

(317th Session)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 25th January, 2022

***Question No. 93 Senator Mushtaq Ahmed:**

(Notice Received on 16/12/2021 at 3:20 PM) QID: 38619

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the trade deficit has been increased to the tune of 5 billion dollars during the month of November 2021, while import bill increased from 17.5 billion dollars to 32.9 billion dollars during the current year, if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for reducing the trade deficit and the progress made thereon?*

Minister for Commerce: (a) Trade Statistics for the July-November 2021

\$Million

July-November				% Change in July- Nov, 2021-22 / July-Nov, 2020-21
Description	2020-21	2021-22	Diff	
EXPORTS	9.744	12.364	2.62	26.89
IMPORTS	19.468	33.012	13.544	69.57
BALANCE	-9.724	-20.648	10.924	112.34

Monthly trade Statistics

\$Million

Des	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Exports	2.340	2.247	2.409	2.464	2.903
Imports	5.575	6.577	6.563	6.369	7.928
Balance	-3.235	-4.330	-4.154	-3.905	-5.025

Pakistan's exports in goods are picking up the pace and went up by 13 percent to US\$ 25.3 Billion in FY 2020-21 from US\$ 22.53 Billion over the last year. Exports witnessed 26.89 percent growth during July-November 2021-22 and remained \$ 12.364 billion compared to \$ 9.744 billion during the same period of 2020-21. However, imports into the country also increased resulting in huge trade deficit during the period of July-Nov. 2021. Main reasons for import increase are as follows:

Reason for Increase in Imports

- The surge in imports comes amid a booming commodity demand after Covid recovery, sharp increase in global commodity prices mainly in LNG, petroleum, energy, coal, and food related essential items inflated the import bill.
- Freight cost also jumped on the back of recovery in global demand as more and more countries were lifting Covid-19 restrictions. Shortage of containers has also disrupted the international supply chain and thus the freight charges have increased manyfolds.
- Increase in imports of Palm oil is significant due to rise in price.
- Due to shortage in local supply of sugar, wheat and pulses demand for imports has increased.
- Due to low production of cotton the industry imported increases quantity of cotton in order to meet the demand thus increased the import bill.
- Prices of Medicinal Products have increased immensely, which has increased the import value of this commodity.
- Import of Plastic Materials have increased due to rise in price, even though demand has fallen.

- Imports of vaccines have been made due to spread of Covid-19 in the country, which has significant effect on import bill.
- CKD/SKD imports increased under policies such as Auto Industry Development Programme (AIDP), Auto Development Policy and Mobile Device Manufacturing Policy given incentives extended to the investors. Likewise, SME Policy also contributed to enhanced increase in imports in terms of raw material, intermediate and capital goods.
- Import of raw materials through tariff rationalization to meet local industry demand has also put pressure on import bill.

(b) **Steps Taken by the Government for Reducing the Trade Deficit**

- Measures taken by the State Bank and the government to reduce the import bill are bearing fruit. The SBP imposed 100% cash margin restrictions (CMR) on the import various items to discourage imports of these goods and support the balance of payments.
- SBP revised Prudential Regulations for consumer financing and prohibited financing for imported vehicles.
- To encourage import substitution, initiatives such as Mobile phones local assembly, production of local LED TV and new investments/ production in Pakistan ceramic & tiles industry have been taken. These policy measures and reforms have attracted producers to expand their plants as well as propelled foreigners to commence production in Pakistan.
- Attempts have been made to boost oilseed production; plantation of olive is being promoted and production of packaged milk has been increased.
- Due to better crop outlook, the import of sugar, wheat and cotton will witness massive slowdown during the second half of fiscal year. This will further reduce the import and in turn, current account deficit.
- ECC of the Cabinet has approved certain tariff rationalization measures which will be implemented for the period of six months (upto 30th June, 2022) to contain imports of vehicles,

such as: imposition of 10% RD on import of EVs in CBU Condition of more than 50 KWH battery pack excluding commercial buses and trucks; increase of RD from 15% to 50% on import of all type of Hybrid vehicles in CBU condition, exceeding 1500cc but not exceeding 1800cc; and increase of RD from 15% to 50% on import of vehicles having spark/compression ignition engine (conventional engines) in CBU condition exceeding 850cc but not exceeding 1800 cc.

When commodity prices stabilize in the international market, Pakistan's import bill will contract, which will in turn reduce the current account deficit. Market-based exchange rate policy/ rupee depreciation against the US dollar would discourage imports in the coming months. Moreover, recently announced Saudi Arabia's USD 1 billion deferred oil payment for Pakistan, starting from January 2022, will also reduce pressure on the import bill.

***Question No. 94 Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary:**

(Notice Received on 29/12/2021 at 10:15 AM) QID: 38655

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of livestock and other expensive food items that were imported by the Government during the last two years and reasons thereof?

Minister for Commerce: Import data of the previous two years regarding livestock and other expensive food items are placed at **Annex-I**.

The major food items imported by Pakistan are palm oil, tea, wheat, sugar, pulses and dairy products and few others. The main reason behind the import of these items is to meet the domestic demand. Pakistan is an importer of food items like palm oil and tea. Similarly, wheat and sugar are imported to fill the gap between annual produce of wheat and sugar and their annual domestic demand to keep the prices stable.

Pakistan also imports animals like fowls (chicken), cow and horses for breeding purpose. Pakistan imports chicken and breeding cows from USA. Whereas, breeding horses are imported from the U.K, the Netherlands and Argentina.

Annex-I**Imports of Expensive food Items**

COMMODITIES	UNIT	* JULY - JUNE. 2020-21		JULY - JUNE. 2019-20		% CHANGE IN JULY - JUNE. 2020 - 2021 OVER JULY - JUNE. 2019 - 2020	
		QUANTITY	IMPORTS \$ Million	QUANTITY	IMPORTS \$ Million	QUANTITY	IMPORTS
FOOD GROUP*			8,348		5,424		53.91
PALM OIL	MT	3,197,747	2,669	2,970,775	1,842	7.64	44.91
WHEAT UNMILLED	MT	3,612,638	983	-	-	100.00	100.00
PULSES (LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES)	MT	1,266,313	710	1,211,437	615	4.53	15.48
TEA	MT	258,477	581	221,337	533	16.78	8.96
SPICES	MT	182,04	225	139,883	174	30.14	29.31
MILK CREAM & MILK FOOD FOR INFANTS	MT	58,383	192	59,354	163	-1.64	17.54
SUGAR	MT	281,329	129	7,609	4	3,597.32	3,266.12
SOYABEAN OIL	MT	116,637	96	84,316	57.55	38.33	65.98
DRY FRUITS & NUTS	MT	78,042	78	22,226	34	251.13	128.93
ALL OTHERS FOOD ITEMS			2,687		2,003		34.16
LIVE ANIMALS**	Nos	681,898	19.23	979,176	18.42	-0.44	0.04

*Source: - PBS

** Source: - PRAL

***Question No. 95 Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman:**

(Notice Received on 29/12/2021 at 1:50 PM) QID: 38642

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that:

- (a) *the number of trade delegations visited abroad for promotion of trade during the last three years with country-wise break up indicating also the names of delegation in each trip and expenditure incurred on the same in each case; and*
- (b) *country-wise details / break-up of investment received resulting from those visits?*

Minister for Commerce: (a & b) Detailed of the officers who visited of aboard for promotion of the trade during the last three years is attached at **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

TDAP has prepared the following response against Starred No 95:

S#	Details of the Delegations	No of delegates	b). Country-Wise / Break-Up Of Investment Resulting From The Visits	Names of the Delegates	Cost/Expenditure
1.	AFD : Sea Food, Delegation visited Thailand and Vietnam from 25-31 st August 2019	10	Thailand/\$46mn rise in exports of seafood	Mr. Iftikhar Alam Mr. Shahid Rathore Syed Hasan Abbas Mr. Abdul Aziz Memon Mr. Ali Reimoo Mr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Raja Mr. Dawood Karim Usman Mr. Abdul Majeed Mr. Bachu, Mr. Shehzad Ahmed, Mr. Azhar Ali Dewan	Rs:1.5 mn
2.	TDAP Punjab Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry (1-4 Nov, 2021)	14	Turkey	Mr. Khurram Aslam Mr. Zaman Iftikhar Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim Mr. Tahir Nadeem Mr. Nouman Ahmed Ch Mr. Junaid Amin Mr. Qaiser Anwar Sheikh Ms. Tooba Kazmi Mrs. Rukhshanda Aslam Mrs. Nadia Qaisar Ms. Mariam Saddiqa Mr. Qaiser Ikram Dohay Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Mr. Muhammad Aslam	
3.	TDAP Punjab, Pakistan Sports Goods Association (13-15 Dec 2021)	4	Ukraine	Mr. Ch Arif Iqbal Rana Naseer Ahmed Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Mr. Najaf Jahangir	
4.	TLD, TDAP coordinated for Trade Delegation of 34 businessmen from textile sector to Uzbekistan, led by Advisor on commerce, for Silk Route Connect	34	Uzbekistan	Mr. Zaki Bashir, CEO Mr. Atif Shah, Partner Mian Kashif, Chairman Gauhar Mustafa CEO/ Director, Aftab Gohar Director,	Nil. Self-Funded

	'July 2021 at Tashkent, Uzbekistan.			Mr. Asif Malik CEO, Mr. Muhammad Umer – Group Director, Pervaiz Lala Mr. Hamid Zaman Managing Director, Mr. Mustafa Ahmed Zaman, Director Sarah Adnan Naveed Ahmed Chairman, Mian Shahzad Ahmed Chief Executive, Yousuf Abdullah Mohsin Bokhari Khawaja Muhammad Anees Director : Mahmood Group S M Mansoor Allawala Mr. Rehman Naseem/ C.E.O Kazim Burney Director Marketing Mr. Abdul Wahab Saqib Majeed Hunain Hamid Mian nazir Nasir Saeed Ahmed Mian Zahid Abubakr Wasim Muhammad Nabeel Saeed Muhammad Ibrahim Subhan Shahid Arif Mahmood Qureshi Muhammad Umar Farooq Idrees Ahmad Suleman Aftab Ellahi Nasir Ali Zia Muhammad Ahmad M. Haroon Shamsi	
5.	TLD,TDAP coordinated for Trade Delegation of businessmen from textile sector to 4th Meeting of the Pakistan-Tajikistan Joint Business Council held on the sidelines of SCO Summit on 16th September, 2021.		Tajikistan	Muhammad Sohail Tabba Gauhar Mustafa, Director Talat Hafeez Khan Muhammed Tahir Mehmood Khan Bilal Alam Lari, Director Zafar Iqbal Sarwar Muhammad Zahid Shah(FPCCI) Muhammad Saleem (FPCCI) Syed Ahtesham Mazhar Hassan Ali Bhatti Muhammad Kamran Aslam Qamar Munir	Self-Funded.
6.	Engg Div	31	Uzbekistan		Self Funded
7.	Engg Div	19	Tajikistan		Self Funded

***Question No. 98 Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen:**

(Notice Received on 31/12/2021 at 12:06 PM) QID: 38676

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish campus of COMSATS University in Quetta, if so, progress thereon?

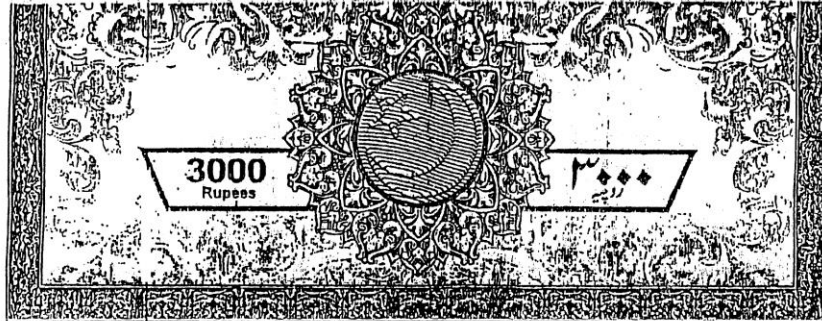
Syed Shibli Faraz: Yes, the proposal to establish campus of COMSATS University, Islamabad in Quetta is under consideration. In this connection, the Government of Balochistan allotted 150 acres of land at Mahal Moza Noshar, Tappa Noshar, Saddar, District Quetta, approx 3 KM from Samungli Airbase in October, 2015 for setting up COMSATS University, Islamabad campus at Quetta (**Annex-I**).

The matter was brought before the Board of Governors of erstwhile COMSATS Institute of Information Technology. The BoG accorded approval in its meeting held on Feb. 12, 2016 (**Annex-II**).

M/s NESPAK was hired in November, 2016 for preparing the master plan of the campus. M/s NESPAK prepared the master plan in interactive consultation with COMSATS University, Islamabad (CUI). The master plan was finalized and approved by the Central Works Committee, CUI in October, 2017 (**Annex-III**).

The CUI submitted PC-I of the project to the Ministry of Science and Technology first in July 2015 and lately, it was recast incorporating the updated project estimates and submitted afresh to the Higher Education Commission in January, 2022. The updated cost of the PC-I is Rs. 6773.012 Million.

Inclusion of the project in the portfolio of Province of Balochistan's prospective projects in Year 2022-23 will help its consideration and approval by the Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Division, Government of Pakistan.

Annex-I

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology
 Deputy Officer,
 Quetta.

LEASE DEED.

On non-judicial stamp papers worth Rs. 2000/-

THIS LEASE DEED IS MADE at Quetta this 07/01 day of October of year 2015 between the Government Of Balochistan through the Deputy Commissioner/Collector, Quetta (hereinafter referred to as the "Lessor" which expression shall include his successors in office, party of the one part and COMSATS (CIIT) through Dr. AM Rashid Tabrez, Project Director, (CIIT) (hereinafter called the lessee) which expression shall include his successors in office, party of the other part.

WHEREAS with the prior approval of the competent authority the Board of Revenue Balochistan, Quetta has agreed to lease out unsettled state land measuring 150-0-0 Acres, Situated in Mahal Mouza Nohsar, Tappa Nohsar, Tehsil Saddar, District Quetta as per annexed plan prepared by the Tehsildar, Saddar, Quetta which is more fully described in the schedule hereto, for the purpose of establishment of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology at Quetta.

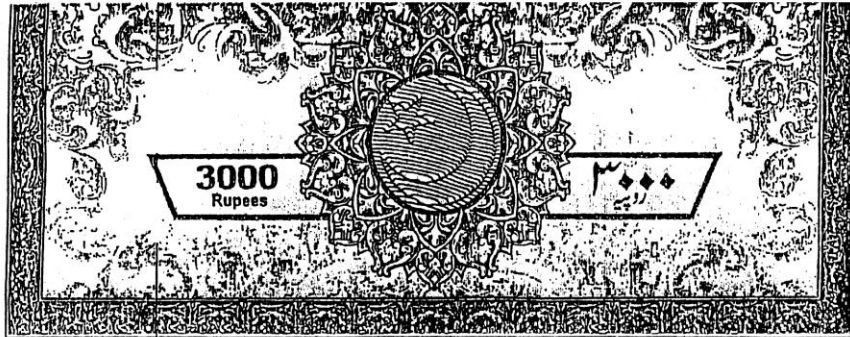
AND WHEREAS the parties hereto have agreed to abide by the following terms and conditions:

Deputy Commissioner
 Quetta.

- i) This lease will be initially for a period of **(30) Years** extendable of another period.
- ii) The lessee shall not assign, sublet, mortgage or transfer in any manner the lease land or any part thereof without the express permission of the Government.
- iii) The lessee shall not utilize the land for any other purpose except with the prior permission of the Board of Revenue, Balochistan.
- iv) The Lease shall be liable to cancellation at any time if any of the terms and condition of the lease are violated at any stage.
- v) Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as annual lease rent will have to be deposited by the lessee during the lease period.
- vi) 5% of the students enrolled in each faculty will be offered education free of cost. The student falling this category must be local or domicile of Balochistan.

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16/10/2015

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- vii) If the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology fails to construct the said Institute within three years of the issuance of lease order then the lease shall stand cancelled.
- viii) This will be the responsibility of the lease to ensure the protection of the state land on its part from encroachments etc.

SCHEDULE
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

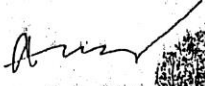
Un-settled state land measuring 150-0-0 Acres, Situated in
 Mahal Mouza Nohsar, Tappa Nohsar, Tehsil Saddar, District Quetta

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF the "LESSOR" and the "LESSEE"
 have set their respective hands to this LEASE DEED on the day, month
 and the year first above written in the presence of the witnesses.


THE LESSOR.


The Deputy Commissioner/
Collector Quetta.
Deputy Commissioner
Quetta.


THE LESSEE.

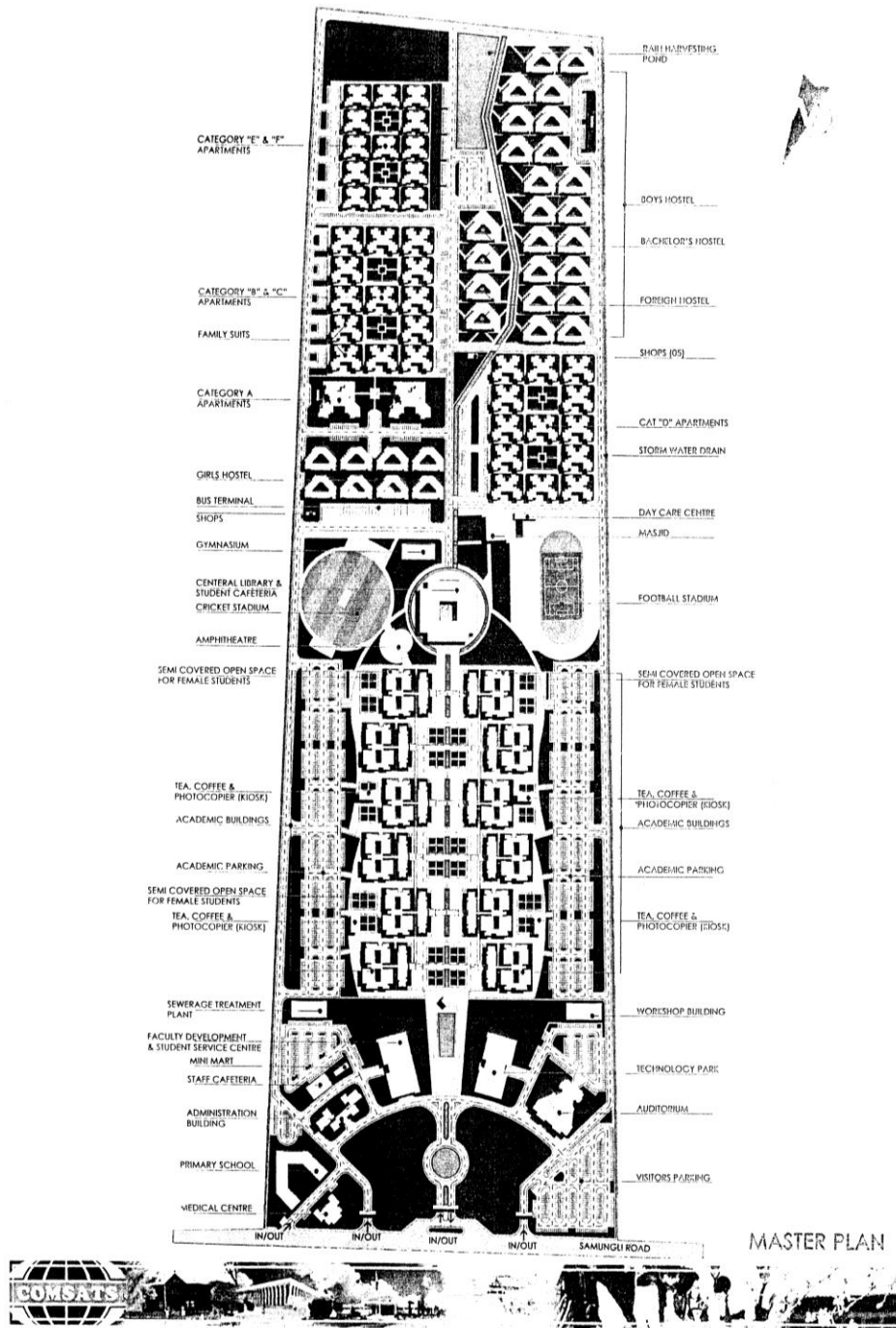

Dr. Ali Rashid Tahir
Project Director,
COMSATS (CIIT)

WITNESS NO. 1.


Amir Hussain Khan s/o
Amir Hussain Khan
CNIC No. 42-000-8161715-7

WITNESS NO. 2


Muhammad Tahir Shahzad
s/o Ghulam Shahir
31201-0268969-3

Annex-II

Annex-III

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology
 Registrar Office, Principal Seat, Islamabad

No. CIIT-Reg/BoG-32(1)/16/516

Dated: February 12, 2016

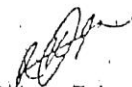
Subject: Actionable Decisions made by the Board of Governors in its 32nd Meeting held on 6th January 2016 - Agenda Items 8 & 14

1. The Board of Governors of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) in its 32nd meeting held on 6th January 2016, while deliberating the agenda items entitled 'Establishment of New Campuses' & 'Post-Award Declaration of Contracts Valuing Rs. 10 Million and above', made the following decisions Inter alia:

- i). The establishment of a Campus of CIIT at Quetta was agreed upon subject to the fulfilment of conditions laid down by the BoG in its 14th meeting.
- ii). The projects valuing Rs. 10 million and above will not be included in the agenda of the future BoG meetings and will be implemented by following applicable rules and procedures.

2. The above mentioned decisions of the BoG are forwarded for your kind information and record, please.

Best regards,


 (Atiq-ur-Rehman)
 Deputy Registrar

Director (P, D & HRD)
 COMSATS Institute of Information Technology,
 Principal Seat,
 Islamabad

c.c:

1. PS to the Rector
2. PS to the Pro-Rector
3. PA to the Registrar.

***Question No. 101 Senator Seemee Ezdi:**

(Notice Received on 4/01/2022 at 10:38 AM) QID: 38699

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of those industries and sectors in which E-Commerce forum has opened up new business opportunities in Pakistan; and*
- (b) the names of those Government institutions and authorities which are providing trainings to women entrepreneurs and startups for utilizing e-commerce?*

Minister for Commerce: (a) Following are the names of the key industries and sectors in which E-Commerce forum has opened up new business opportunities:

1. Financial services
2. Logistics
3. Food
4. Fashion and textile
5. Hospitality and travel
6. B2C e-Commerce retail
7. Education
8. Agriculture
9. Music
10. Health and medical
11. Microfinance
12. Information Technology

All Pakistani sectors can benefit from e-commerce by joining international online B2B selling platforms such as Alibaba and Amazon.

(b) Below are stated names of Government institutions and authorities that are providing training to women entrepreneurs and startups for utilizing e-commerce:

- Trade and Development Authority Pakistan
- Ministry of Information Technology and Telecom
- Ministry of Commerce
- Higher Education Commission
- Small Medium Enterprise Development Authority
- National Vocational and Technical Training Commission/
Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority.

***Question No. 102 Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan:**

(Notice Received on 6/01/2022 at 3:00 PM) QID: 38723

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has decided to withdraw the ECC approved 5 years textile policy 2020-25 to boost textile exports, if so, reasons thereof?

Minister for Commerce: The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) submitted revised draft Textiles and Apparel Policy, 2020-25 to the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on 13th December, 2021 and decision *vide* Case No. ECC-441/43/2021 (**Annex-I**) on 16th December, 2021 has been recorded as under:

“The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet approved the revised draft Textiles and Apparel Policy 2020-25 submitted by the Ministry of Commerce with the following amendments:

- i. In para 2.2.2 of the policy, following will be added:*
 - a. Electricity and RLNG rates, indicated for fiscal year 2021-22, will be substituted, with regionally competitive energy rates.*
 - b. The regionally competitive RLNG rates will be applicable on processing industry.*

- c. *For the captive and the cogeneration units, a separate policy by the Ministry of Energy, in consultation with the Ministry of Commerce, will be made to cover the benefits.*
- ii. *The comments of the Finance Division shall be made part of the proposed Textiles and Apparel Policy 2020-25”.*

Further, afore-mentioned decision was ratified by the Cabinet dated 21st December, 2021 (**Annex-II**). However, it is pertinent to mention that during the Cabinet meeting, the MoC requested the honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan to direct the Cabinet Division to withdraw decision of the ECC on Textiles and Apparel Policy, 2020-25 in view of prevailing uncertainty over the matter of Gas supply to Captive Power Plants (CPP) of textile industry during winter season and ongoing deliberations with Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division). The minutes as recorded however did not reflect this decision and erroneously minuted that the ECC recommendations were ratified.

Foregoing in view, the MoC dated 29th December, 2021 requested the Cabinet Division to correct the minutes who subsequently sought approval of the Prime Minister dated 3rd January, 2022 and proposed that a corrigendum may be issued. Accordingly, the Prime Minister having seen the request agreed with proposal of summary and further directed the MoC to ensure finalization of Textiles and Apparel Policy without any further delay.

Keeping in view the above, the MoC *vide* D.O dated 20th January, 2022 requested the Chairman ECC that the summary previously submitted by the MoC may be included in agenda of upcoming ECC meeting to discuss afresh “Textiles and Apparel Policy, 2020-25” and get the correct decision recorded.

Annex-ISECRET
IMMEDIATEGOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
(CABINET DIVISION)

No.F.1/43/2021-Com

Islamabad, the 17th December, 2021

MEMORANDUM

Subject: DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION
COMMITTEE (ECC) OF THE CABINET

In terms of rule 20(13), read with rule 23(4) of the Rules of Business 1973,
A copy of approved decision(s) of the Economic Coordination Committee, taken in its
meeting held on 16th December, 2021 as mentioned below, are forwarded herewith.

Secretary, Housing and Works Division	Case No. ECC-432/43/2021
Secretary, Power Division	Case No. ECC-433/43/2021 Case No. ECC-434/43/2021
Secretary, Finance Division	Case No. ECC-435/43/2021
Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Division	Case No. ECC-436/43/2021
Secretary, Industries and Production Division	Case No. ECC-47/43/2021 Case No. ECC-438/43/2021 Case No. ECC-442/43/2021
Secretary, National Food Security & Research Division	Case No. ECC-440/43/2021
Secretary, Commerce Division	Case No. ECC-441/43/2021

2. ~~Action to implement the aforesaid decision(s) shall be initiated after
ratification of the same by the Federal Cabinet, in accordance with rule 24 of the Rules of
Business 1973. A report on the status of implementation shall be furnished to the
Cabinet Division for information.~~

3. Directions of ECC in following cases are also forwarded for necessary action:

Secretary, Maritime Affairs Division	Case No. ECC-439/43/2021
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4. The enclosed certificate acknowledging receipt of the decision(s), may please
be returned to the Cabinet Division duly completed and signed.

(SYED HASNAIN MEHDI)
Senior Joint Secretary
(Cabinet Committees)
Ph # 9203014

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Director (Textile) Office
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21-12-21Accountant Secretary (TP)
Sd/-
21-12-21Section Officer (Textile)
Sd/-
21-12-21

SECRETItem No.10Case No.ECC-441/43/2021
Dated: 16th December, 2021**IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR ECC OF**
THE CABINET REGARDING TEXTILES AND
APPAREL POLICY, 2020-25**DECISION**

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Annex-II

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
(CABINET DIVISION)
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No.5/1/2021-Progress-I

Islamabad the, 27th December, 2021OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: RATIFICATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC COORDINATION COMMITTEE (ECC) OF THE CABINET IN ITS MEETINGS HELD ON 16-12-2021 AND 17-12-2021

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above subject and to enclose a copy of Cabinet decision under Case No.1237/42/2021, dated 21-12-2021 conveying ratification of ECC decisions taken in its meetings held on 16-12-2021 and 17-12-2021.

2. All concerned Ministries/Divisions are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

- ASB* *27/12* *27/12-2021*
(Syed Ayaz Anwar)
Deputy Secretary (Cabinet Committees)
- i. The Minister for Industries & Production
 - ii. The Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce & Investment
 - iii. The Adviser to the Prime Minister on Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development (OP&HRD)
 - iv. The Secretary, Housing and Works Division
 - v. The Secretary, Power Division
 - vi. The Secretary, Finance Division
 - vii. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 - viii. The Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production
 - ix. The Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research
 - x. The Secretary, Commerce Division
 - xi. The Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety

Copy for information to:

Section Officer (Cabinet Committees).

Section Officer (Textile)
Diary No. 1179
Date 27-12-2021

An O.M. has already been forwarded to Cabinet Division to issue *Mudana* copy on 25/12/2021
SO (Textile)

(27) *04-01-2022*
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SECRET

Case No. 1237/42/2021 Dated: 21.12.2021	Ratification of the Decisions taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Coordination (ECC) in its meetings held on 16-12-2021 and 17-12-2021
Presented by: Cabinet Division	

DECISION

- I. The Cabinet considered the summary titled 'Ratification of the Decision taken by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) in its meetings held on 16-12-2021 and 17-12-2021' dated 17th December, 2021, submitted by the Cabinet Division, and ratified the decisions taken by ECC in the following cases:

ECC meeting dated 16-12-2021

Agenda item No.	Title	Ministry/ Division
1.	Technical Supplementary Grant Amounting to Rs.2,650.968 Million in favour of Ministry Housing & Works Under Demand "No.124-Capital Outlay on Civil Works" During the Current Financial Year (2021-22)	Housing and Works
2.	Retargeting of Power Sector Subsidies - Phase-II	Power
3.	Enhancement of Ways and Means Limit of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Finance
4.	Allocation of Budget to Launch Comprehensive Media Campaign on Government Initiatives, Programmes and Projects	Information and Broadcasting
5.	Report to the ECC of the Cabinet in compliance to ECC's decision dated 30-09-2021	Industries and Production
6.	Gas Supply Priority Order	Industries and Production



SECRET

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7.	Notification of Minimum Indicative Prices of Tobacco Crop 2022	National Food Security & Research
8.	Implementation Report for ECC of the Cabinet regarding Textile and Apparel Policy, 2020-25	Commerce
Addl Item No.2	Sundry decision	

ECC meeting dated 17-12-2021

Agenda item No.	Title	Ministry/ Division
1.	Launch of the Ehsaas Targeted Commodity Subsidy Program (ETCSP)	Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety
Addl Item No.1	Sundry decision	

III. The Cabinet also ratified the decision of ECC in the case titled "Supplementary Grant / Technical Supplementary Grant for Payment of First Installment (40%) to IPPs of 2002 under Payment Mechanism" and authorized Cabinet Secretary to issue the decision in the instant case without waiting for the formal approval of the minutes.

IV. The Cabinet also ratified the decision of ECC in the case titled "Auto Industry Development and Export Policy (AIDEP), 2021-26" with the stipulation that the New Product Policy shall be applicable on the introduction of new models of cars only and not the current.

IV. The Cabinet constituted the following Committee to deliberate and solicit interest of OEMs and electronic goods manufactures in setting up engine and compressor manufacturing facilities in Pakistan:

- i. Minister for Industries & Production (Convener)
- ii. Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce & Investment
- iii. Adviser to the Prime Minister on OP&HRD



ISLAMABAD,
the 24th January, 2022

MAJ. (R) SYED HASNAIN HAIDER,
Acting Secretary.