Mushahid Hussain Syed, MNA *Member*
11. Dr. Zahid Baig Mirza, Biodiversity Specialist *Member*
12. Mr. Aitzaz-ud-din, Margallah Hills Society *Member*
13. Mr. Waqar Zakria, Himalayan Wildlife: Foundation (HWF) *Member*
14. Dr. Anis-ur-Rehman, HWF *Member*
15. Dr. Ghulam Akbar, WWF. *Member*
16. Dr. Tariq Hassan, Advocate Supreme Court. *Member*

(b) Yes, the Rules have been framed under the said Ordinance *vide* No.6/21/80-CDA III/ICT.II notification which is placed at Annexure “B”.

(c) No licence has been issued under section 14 of Islamabad wildlife Ordinance during the fast 10 years.

***Question No. 72. Senator Baz Muhammad Khan:**
(Notice received on 15-02-2016 at 02:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that high rise buildings are being constructed in Sector E-11, Islambaad without obtaining NOC/permission from the CDA, if so, the names of the buildings, names of owners, size of plot, number of stories and flats being constructed in each case; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that CDA has not taken any action to stop the said illegal construction of those buildings, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) Yes there are multistoried buildings being constructed in Sector E-11. However, CDA has issued layout plan approvals to the following multistoried buildings:—

- 1. Khudadad Heights**
- 2. Capital Residencia**
- 3. Meridian Heights**

The detail of said buildings is at **Annex-I**.

The Sector E-11 is exceptional in Zone-01 which had been exempted from acquisition due to presence of Golra Village & Golra Darbar. This exemption has kept the area unplanned & haphazard. The Authority has observed that illegal constructions in the form of multi-storey buildings like residential buildings/ apartments/ commercial areas/ shops and wedding halls/Marquees are being carried out without any reference/Project name while others are being advertised and marketed by their sponsors. Some of the names of such illegal buildings are as under:—

- (1) Fortune Empire, (2) Qartaba Heights. (3) Apollo Apartments.
(4) Margallah view Height (5) Mehran Complex (6) Shaheen Apartments. (7)Mustafa Hieghts.
(8) Makka Tower etc.

All unauthorized apartment/Flats projects other than the listed above fall in area exempted from acquisition of Sector E-11. The ownership and plot size details of such buildings are available with Revenue Department, ICT Islamabad as the matters regarding lease agreements, transfer and registry of land falls in the purview of revenue department, ICT. However, number of storeys of such buildings vary from G+4 to G+14 including Khudadad Heights, Capital Residencia, Meridian Heights.

(b) CDA has taken different actions to stop the illegal constructions in this regard detailed as under:—

1. Issued Public Notices for information of the general public in National Dailies as Well as on CDA Website (**Annex-II**).
2. CDA has requested M/s IESCO, M/s SNGPL and PTCL to provide services/utility connections for those housing or building project in E-11 for which NOC has been issued by CDA (**Annex-III**).
3. Directorate of Enforcement, CDA has been requested to take get stopped such illegal construction/development in Sector E-11.
4. CDA is contesting different cases in honorable courts Wherein the petitioners have challenged the jurisdiction of CDA in exempted area of E-11.

Annex-I

CDA HAS ISSUED LAYOUT PLAN PERMISSIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MULTISTOREY BUILDINGS IN SECTOR E-11:-

Sr. NO.	Name/Title of Project	Name of Sponsors	Date of Approval of LOP	Scheme Area as per Approved LOP	Number of Storeys	Date of Issuance of NOC
	M/s Land Heights	19-01-2005 Linkers	47 kanals, 02	G+ 14 marlas	22-02-2006	1. Khudadad
2.	Capital Residencia	M/s Capital Residencia	30-01-2008	20 Kanals and 9 Marlas	-do-	Not Issued
3.	Meridian Heights	M/s Meridian Heights	29-01-2008	15 kanals and 19 marlas	-do-	Not Issued

***Question No. 73. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**
(Notice received on 16-02-2016 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Capital Development Authority to provide low cost housing facility to the residents of Islamabad, if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received. It is for the information that the CADD has transferred the question to the M/O Housing & Works vide their Letter dated 29th Feb. 2016. However, the M/O H. & W. has not accepted this question so far.

***Question No. 74. Senator Ashok Kumar:**
(Notice received on 18-02-2016 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the quantum of wheat and its products exported since the issuance of notification for its export by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research dated 13th January, 2016?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: The total quantity and value of Wheat and its products exported during the period (13th January To 25th February, 2016) is as under:—

Value in Million Rupees

Item	Exports	
	Quantity (M.T)	Value
Wheat and Wheat Products	11,688	387.077

Source; FBR

ISLAMABAD:
The 2nd March, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 3rd March, 2016

Question No. 10. **Senator Sirajul Haq:**
(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of tourist spots in Northern Areas of the country indicating also the amount spent on the development of the same during the last five years;*
- (b) the estimated number of local and foreign tourists who visited those spots during the said period; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote tourism in the said areas?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) PTDC is operating 10 Motels in Gilgit Baltistan namely Gilgit, Gupis, Hunza, Phandar, Rama Lake, Sust, Astak, Khaplu, Satpara and Skardu (details attached at annex-I). After 18th Constitutional Amendment, no further development / construction took place during the last five years.

As an initiative to promote and develop tourism in GB, two new projects are under consideration / implementation:

- Tourist Facilitations Centres in Gilgit, at a cost of Rs. 20.00 million.
- Proposal for construction of Tourist Resorts at Naltar Valley.

(b) The tourist data during last five years is as follows:—

Year	Foreign Tourists	Domestic Tourists
2010-11*		
2011-12*		
2012-13*		

2013-14*

2014-15

3,758

145,068

* Tourist data available only for the year 2014-15. For remaining period, GB Tourism Directorate has been requested. After receipt, the same will be forwarded (Annex-II).

(c) The following steps have been taken for promotion of tourism in the GB during the last five years:

1. To involve youth of country and promotion of tourism in the country, PTDC launched Pakistan Tourism Friends Club.
2. MoU signed with Northern Areas Transport Corporation for promotion of tourism in GB.
3. Repair / maintenance of existing PTDC Motels and facilities.
4. Continuous promotion of PTDC facilities and tourist attractions through social media network.
5. Organizing handicraft bazaar at PTDC Motels in Gilgit and Skardu.
6. Marketing of Tourism Products and Services through SMS Service.

GB Tourism Directorate has already been requested to provide detail of steps taken for promotion of tourism in GB. As and when received, the same will be forwarded accordingly.

Question No. 11. Senator Sirajul Haq:

(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of the project of construction of tunnel through Margalla Hills to link Islamabad with District Haripur;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said project has not yet been approved by ECNEC;*
- (c) *the sources of finance for that project; and*
- (d) *whether there is any case pending in any court of law regarding the said project?*

Reply not received.

Question No. 12. Senator Sirajul Haq:

(Notice received on 01-02-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of thalassaemia, cancer, heart, hepatitis and other chronic diseases patients admitted in the Federal Government Hospitals during the last three years indicating also the details of treatment provided to them; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to control the said diseases during that period?*

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary: (a) The Hospital wise detail of the number of Thalassaemia, cancer, heart, hepatitis and other chronic diseases patients admitted in the Federal Government Hospitals during the last three years are as under:—

PIMS

Total 1,04,497 chronic diseases patients were admitted in PIMS. Diseases wise detail is at Annex-A.

FGPC

Total 5,919 patients were admitted in FGPC in various diseases. Detail is at Annex-B. Facility of Cancer treatment is not available in Federal Government Polyclinic.

Capital Hospital(CDA)

Total 2,981 patients of different diseases were admitted in Capital Hospital. Detail is at Annex-C. Facility of Thalassaemia treatment is not available in Capital Hospital.

(b) The Federal Government Hospitals separate health promotion and prevention/control sessions are taken with patients in all the departments of the hospital. Counseling for disease control of those patients is done on routine basis. However diseases prevention is a policy issue and like preventive/mass media awareness and adopting healthy life style which is not the domain of the hospitals.

Question No. 13. Senator Sirajul Haq:
(Notice received on 02-02-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether there if any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish grow new forests in the country, if so, the locations thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: Yes, there are number of proposals under consideration of the Government to establish/grow new forests in the country. The provinces and region have furnished the information on tree plantation as below:

1. The locations thereof are as under:

PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LOCATION
Azad Jammu and Kashmir	State and private lands all over AJK
Balochistan	Jaffarabad, Dera Bugti, Sohbatpur, Naseerabad, Lasbella, Kech, Jhal Magsi, Sibi
PROVINCE/TERRITORY	LOCATION
Capital Development Authority	Gola, Said Pur, Noorpur, Shakarparian, Kashmir High way, Margallah
Federally Administrated Tribal Areas	Khyber , Mohmand, Bajaur, Kurram, Orakzai, North/South Waziristan Agencies
Gilgit Baltistan	All over Gilgit Baltistan
Punjab	Rawalpindi Zone, Multan Zone, Kharian, Changa Manga, KarianWala, Depalpur, Irrigated Plantations
Sindh	Riverine, Irrigated Plantations, Shaheed Benazirabad, Indus Delta, Badin, Urban forestry, Road side, Canal side plantations in suitable site all over the province
Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Plantation all over province

2. The following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Climate Change to establish/grow new forests in the country:

(a) National Forest Policy 2015

On the direction of Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Ministry of Climate Change has drafted first National Forest Policy of Pakistan 2015 (NFP 2015). The process of consultation on draft policy document is in its final stage and revised version of draft policy document is expected to be presented before the Council of Common Interest (CCI) in its next meeting for consideration.

(b) Mangroves for the Future (MFF)

Pakistan became a regular member of “Mangroves for the Future (MFF)” regional programme in 2010, jointly managed by UNDP and IUCN. The main focus of this initiative is to empower the community living in coastal areas to conserve and ensure sustainable use of coastal resources. One of its components is to protect and enhance mangrove forests of Pakistan with the participation of the local community.

(c) Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)

A new mechanism of compensation known as REDD+ (Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) to save forest resources has been introduced under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Pakistan is a member of this UN-REDD programme and obtained assistance of \$ 3.8 million through World Bank window of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) for its REDD Readiness Phase Proposal (RPP). Recently implementation of this project commenced in the Ministry to enhance capacity of provincial forest departments and other stakeholders in the country.

- (d) Inter-Ministerial /Inter-Provincial meeting for Spring Tree Planting Campaign 2016 was held on January 29, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Climate Change wherein the progress of Monsoon 2015 was reviewed Progress of 32.5 million plants was reported against a target of 40.2 million plants, with 72% survival. The target of Spring Tree Planting 2016 was set as 159 million plants.

ISLAMABAD :
The 2nd March, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.