

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 4th February, 2011

@9. ***Prof Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that people living close to Nullah Leh in Islamabad have been suffering from troenteritis, hepatitis and other ailments due to contaminated waster unfit for human consumption; and*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken to control this problem?*

Reply not received.

@21. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 06-12-2010 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the workers of hotels, restaurants, bakeries, fast food outlets and providing catering services etc. in the country are medically checked up with reference to hepatitis, TB. and other epidemic diseases, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

130. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

@ Deferred from 30th December, 2010, (67th Session).

- (a) *the details of machinery and equipment purchased for Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad during the last three years indicating also the names of firms and companies from which the same were purchased and the purchase price in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for those purchases?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The requisite detail is at (Annex-A).

(b) As per procedure open tenders are called through national press for purchase of machinery/equipment adopting two envelop system. The purchase committee recommends the equipment for purchase and puts up to Executive Director for final approval.

131 ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantity of special crops including jute, tea, olive, etc. produced in the country during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to increase production of the said crops?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) Quantity of special crops produced in the country during last three year is as under:—

Jute.

(i) No Jute has been produced in the country during last three years.

(ii) **Tea.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Black Tea (Kg)</i>	<i>Green tea (kg)</i>
2007	3002	1250
2008	8238	750
2009	10374	1975
Total	21614	3975

(iii) **Olive**

<i>Years</i>	<i>Production (kg)</i>
2007-08	2,300
2008-09	1,710
2009-10	4,090
Total	8,100

(b) Steps being taken by the government to increase production of special crops:—

Jute.

- (i) Exotic germplasm jute was acquired, screened and tested for adoption under local conditions.
- (ii) Production technology was standardized and demonstrated at farmer's fields.
- (iii) Possibility of mechanized stripping is being investigated with the jute producing countries like Bangladesh, China, Vietnam etc.

Tea.

- (i) Efforts are being made to bring maximum area under tea in potential tea growing area of KPK and AJK.
- (ii) A PSD Project "Commercialization of Tea Production through Public Private Partnership" is in progress to bring 4200 acres of land under tea in KPK & AJK with the help of Private Sector Investors.
- (iii) Tea production technology standardized and successfully demonstrated at farmer's fields.
- (iv) Cost free tea plants are being provided to the farmers.
- (v) Credit facility has been arranged with ZTBL for the tea growers.
- (vi) Pilot tea processing plants for tea (Black tea one tone/day and green tea 100 kg/day) have been established at NTRI to purchase the produce of the farmers.

Olive.

- (i) Five R&D projects on various aspects of the crops including promotion of olive cultivation, conversion of wild olive into fruit bearing trees, olive production and processing etc. have been executed.
- (ii) Presently 1130 acres are under olive plantation in the potential areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Punjab (Potohar) and Balochistan.
- (iii) Machinery/diggers are being provided to growers for preparation of pits.
- (iv) Provision of olive saplings to farmers at subsidized rate *i.e.* Rs.30/- per sapling.
- (v) Arranged 7 mobile olive oil extraction units with capacity of 50 kg/hour to facilitate farmers for oil extraction in major growing areas.
- (vi) A big olive oil extraction unit with 400 kg/hour capacity has been installed at Tarnab, Peshawar.

- (vii) Provided technical assistance and training to farmers for nursery raising and orchard management.

132. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of facilities provided to the farmers to enhance agricultural production in the country; and*
- (b) *the amount spent on the provision of said facilities during the last five years with province-wise and year-wise break up?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) 1. **Incentives**

- Timely announcement of support price of wheat @ Rs.950/40 kgs to encourage the farmers to grow more wheat.
- Procurement of wheat to stabilize market price in favour of the growers.
- For sowing Rabi crop 2010-11, a quantity of 738,884 tons of wheat seed made available with public and private sector.
- Waiver of sales tax on pesticides to facilitate the growers.
- Farm credit worth Rs.260 billion was allocated in 2009-10, enabling the growers for purchase of inputs and operational cost requirements.

2. **Benazir Tractor Scheme to Promote Farm Mechanization:**

Under this scheme the Government is providing tractors to small farmers with a subsidy of Rs.200, 000/- per tractor. Government has allocated a fund of Rs.4.0 billion for this purpose. Under the first phase of this scheme, 10,000 tractors have been provided to the farmers all over the country during the FY 2009-10.

3. **Subsidy on Fertilizers:**

To promote balanced use of fertilizers a subsidy of Rs.500 per bag of SOP was provided during Kharif 2010 to facilitate the farming community.

4. **Funding for Agricultural Development Projects:**

An amount of Rs.62.771 billion was allocated for agricultural research and development projects through Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) during year 2005-06 to 2009-10.

5. Productivity Enhancement through Initiation of Development Projects:

- National Programme for Improvement of Water Courses in Pakistan (NPIWC)
- Oil palm Development Project Sindh/ Balochistan.
- Up gradation of Central Cotton Research Institute, Multan as an International Institute Monitoring of Crops through Satellite Technology.
- Water Conservation & Productivity Enhancement through High Efficiency Irrigation System.
- National Bio Saline Agriculture Programme.

(b) The amount spent on the provision of said facilities (Developmental projects) during last 5 years is at Annex-I and province-wise break up at Annex-II.

133. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the name, educational qualification, experience and place of domicile of Pakistan High Commissioner in UK indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:The detail of the High Commissioner posted in the Foreign Office Component of Pakistan’s Missions in UK is as follow:

Name	Educational Qualification	Salary/ Allowances (US\$)	Domicile
Wajid Shamsul Hasan, High Commissioner (BS-22)	M.A. (IR)	5683	Sindh

High Commissioner Wajid Shamsul Hasan also holds vast experience as a journalist.

2. Other fringe benefits include free furnished accommodation and medical treatment for officer and all dependent members of his family.

134. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 06-12-2010 at 11:50)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that used bags of urine and blood are reused in the country, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to legislate on this issue?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) It is incorrect that used collection bags for urine & blood are reused in the country. All hospital waste including collection bags for urine and blood, etc are disposed of as per guidelines developed by Ministry of Health under Hospital Waste Management.

(b) The legislative cover is already available as the collection bags are covered under the Drugs act 1976 and notified as such (Annex- 'A').

Annexure-A

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Islamabad, the 19th April, 1994

S. R. O. 324(I)/94.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (vi) of clause (g) of section 3 of the Drugs Act, 1976 (XXXI of 1976), the Federal Government is pleased to declare the following articles to be drug for the purposes of this Act, namely:—

- (i) Disposable syringes; and
- (ii) Disposable sets for collection or transfusion of blood or giving any infusion.

2. This notification shall take effect on the 15th day of July, 1994.

[F. No. 3-28/93-OG..]

SABIH UDDIN AHMAD,
Chairman,
Quality Control Authority.

135. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the officers working in Pakistani Missions in Italy indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Embassy of Pakistan, Madrid

2. Other fringe benefits include free furnished accommodation and medical treatment for officers and all dependent members of their families.

136. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of countries in which Pakistan does not have representation at the ambassadorial level?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Only one Mission in Niamey (Niger) is headed by Charge d' Affaires (a.p).

137. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names and designations of the officers of Pakistan Agricultural Research Council getting training / higher education from abroad?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: At present four (04) scientists of PARC are getting training/higher education from abroad. Detail of names, designations and supplementary material is at Annex-I

138. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 09-12-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of scrap, bags and other wastes sold by Utility Stores Corporation during the last three years;*
- (b) the names of the firms to which the said items were sold;*
- (c) the procedure adopted for the sale of the said items; and*
- (d) the name of authority who approved sale of the said items?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) The detail of scrap, bags and other waste sold by Utility Stores Corporation during the last three years is as hereunder:—

(b) The name of the parties/firm to whom these stocks were sold/disposed off are given hereunder:

- a. M/s. Rao Shabbir, Old Bardana & Plastic Merchant Sargodha
- b. M/s. Haji Muhammad Sadiq & Sons Mansehra
- c. M/s. Jameel & Co. Haripur
- d. M/s. But Brothers Multan
- e. M/s. Nisar Ahmad Old Bardana Merchant Sargodha
- f. M/s. Ashraf Muhammad Bardana Merchant, Lahore
- g. M/s. Khuram Jameel Bardana Merchant, Gujranwala
- h. M/s. Qasim Traders Lahore
- j. M/s. Iqbal Shah Bardana Merchant Havilian.
- k. M/s. Qutab Sher Bardana Merchant Sargodha

(c) The stock of the empty Poly Propylene bags and empty Jute bags have been disposed off through USC concerned Regional Disposal Committee by inviting tender through newspapers.

(d) The rates offered by the bidders are carefully examined by the concerned Disposal/Tender Committee and their recommendations are finally put up to Managing Director for approval who is the competent authority.

139. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-12-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the length of lining of water courses carried out under the National Programme during the last three years with district-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of ongoing lining of water courses and their date of completion?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) During last three years 14,262 km length of the watercourses has been lined throughout the country under National Programme. District-wise break up is annexed as 'A'.

(b) Work on 4,152 water courses is in progress and likely be completed upto 30th June, 2011 subject to availability of funds and favourable working conditions.

140. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 14-12-2010 at 11:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the income and expenditure of the Pakistan Agriculture Storage and Services Corporation during the last three years;*
- (b) *the profit earned or loss suffered by the said Corporation during the said period;*
- (c) *the number of employees of the Corporation with grade-wise break-up and the amount paid to them as salary and allowances during that period;*
- (d) *the functions of the Corporation; and*
- (e) *the grant received by the Corporation from the Federal Government during that period?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a & b) A summary showing income and expenditure and profit and loss of the Corporation for last three years (as audited accounts) is enclosed as **Annex-A**.

(c) A summary showing grade wise employees of the Corporation and salary & allowances paid in last three years is enclosed as **Annex-B**.

(d) Functions of Corporation are detailed in enclosed **Annex-C**.

(e) PASSCO has not received any grant from Federal Government in last three years.

141. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 14-12-2010 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to check the excessive use of insecticides in agriculture in the country?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:

- A research project on National Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programme has been implemented from 2004 to 2010. 55000 farmers have

been trained through Farmers Field School approach, in 50 districts of Pakistan, for appropriate and judicious use of pesticides.

- IPM laboratory at Agricultural College, Bahauddin Zakria University, Multan has been established which prepares Trichogramma cards for use in Cotton crop for the control of major cotton pests.
- GOP has registered 8 Bt. Cotton varieties for commercial production in Pakistan, which are resistant to insect/pest attack thus, requiring negligible use of pesticides.
- A biological control laboratory has been established at NARC Islamabad with a modern insectary which will rear the major biological control agents to be used on various crops. This facility will be-used for mass production of Trichogramma Chrysoperla, Aphidius and Coccinellids for the control of Lepidopterous pest, white fly, aphids and thrips attacking cotton, sugarcane and several vegetables crops. The facility will be fully functional during 2011 to cater biological control of insect pest thus reducing excessive use of pesticides.

142. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names, date of birth, place of domicile, educational qualifications, length of service and experience of the Section Officers and Deputy Secretaries working in the Ministry sent abroad to participate in seminars, conferences, meetings and other official functions during the last two years indicating also the expenditure incurred in each case with head-wise break up?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: The reply is at flag A, B & C.

143. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of cases of embezzlement surfaced in Pakistan's Missions abroad since 2006?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Since 2006, there is no case of embezzlement surfaced in our Missions abroad.

144. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the locations of Pakistani and Indian consulates in Afghanistan?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) Pakistan has four Consulates in Afghanistan. These are located in Herat, Jalalabad, Kandahar and Mazar-e-Sharif.

(b) India has likewise four Consulate in Afghanistan. These are also located in Herat, Jalalabad, Kandahar and Mazar-e-Sharif.

145. ***Mr. S. M Zafar:** (Notice received on 20-12-2010 at 13:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether in the 14th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, the issue of violation of human rights and the inhuman situation prevailing in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir was raised?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Pakistan has been consistently raising the issue of human rights violations in the Occupied Jammu & Kashmir at the United Nations Human Rights Council. This was also the case at the 14th Session of the Human Rights Council held in Geneva from 31st May 2010 to 18th June, 2010.

2. Pakistan made a comprehensive statement on the “Right to Self Determination” for the Kashmiri people in the general debate under agenda item 3 of the Human Rights Council entitled “promotion and protection of human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development”. In our statement, we highlighted the plight of the Kashmiri people suffering from decade’s long foreign occupation and reiterated the importance and continued validity of their right to self determination. We also emphasized that the legitimate struggles for self determination cannot and must not be misrepresented by equating with terrorism.

3. Pakistan’s statement highlighted that the Kashmiri people continued to be subjected to repression and wide spread human rights violations, which was also acknowledged by human rights organizations. It was pointed out that regional peace and prosperity in South Asia remained hostage to the solution of the long standing and core dispute of Jammu & Kashmir. It was underlined that addressing the human rights violations was the first essential step towards resolving the long standing Kashmir dispute. Pakistan believed that improvement in the human rights situation in the Occupied Kashmir would facilitate peaceful resolution of the dispute. We reiterated our determination to pursue all avenues to finding a peaceful solution of Jammu & Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and the wishes of the Kashmiri people. Pakistan called on the Human Rights Council and the international community to play their due role to expedite the early and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue.

146. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-12-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state the number of buffaloes, cows, goats and other animals exported during the last three years indicating also the names of countries to which the same were exported?

Mir Humayun Aziz Kurd: (i) Under the commercial export of live animals for meat purpose through open policy a total of 3,20489 animals were exported during the last three years. Commercial export of live meat animals started *w.e.f* 15th May, 2009. Following is the year wise breakup of animals exported during the last three years:

Commercial Export Through Open Policy.

Years	Cattle	Buffalo	Goats/Sheep	Camel	Total
2007-08	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2008-09	1260	1825	2430	Nil	5515
2009-10	69180	63024	182347	423	314974
Total:	70440	64849	184777	423	320489

(ii) Following is the year wise breakup of animals exported during the last three years through NOCs issued by M/o Livestock and Dairy Development to Foreign Dignitaries through Diplomatic Channel:

Through NOC for Royal families Duly Issued By M/o Livestock & Dairy Development.

Years	Cattle	Goats/Sheep	Camel	Total
2007-08	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2008-09	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2009-10	708	4000	2268	6976
Total	708	4000	2268	6976

(iii) The names of the countries where these animals exported are Saudi Arabia, U.A.E, Iran, Afghanistan, Oman and Bahrain.

147. ***Mrs. Farah Aqil:** (Notice received on 27-12-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government has stopped funding Aids Control Program, if so, its reasons?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: Government has not stopped funding for AIDS Control Programme. The factual position is that the Government of Pakistan has approved the revised PC-1 of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) on 20th August, 2009. The total cost of the PC-1 is 1930.603 million as per following shares:

- Government of Pakistan Rs.386.120 million (20%)
- World Bank and DFID Rs.1544.482 million (80%)

In the current FY 2010-11 the Government has allocated Rs.246.932 million for NACP out of which Rs.123.466 is Government share. During 1st and 2nd quarter an amount of Rs.32.00 million has been released by the Government.

148. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 15-01-2011 at 14:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of vehicles, with make and model, being used by Pakistan Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, for protocol duties; and*
- (b) *the details of expenditure on fuel and maintenance of those vehicles since January, 2009?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) There is one* staff car used for protocol duties. The make and model of the car is:

Hyundai Sonata, ND Deluxe 20, Model 2008.

(b) Expenditure on fuel and maintenance of the above mentioned staff car since January 2009 to October 2010 has been Rs. 1,641,798.

(* This is in addition to the car in use of the Ambassador.)

149. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 15-01-2011 at 14:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designation of the employees of Pakistan Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, who are performing protocol duties; and*
- (b) *the nature of duties and functions of the said persons?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) There is no sanctioned post of Protocol Officer or official in the Embassy of Pakistan, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

However, the protocol duties are mostly performed by Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who also performs duty as PA to Counselor/Head of Chancery. Besides him, Mr. Afsar Khan, Commercial Assistant (Commercial Wing) from Ministry of Commerce and Mr. Ghulam Hussain, Assistant to CWA (Community Welfare Attache Wing) from Ministry of Labour, are designated for protocol duties at Incheon International Airport, which is 65 kilometers away from Seoul city.

- b) (i) Receive and see off the delegations.
- (ii) Provide courtesies on arrival and departure.
- (iii) Streamline transport if the visitor is on official visit.
- (iv) Coordinate with the airport staff.
- (v) It may please be noted that VIP Lounge facility on arrival and departure are only permitted to the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of National Assembly, Chairman Senate, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chiefs of Defence Forces, Federal Ministers and Ministers of State. The local government does not provide VIP Lounge facility to any other officials.

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd February, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Friday, the 4th February, 2011

7. **Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-01-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of doctors and nurses with place of present posting residing in the hostels of Federal Government Hospitals?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The names of doctors and nurses with their present posting residing in hostels of (i) FGPC, Islamabad, (ii) PIMS, Islamabad and (iii) JPMC, Karachi may be seen at Annexure-‘A’, ‘B’ & ‘C’ respectively.

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

ISLAMABAD :
The 3rd February, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.