

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 30th December, 2010

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of doctors who are not paid salaries in Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not paying salaries to those doctors?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) Salary is being paid to all the doctors of Federal Government Services Hospital Islamabad.

(b) Nil.

2. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the doctors working on contract basis in Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad, indicating also the period of contract and the date since when they are working on contract in each case; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize the services of those doctors, if so, when?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) 48 doctors are working on contract basis in Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad. The detail is at Annex-A.

(b) There is no proposal to regularize these doctors under consideration of the Government at present. However, the requisition to fill up 30 posts of Medical Offices out of 48 has been sent to FPSC and the remaining 18 posts will be sent shortly.

3. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of machinery and equipment purchased for PIMS 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 reply is at Annex A.

(b) The open tender procedure was adopted for the purchase of machinery and equipments in accordance with Public Procure Rules.

4. ***Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain :** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names, designation, educational qualifications and experience of the persons appointed in PARC (Pakistan Agricultural Research Council) during the last two years?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: The information is being collected from the PARC. The same will be submitted in the House as soon as it is received.

5. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 12:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the production of potato and tomato in the country during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government to increase the yield and the results achieved?*

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: (a) The production of potato and tomato during the last three years with year-wise break-up is as under:—

Potato	
	<i>(Production '000' tons)</i>
<i>Year</i>	<i>Production</i>
2007-08	2539.0
2008-09	2941.3
2009-10	3141.4

Tomato	
	<i>(Production '000' tons)</i>
<i>Year</i>	<i>Production</i>
2007-08	536.2
2008-09	561.9
2009-10	476.8

(b) Following steps have been taken to increase the production of potato and tomato and the results achieved.

- i. The agriculture research institutes in the country are developing high yielding varieties of potato and tomato to increase production.
- ii. A number of projects have been started at national and provincial levels to increase production of potato and tomato and promotion of new technologies like tunnel vegetable production.
- iii. Special initiatives are started for strengthening research on production of hybrid varieties of potato and tomato and starting hybrid seed production of potato and tomato.
- iv. Efforts are underway to enhance supply of certified potato seed to the growers for increasing production.
- v. Coordination/linkage being developed of public sector tissue culture laboratories & private sector seed companies to promote domestic seed potato production.

Resultantly the potato production from 2539 thousand tons (2007-08) has increased to 3141 thousand tons (2009-10). Tomato production from 536 thousand tons (2007-08) increased to 561.9 thousand tons (2008-09).

Decrease in production during 2009-10 is mainly due to flood damage to crop in KPK, Sindh and Balochistan.

6. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of lady health workers in the country with province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the number of the lady health workers appointed during the last five years with year-wise and province-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to a lady health worker?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) Total number of Lady Health Workers (LHWs) is 99,017. Detail is given below:—

Province	No. of LHWs
Punjab	49,753
Sindh	22,631
KPK	13,684
Balochistan	6,726
AJK	3,119
Gilgit Baltistan	1,332
FATA	1,437
ICT	335
TOTAL	99,017

(b) Detail of LHWs appointed during last five years is as following;

Year	Province	Number of new recruited LHWs
2006	Punjab	1,154
	Sindh	485
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	335
	Balochistan	138
	AJK	103

	Gilgit Baltistan	48
	FATA	87
	ICT	27
TOTAL		2,377
2007	Punjab	3,131
	Sindh	1,315
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	874
	Balochistan	381
	AJK	163
	Gilgit Baltistan	73
	FATA	87
	ICT	10
TOTAL		6,034
Year	Province	Number of new recruited LHWs
2008	Punjab	826
	Sindh	353
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	247
	Balochistan	98
	AJK	47
	Gilgit Baltistan	20
	FATA	26
	ICT	5
TOTAL		1,622
2009	Punjab	1,023
	Sindh	270
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	175
	Balochistan	280
	AJK	359
	Gilgit Baltistan	82
	FATA	118
	ICT	62
TOTAL		2,369
	Punjab	3,690
	Sindh	1,675
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1,145

	Balochistan	870
2010	AJK	110
	Gilgit Baltistan	28
	FATA	87
	ICT	15
TOTAL		7,620

- (c) The stipend of lady health worker is Rs.7,000/- per month.
7. ***Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more Federal Government Hospitals in Sindh, if so, the details thereof?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: There is a proposal for establishment of 300 bedded hospitals with Trauma Centre, Kemari Town, and District Karachi as Kemari Campus of Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre (JPMC) Karachi. The project details are being planned and have yet to be approved.

8. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to stabilize the price of sugar in the country?

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: i. The new sugar season stands commenced. **2,91,000 tons** of sugar stands produced on 21st December 2010. At the moment there is **3,59,562 tons** of imported sugar with TCP. (21st December 2010).

ii. *Domestic Sugar Price.*—The wholesale price of sugar in Akbari Mandi is Rs.66 per kg.

iii. Additionally the following steps stand taken to stabilize the price of sugar in the country:

- (a) 200,000 tons of sugar has been allocated to provinces out of which 75,686 tons has been lifted by them for directly supplying additional sugar in markets through respective provincial mechanisms.
- (b) Similarly out of Ramadan allocation of 100,000 tons 86,000 tons stand lifted by provinces for direct market intervention.

- (c) USC was allowed for 100,000 tons of imported sugar for its sale through USC and mobile outlets and Weekly Bazaar in addition to increased supply from USC outlets.
- (d) To meet future shortages 7 lac tons worth of strategic reserve will be maintained.
- (e) Furthermore, federal and provincial governments are actively taking steps against hoarders and black marketers and are taking punitive actions against them.
- (f) As a result of above steps the price of sugar is constantly decreasing as per data provided by Federal Bureau of Statistics.

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 water unfit for human consumption; and*
- (b) *If so, the steps taken to control this problem?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of increase made in the prices of medicines in the country during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the reasons for high prices of medicines of daily use and that of life saving drugs in the country?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) No across the board price increase has been allowed since December, 2001 till to date. However, to ensure the availability of life saving drugs, hardship cases are being considered on case to case basis depending upon justification. Only those formulations which become unviable to produce by the manufacturers and/or importers have been granted price increases. Keeping in view devaluation of Pak. Rupee, increase in prices of raw materials of few drugs, packaging materials, energy cost, inflation and labour cost, these hardship cases for price increase were considered and approved by the Federal Government. These cases were evaluated by a 09 membered Drugs Pricing Committee, which has nomination from four Provinces

of Pakistan in addition to, Pakistan Medical Association (PMA), civil society (Consumer Rights commission of Pakistan) etc. Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Association (PPMA) and Pharma Bureau are observers. Following compelling factors are major reasons for price revision of life saving drugs to ensure the free availability in best public interest.

(a) Pak Rupee de-valuation resulting in increased cost of raw materials	Euro 117% US \$ 45%
(b) Cumulative Inflation	120%
(c) Increase in prices of Vitamins	15% to 325%
(d) Increase in packing materials	30% to 40%
(e) Increase in energy cost	upto 100%
(f) Increase in labour cost	Rs.2400/- to Rs.7000/- (180%)
(g) Increase in transportation cost	upto 50%

The year wise details of the cases of price increase is as under:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Case</i>
2008	124
2009	136
2010	101

Note: Multivitamins preparations, Cotton Bandages and Anti T.B drugs have been allowed price increase due to substantial increase in the prices of their raw materials in addition to above mentioned factors.

(b) There is a perception that prices of medicines are cheaper in neighboring countries as compared to Pakistan. It is partially true. There are certain drugs which are cheaper in neighboring countries but there are many drugs which are cheaper in Pakistan. In 2007 an apple to apple comparison (multinational to multinational) of 178 essential drugs marketed by multinational companies depicted that 108 (61%) drugs are cheaper in Pakistan whereas 70(39%) drugs are cheaper in India. However, prices of drugs marketed by local companies in India are generally lower than prices of drugs marketed by local companies in Pakistan due to following reasons:—

1. Raw materials for most commonly used medicines are produced in India whereas in Pakistan share of locally produced raw materials is approximately 5%.
2. India has large scale manufacturing base and industry enjoy much larger economies of scale.

3. India has developed its industrial base for manufacturing of pharmaceutical machinery and excipients which also decrease manufacturing cost of medicines.

4. The conversion cost is also cheaper in India as compared to Pakistan.

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

Will the Minister, for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the details of agriculture inputs presently being subsidized indicating also their respective rates and rate of subsidy in each case?

Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal: Presently, no direct/cash subsidy is being given by the Federal Government on agriculture inputs including seed, fertilizer and pesticides.

12. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:42 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the funds provided to each Federal Government hospital since 2008-09?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: The funds provided to each Federal Government hospital under the Ministry of Health since 2008-09 are as follows:—

Rs. in million

Federal Government's Hospitals	Budget		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad (PIMS)	1225.487	1421.584	1584.991
Federal Govt. Polyclinic, Islamabad(FGP)	566.964	658.000	734.109
Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Karachi (JPMC)	749.918	915.000	1004.885
National Institute of Child Health, Karachi.(NICH)	188.370	223.000	255.114
National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicines, Islamabad (NIRM)	73.226	84.000	108.455

13. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Franchised Stores which became defaulters of Utility Stores Corporation with district wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the amount payable by the said stores?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) and (b) The District-wise total number of the Franchised Stores which are defaulters of USC at present along with the amount payable thereof is given hereunder:—

S. No.	District	Total number of defaulters Franchised Stores	Amount Payable (Rs.)
1.	Haripur	1	2,468,421.00
2.	R.Y Khan	9	3,448,605.00

S. No.	District	Total number of defaulters Franchised Stores	Amount Payable (Rs.)
3.	Sialkot	1	270,219.00
4.	Sheikhupura	1	300,677.00
5.	Khanewal	2	408,137.00
6.	Multan	19	2,333,951.00
Total:-		33	9,230,009.00

14. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: The details of the officers posted in the Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Missions in UK are as follows:

High Commission of Pakistan, London

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

15. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of polio cases registered in the country during the last five years with province wise and year wise break-up; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said disease?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) The number of Polio cases registered in the country during the last five years with province wise and year wise break-up is as follows:—

Province/Region	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Punjab	2	1	31	17	7
Sindh	12	12	18	12	26
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	9	8	38	29	24
Federally administered tribal areas	7	3	14	20	66
Balochistan	10	8	11	11	11
Islamabad	0	0	5	0	0
Pakistan	40	32	117	89	134

(b) Ministry of Health through its National EPI Programme is taking number of steps for control of Polio Diseases. The detail is at **Annex-I**.

Annexure-I

The steps being taken by the Ministry of Health to control polio:—

- Prime minister's action plan focused on intersectoral collaboration to convert polio eradication efforts into a national drive. Intensified inter-sectoral action

and advocacy through police, NADRA, cellular phone companies, print and electronic media is in place for polio campaign activities.

- Ms. Asifa Bhutto zardari nominated as the Ambassador of Polio campaign.
- Ministry of Health team met IG frontier corps and got support to reach inaccessible areas. Resultantly, there is now gradual increase in access to the insecure areas by our teams during polio campaigns.
- Training curriculum and methodology reviewed to address service delivery issues at the vaccination teams level.
- Continued cross border collaboration of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- Ministry of Health has conducted a meeting of Inter Provincial committee on Polio on 10th February and 6th December 2010. Federal Health Minister chaired the meeting and provincial health ministers and Secretaries also participated in the meeting.
- Resources for vaccine and other activities related to polio campaign have been secured from World Bank, WHO and UNICEF for 2010.
- Three National Immunisation Days (NIDs) and Supplementary National Immunisation Days (SNIDs) have been conducted in 2010 and last NID of 2010 is planned on 28th to 30th Dec. 2010.
- On the direction of Governor, a Civil-Military Coordination Committee comprising of the EDO (H), Political Agent and the Local Commander of Pakistan Forces under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary FATA has been established in each agency of FATA to facilitate access for the vaccination teams.
- The Political Agents and District Coordination Officers are being engaged to lead the polio eradication activities in their areas.
- Mass campaign with measles and polio vaccines has also been conducted in the flood affected districts.
- Five nationwide and three sub-national campaigns had been conducted so far in 2010 besides ensuring necessary supplies to the whole country for routine immunization. Frequency and extent of these campaigns were adjusted to mitigate or minimize risks associated with floods. Massive floods are known to flare up pre-existing problems.
- Regular monitoring of the sensitivity and quality of the AFP surveillance system and issuance of monthly feedback letters from Federal

EPI — MOH to the provincial EPI managers highlighting the areas with sub-optimal performance.

- The Federal Ministry of Health developed special strategies for further improving the vaccination activities and surveillance in the inaccessible and security compromised areas and high risk migrant populations.
- The Inter-provincial and Inter Ministerial Committee on polio Eradication under the chairmanship of the Federal Minister of Health decided to link the Payment of the operational cost with performance during post campaign monitoring by the independent monitors (50% payment before the campaign and 50% after achieving the desired level of $\geq 90\%$ coverage verified by finger marking).
- Area specific plans have been developed for the high risk agencies, towns and districts and the implementation is being monitored at the provincial and federal levels through monthly and quarterly review meetings at district, provincial and national level.
- Bivalent polio vaccine, a new potent polio vaccine is being used in the Supplementary Immunisation Activities (SIAs) since its introduction in February 2010.
- Special planning meetings of the federal and provincial health ministers with the DCOs and EDOs (H) of the districts of the north Sindh.
- Regular technical consultations with the partners are a constant feature of the programme.
- The **President has asked the MoH to develop an emergency plan** to interrupt poliovirus transmission by end 2011. The **MoH has drafted a National Emergency Action Plan 2011** for polio eradication after having Consultative meetings with all stakeholders. The new plan focuses on:
 - i. Enhanced oversight and accountability of the health as well as administrative arm of the government machinery at all levels.
 - ii. Expansion of district specific plans after successful experience in 2010 in areas of Karachi and Balochistan to overcome quality issues and
 - iii. Specific strategies for insecure areas and migratory populations.

The plan was presented to the Inter-Provincial Ministerial Committee on Polio (IPCP) on 6th December. Provinces have been requested to send their feedback. There will be intense focus on 33 districts contributing 85% of polio cases in 2009 and 2010.

- On 3 Nov. a major congregation of >500 Ulema, religious leaders and madrassa students was convened at Sheik Zaid Islamic University, Peshawar. The renowned religious leaders inaugurated November anti-polio campaign in Peshawar.
- On 16 Nov. Director General Health, Government of Pakistan held a meeting with the Corps Commander in FATA (overall responsible for all military operations in this area) and sought concurrence on a very specific timeline and steps to develop Agency-Specific action plans for completion and joint review on 7th Dec, with first implementation then during the 20-22 Dec. campaign (this is a MAJOR development). The Minister for Health spoke to Chief of Army Staff for support vaccination activities especially in insecure areas and a formal meeting to strategize action will be scheduled after the Moharram holidays.

The upcoming activities include a nation wide vaccination campaigns from 28 to 30 December followed by an aggressive campaigns schedule in the first five months of 2011.

16. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of the car manufacturing companies in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the names, types and prices of cars being manufactured by each of the said companies?*

Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani: (a) Car manufacturing companies are as under:—

1. M/s. Pak Suzuki Motors Company Ltd. Karachi
2. M/s. Honda Atlas Cars Ltd., Lahore
3. M/s. Indus Motor Company Ltd., Karachi
4. M/s. Dewan Motors Ltd., Sajawal, Sind (Not in Production)
5. M/s. Ghandhara Industries Ltd., Karachi (Not in Production)
6. M/s. Nexus Automotive Pvt. Ltd., Karachi (Not in Production)

(b) Names, types and prices of cars are as under:—

Pak Suzuki Motor Company Ltd.

<u>Models</u>	<u>Price in Rs.</u>
Mehran VX	443,000
Mehran VXR	495,000

Mehran VX CNG	489,000
Mehran VXR CNG	539,000
Alto VXR	643,000
Alto VXR CNG	692,000
Cultus VXRi CNG	878,000
Cultus VXLi	865,000
Cultus VXLi CNG	912,000
Liana RXI MT	1,129,000
Liana RXI MT CNG	1,199,000
Liana LXI CNG	1,240,000
Swift	1,058,000

Honda Atlas Cars Ltd.

<u>Models</u>	<u>Price in Rs.</u>
Civic i-VTEC M.T	1,663,000
Civic i-VTEC PT	1,784,000
Civic VTI Oriel MT	1,845,000
Civic VTI Oriel PT	1,920,000
City MT	1,315,000
City AT	1,446,000

Indus Motor Company Ltd.

<u>Models</u>	<u>Price in Rs.</u>
Corolla XLI	1,354,000
Corolla GLI	1,479,000
Diesel 2.O.D	1,400,000
Diesel 2.O.D	1,740,000
Altis 1.8 MT	1,740,000
Altis 1.8 AT	1,830,000
Cuore CX	700,000

17. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state the reasons for sharp increase in the prices of fish, chicken and meat in the country?

Mr. Humayun Aziz Kurd: The prices of chicken and meat have increased in the country. The average price of beef, chicken & mutton has increased by 21.15% , 8.53% and 25.19% respectively over the last year. The reasons that attributed to increase in price of chicken & meat include the following:

- (i) The increased input costs like animal feed and fodder, electricity, fuel/transportation, veterinary medicines/ vaccines, poultry feed(contribute 65-70% in total cost of poultry production), day old chicks etc. led to an overall increase in cost of production meat animals attributing to increased prices.
- (ii) Middleman (Livestock traders and Butchers) exploit the livestock farmers by taking his major share of profit and depriving him from due share. The control of livestock prices is the mandate of District and Provincial Governments.
- (iii) There is an overall increasing trend in the Consumer's Price Index over a period of time. Its impact has been reflected in overall increase in the prices of essential commodities and meat (beef, chicken & mutton) is not an exception.
- (iv) The consumption of chicken and meat is highly income elastic. The increase in per capita income and increased urban population has caused increased demand of meat (beef, chicken & Mutton) which has ultimately led to increased prices.
- (v) The prices of fish as shown increasing trend in the past few years because the prices of all inputs including fuel for operation of fishing boats in case of capture fisheries and for operation of pumps for filling up of aquaculture ponds as increased substantially. Increased in electricity rates for its use in aquaculture and for fish processing and handling has also resulted in increase of fish prices. Increase in prices of other inputs like feed in aquaculture and ice used on fishing boats as substantially been increased. In addition, high prices offered for Pakistani seafood in international market has resulted in increased export /transportation which has also affected supply in local market, thus resulting in increased prices.

18. ***Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an injection is administered to animals to increase produce of milk which causes adverse effects on the health of animals and human beings; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose a ban on the use of the said injection?*

Mr. Humayun Aziz Kurd: (a) Yes, oxytocin injections are administered to animals to enhance milk lactation in the world including Pakistan. however, International

literature has documented a controversial opinion on the adverse effects on the health of animals and human beings of using such injections in milking animals.

(b) This injection is widely used for delivery purpose in pregnant women. No proposal for banning, of such injection is under consideration by M/o Health at the moment; however, if evidenced based research is available, banning such injections can be considered by M/o Health.

19. ***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 qualifications, experience and place of domicile of the Pakistan High Commissioner in Italy indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: The particulars of the Ambassador posted in the Embassy of Pakistan in Italy is as follows:—

Name	Educational qualifications	Salary/ Allowances US\$	Domicile
Ms. Tasnim Aslam, Ambassador	Masters in Business Edu. MA (Int. Rel) Scholarship (Fletcher School of Law & Dip)	3503	AJK

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

20. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where Pakistani ambassadors are not posted indicating also the reasons for not posting ambassadors there; and

(b) the names and other particulars of Pakistani career and non career ambassador posted abroad?

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) A proposal is under process for approval of the Prime Minister to appoint new Ambassadors / High Commissioner for the following vacant Missions:

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Remarks
1.	Algeria	Vacated by Mr. Mohammad Hafeez superannuated on 14-11-2010.
2.	Australia	Vacated by Ms. Fauzia Nasreen superannuated on 05-12-2010.
3.	Cuba	Vacated by Mr. Najm-us-Saqib upon transfer to the Headquarters in July 2010.
4.	Libya	Vacated by Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan on 12-11-2010 to join new assignment in Abu Dhabi as Ambassador.
5.	Iran	Vacated by Mr. M. B. Abbasi after expiry of contract in October 2010.

(b) The details of career and non-career Ambassadors / High Commissioners posted abroad are given as Annex "A".

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, T. B. and other epidemic diseases, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

22. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 07-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Global Fund and the World Bank have withdrawn their financial support for the prevention of HIV-Aids in Pakistan;*

(b) the financial support given by the foreign organizations for such project; and
(c) the present state of affair of the spread of HIV-Aids in Pakistan?

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) No. The Global fund and the World Bank are still committed to provide financial support for prevention of HIV/AIDS in Pakistan.

(b) World Bank and DFID have provided around Rs 2429 Million for HIV/AIDS prevention in the country in past 6 years.

(c) There are 97,400 HIV positive cases in the country. Out of these 4000 HIV cases are registered with 14 HIV treatment centers across the country. With increasing awareness about HIV in the country, more people are now being tested and diagnosed/suffering from HIV/AIDS disease.

23. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 11-12-2010 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Health, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*
- (b) *the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, departments and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) Yes. The 2% disabled quota has been observed.

(b) The information may kindly be seen as below:—

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| (i) M /o Health (Main), Ibd | Annex-A |
| (ii) JPMC, Karachi | Annex-B |
| (iii) NIRM, Ibd | Annex-C |
| (iv) FGPC, Ibd | Annex-D |
| (v) PIMS, Ibd | Annex-E |
| (vi) T.B Centre, Rawalpindi | Annex-F |
| (vii) Directorate of Malaria Control | Annex-G |

(c) Any vacant posts in the Ministry and its departments are filled in from time to time as and when any such post becomes available.

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

24. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-12-2010 at 09:14 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no mechanism to monitor/ regulate the manufacturing and sale of medicines of homeopathy, Tibb-e-Unani and Hikmat;*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to check manufacturing and sale of sub standard medicines of homeopathy, Tibb-e-Unani and Hikmat in the country; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish an authority to monitor / regulate the manufacturing and sale of the said medicines, if so, the details thereof?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) Presently, there is no mechanism to monitor/ regulate the manufacturing and sale of medicines of Homoeopathy, Tibb-e-Unani and Hikmat.

(b) It is to state that government is considering proposal to check/regulate manufacturing /sale of homoeopathy, Tibb-e-Unani and Hikmat medicines. A Bill was moved in the National Assembly on 25-02-2005 to regulate the manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of Unani, Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic, Herbal and other non-allopathic medicines. The then Standing Committee of National Assembly on Health cleared the said Bill for approval by the National Assembly, but it could not be taken up during the tenure of the previous Parliament. Now the Ministry of Health has prepared an updated and comprehensive bill on the subject after removing the deficiencies in the previous bill & involving National Assembly's Standing Committee on Health, and all other stakeholders. Once the proposed Bill is passed by the Parliament and promulgated as law, further action to implement the regulatory mechanism provided therein will be taken, accordingly.

(c) As stated at (b) above.

25. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 15-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*
- (b) the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*

(c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, departments and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: Information is being collected and will be placed before the house at the earliest possible.

*Islamabad :
The 29th December, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Thursday, the 30th December, 2010

1. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 03-12-2010 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the names, designation, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons working in Pakistan Steel Mills, Karachi?

Mir. Hazar Khan Bijarani: The information asked for by the honourable Senator requires detailed working is being arranged and would be provided on next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD :
The 29th December, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.