

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 25th January, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(i) Question No.73. : Set down for answering on 2nd November, 2011.
 (i i) Question Nos, 8, 10 and 13. : Set down for answering on 17th January, 2012.

73. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-09-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount presently invested by State Life Insurance Corporation indicating also the details of investment; and*
- (b) *the amount being received as profit / mark up on that investment?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim:

(Rs. In Million)

Investments (as of June 30, 2011)	(a) Investment	(b) Investment income
1. Investment		
(a) Government Securities	178,551	10,602
(b) Corporates Debts (net of Provision)	3,593	248
Investments (as of June 30, 2011)	(a) Investment	(b) Investment income

	(c) Equities (net of provision)	24,743	2,084
2.	Bank Deposits/ Placements in TDR	15,457	856
3.	Investment Property (Net)	2,868	230
4.	Loan to Policy Holders	19,800	719
Total Investment		245,012	14,739

*Year end expected profit is around Rs. 30 billion.

8. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of delegations sent to Italy by the Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC) during the last five years; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some members of these delegations did not return back, if so, its reasons indicating also the names and other particulars of such persons?*

Reply not received.

10. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at (09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the number of ships arrived / docked at Gwader and Karachi Ports during the last two years indicating also the name of clearing and shipping agent of each ship?

Reply not received.

13. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some members of the trade delegations sent to participate in trade exhibitions held in Canada during the last two years have applied to Canadian Government for asylum, if so, their names, names*

of their organizations and the action taken by the Government against them and respective organizations; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to avoid the occurrence of such incidents?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) No complaint was received regarding any such incident during the last two years *i.e* 2010 and 2011. However during 2009 three representatives of two exhibitor companies of Pakistan Single Country Exhibition held in Canada (8-12 July, 2009), organized by Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCC&I), applied to the Canadian Government for refugee status.

- The names of these individuals are;
 - (i) Syed Bakhtawar Hussain Gilani, representative of M/s. Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot.
 - (ii) Ms. Rubeena Shaheen of M/s. Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot and
 - (iii) Mr. Mazhar Ali of M/s. Comfort Plus, Karachi.
- The names of the companies are;
 - (iv) Ms. Gold Farrie Surgical Industry, Sialkot and
 - (v) M/s Comfort Plus, Karachi.

Actions Taken by the Government

- The exhibition was organized by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI). Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) provided subsidy and other administrative support as per policy.
- When the matter came to the notice of TDAP, FPCCI was requested to take strict punitive action against the persons and companies they represented.
- TDAP on its part stopped payment of subsidy to the concerned companies.
- FPCCI has referred the case to Federal Investigation Authority (F.I.A.).

FPCCI has been requested to communicate outcome of the investigation by FIA. Final reply would be submitted on the next Rota Day.

- (b) • In order to avoid the occurrence of such incidents the FPCC&I has been asked to provide TDAP with the evidence regarding return to Pakistan of exhibitors after their participation in Exhibitions.

- FPCCI has made it a policy that all the companies to be selected in future events, will submit a guarantee letter from their respective Chamber and Trade Association for the return of their representatives to Pakistan.

85. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons working in Pakistan embassy/mission in Bangladesh; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the number of those employees, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

86. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 22-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/missions in UAE during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break- up; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

87. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-12-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/mission in Australia during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the said expenditures, if so, its details?*

Reply not received.

88. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to Senate Starred Question No. 80 replied on 19th January, 2010 and state the present status of Dr. Afia Saddique's case in USA and the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for her repatriation to Pakistan?

Reply not received.

89. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the amount collected under the head of Welfare Fund in Pakistan missions in Dubai, Abudhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait and Musqat during the last three years and details of its utilization?

Reply not received.

90. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of Ambassadors /High Commissioners posted in Gulf States?

Reply not received.

91. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 12:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) the number of international trade fairs in which Pakistani traders participated during the last three years and the results achieved; and

(b) the facilities provided by Government to the traders in this regard?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) During last three years, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) organized Pakistan's participation in 215 fairs/exhibitions worldwide. The year-wise break up is as follows:—

S. No.	Year	No. of exhibitions
1.	2008-2009	73
2.	2009-2010	62
3.	2010-2011	80
Total		215

Participation in International trade fairs/exhibitions is one of the most important marketing tool for the promotion of Pakistan's products in the International market. Participation in the fair provides a unique opportunity to our exporters to showcase their products to International buyers and negotiate business deals.

Participation in fairs has played a key role in enhancing Pakistan's exports. In the year 2004-05, Pakistan's total exports were US\$ 14.391 billion which increased to US\$ 25 billion in 2010-2011.

(b) The facilities provided by the Government to the traders include:—

1. TDAP is providing following subsidy towards stall costs to exhibitors from various export sectors participating in exhibitions under the banner of TDAP.
 - a. Textile products 50%
 - b. Other Core Products 60%
 - c. Developmental Product 70%

(details of products annexed)

2. For new exporters and events in 'new geographic areas', the subsidy level on stall cost is 70% for all three categories. Similarly, women entrepreneurs are encouraged by allowing 50% additional subsidy in trade fairs/exhibitions, in pursuance of TDAP's policy to energize women entrepreneurship. Another important aspect of the trade policy is to encourage SMEs, Women Entrepreneurs and new exporters by allowing special quota to them for participation in trade fairs/exhibitions.
3. TDAP provides 50% subsidy on space rent and stalls construction cost to Trade bodies for their participation in product specific events.

Annexure

Core Categories

- Textile & Garments
- Raw Cotton Yarn (all types)
- Fabrics
- Garments
- Made up (excluding towels)

- Towels
- Art Silk & Synthetic Textiles

Other Core Categories

- Rice
- Leather & Leather Products
- Sports Goods
- Carpets & Wools
- Surgical Instruments
- Petroleum Products

Developmental Products

- Fisheries
- Poultry
- Fruits/Vegetable & Wheat
- I.T-Software & Services
- Marble & Granite
- Gems & Jewelry
- Engineering Goods
- Chemicals
- Healthcare
- General

ISLAMABAD :
The 24th January, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.