

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 6th February, 2013

@31 . ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the value in Pak Rupees of exports to and imports from India between 2008-09 to 2011-12 with year-wise break-up?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: Detail of Export to and Import from India since 2008-2009 to 2011-2012 in Pak Rupees is as under;

Value in billion Rs.

Year	Export	Import
2008-09	24.350	93.471
2009-10	22.489	102.872
2010-11	22.602	149.047
2011-2012	30.297	134.738

66. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 16-01-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Production be pleased to state the details of cases of corruption, mis-appropriation and irregularities surfaced in Pakistan Steel Mills during the last five years indicating also the names and designations of persons involved in those cases and action taken by the Government thereon?

Mr. Anwar Ali Cheema: ● Detail of cases of corruption mis-appropriation and irregularities surfaced in Pakistan Steel Mills and the names and designations of persons involved in those cases and action taken thereon during the last five years is enclosed as Annex-I.

@Transferred from the Finance Division.

69. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 17-01-2013 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume and value of various items exported from Pakistan to China during the last five years with year-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the volume and value of various items imported from China during the said period with year-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the balance of trade with China?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) (Value in Million US\$)

2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Exports	Exports	Exports	Exports	Exports
684.8	701.0	1153.9	1633.8	2183.7

Pakistan exported goods worth US\$ 6.8 million during the year 2007-08 and US\$ 2.2 billion during the year 2011-12 showing an increase of 219%.

(b) (Value in Million US\$)

2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Imports	Imports	Imports	Imports	Imports
4696.358	4085.742	4410.55	5789.452	6717.25

Pakistan's Imports from China were \$ 4.7 Billion in 2007-8 which rose to \$ 6.7 Billion in the year 2011-12 registering an increase of 43%.

(c) The steps being taken by the Government to improve the balance of trade with China.

- The bilateral FTA between China and Pakistan was implemented with effect from 1st July 2007. The Investment Chapter of the FTA was successfully re-negotiated and the amended Protocol was signed on 15th October 2008. The Free Trade Agreement on Trade in Service was signed by the Governments of both countries on 21st February 2009. The Agreements is operational from 10th October 2009.

- The pattern of bilateral Trade following the implementation of Pak-China FTA is given in the following table.

(Value in billion US\$)

Year	Total Exports	Total Imports	Total Trade	Balance
2006-2007	0.575	3.53	4.10	-2.95
2007-2008	0.684	4.69	5.38	-4.01
2008-2009	0.701	4.08	4.78	-3.38
2009-2010	1.15	4.41	5.56	-3.25
2010-2011	1.63	5.78	7.42	-4.1
2011-2012	2.18	6.71	8.90	-4.53

- It may be seen that the bilateral trade balance remains in favour of China. However, contrary to the general perception, following the implementation of FTA, the rate of growth in Pakistan's exports to China significantly higher as compare to the growth in China's exports to Pakistan. As against a growth of 90% in China's exports to Pakistan between 2006-07 and 2011-12; Pakistan's exports to China have registered an increase of 279% during the same period.
- The negotiations for the 2nd phase of PCFTA commenced in March 2011. The two sides agreed to develop roadmap for moving ahead in the second phase and to finalize the tariff reduction modality aiming at further deepening of tariff concessional.
- Ministry of Commerce is currently in the process of preparation for the 2nd Meeting of the 2nd phase of PCFTA. The ongoing consultations with stakeholders will be completed shortly.
- Chinese Government was requested to facilitate Pakistan's participation in exhibition / trade fairs in China. China is offering Pakistan free of charge space in all its major fairs.
- As a result of the efforts for enhancing Pakistan's exports, TDAP has been encouraged to accelerate the pace of its promotional activities fin China. During 20011-2012 TDAP participated in six major trade fairs/exhibitions in China.

71. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 21-01-2013 at 12:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of countries with which the Government of Pakistan has executed trade agreements during the last three years?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: Pakistan has signed the following trade agreements during the last three years:—

S. No.	Country	Agreement	Signed On
1.	Indonesia	Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)	3rd February, 2012
2.	Afghanistan	Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA)	28th October, 2010
3.	D-8 Countries	Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)	14, May, 2006 and ratified on 8th February, 2012
4.	SAARC Countries	SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services	28th April, 2010

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IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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2. **Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 15-01-2013 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of persons appointed on permanent, contract and daily wages basis in the Ministry of Commerce and its corporations, attached department and sub-ordinate offices during the last five years with grade-wise and province-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

4. **Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Utility Stores Corporation during the last five years with province-wise and district-wise break-up?

Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi: The information is being collected from all the Regional Offices and Zonal Offices spread all over the country, this will take some time. The reply will be submitted on next Rota Day.

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