

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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### “QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Thursday, the 29th July, 2010**

81. **\*Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 19-05-2010 at 13:10 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish an hospital in Gwadar?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** There is no such proposal under consideration of the Federal Government to establish a Hospital in Gwadar.

82. **\*Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 19-05-2010 at 13:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for preparation of a law on eradication of thalassaemia in the country?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** The Ministry of Health is cognizant of the need for legislation to control and eradicate Thalassaemia in Pakistan. The Ministry has collaborated with two Members of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Health for the purpose of drafting appropriate legislation. This draft has been introduced into the lower house and has been referred to the Committee. The Ministry of Health would support this Bill and anticipate that it would be forwarded to the upper house in due course of time.

83. **\*Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 19-05-2010 at 13:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the criteria laid down for, giving prices to different brands of medicines of “the same molecule”?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** Prices of medicines are regulated by the Federal Government under Section 12 of the Drugs Act, 1976.

### PRICING PROCEDURE

Since April 2004 uniform prices of drugs are fixed on the basis of following laid down parameters:—

(a) NEW CHEMICAL ENTITIES

(I) Prices are fixed at an average of the prices prevailing in the SAARC countries. In case the drug is not available in the SAARC countries, international prices (particularly Australia / New Zealand) are considered.

(II) Prices as mentioned in the proforma invoice for imported drugs and costing data for locally manufactured drugs are also considered for new chemical entities besides other parameters.

Imported drugs

MRP=C&F + 40% Markup

Locally manufactured drugs

Non-Sterile Products

MRP=Prime Cost + 75% Markup

Sterile Products

MRP=Prime Cost + 90% Markup

(Note-The Markup is allowed to cover the expenses /discounts.)

(b) GENERIC DRUGS

Uniform prices are fixed for generics as summarized below:—

- (i) Minimum 15% less than the brand leader price at the time of registration of first generic.
- (ii) Average price of earlier same composition(s) / generic(s) registered in the country in case Pricing Committee has not yet fixed the price of a medicine formulation.
- (iii) Prices of new strength of medicines are awarded on pro-rata of price of same composition / generic fixed by the Drugs Pricing Committee.
- (iv) Demanded price is issued in case it is less than the fixed price.

84. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 20-05-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above in the Ministry, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices who themselves or their*

*spouses hold dual nationality indicating also the names of the countries of their nationality?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** The requisite information in respect of the Attached Departments, Corporations and Subordinate Offices of Ministry of Industries and Production, is as under:—

Name/Designation/Department	Country of Nationality other than Pakistan
1. Mr. Abid Mehmood Khan, Assistant Professor NFC Institute of Engineering & Technology, Multan	Canada
2. Mr. Nisar Ahmed Shakoor, Assistant Professor NFC Institute of Engineering & Technology, Multan	U.K.
Name/Designation/Department	Country of Nationality other than Pakistan
3. Mr. Tariq Ahmad Chaudhry, General Manager, Pakistan Industrial Technical Assistance Centre, Lahore	U.K.
4. Ms. Zeba Mumtaz, General Manager (Marketing), Pakistan Gems and Jewellery Development Company, Karachi.	Canada
5. Mr. Taj Muhammad, Manager (Quality Assurance), Pakistan Gems and Jewellery Development Company, Karachi.	Canada

85. **\*Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 20-05-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the criteria laid down for registration of imported medicines?*

**Makhdoom Shahbabuddin:** Imported drugs are registered under section 7 of the Drugs Act, 1976 by the Drugs Registration Board. The registration is granted keeping in view the safety, efficacy, quality and economic value of the drug.

86. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 21-05-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the doctors and other persons sent abroad by the Ministry of Health and its attached departments etc. for higher education, training courses and other., programmes during the last three years indicating also the expenditure incurred in each case?*

**Makhdoom Shahbabuddin:** A list containing the names of doctors and other persons sent abroad by the Ministry of Health and its attached departments etc. for higher educations, training courses and other programs during the last three years is Annexed.

The expenditure incurred on their training abroad were borne by the sponsoring agencies without any financial liability on the part of the Govt. of Pakistan.

Ministry of Health seeks nominations from federal health institutions, which do not make a distinction of domicile.

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)*

87. **\*Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 21-05-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of ongoing projects launched by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture in District Chaghi, Balochistan; and*
- (b) the amount allocated for the said projects during the financial year 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent out of the same so far with project-wise break-up?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) Only one project titled "Chaghai Water Management and Agriculture Development Project" is in progress in Chaghai District; and

(b) The funds amounting to Rs.114 million were released including GOP Share of Rs.22.50 million during financial year 2009-10. The utilization of funds is 100% of the released funds.

88. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 21-05-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of Federal Government hospitals where water filtration plants have been installed?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** Filtration plants are installed in Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Islamabad, and National Institute of Child Health (NICH) Karachi. National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad, and National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), Karachi also have small water filtration units.

89. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 21-05-2010 at 13:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the doctors in BPS-18 and above working in the Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** The total number of doctors in BS-18 and above working in FGPC Islamabad is 58. The detail of domicile is as under:—

1. Punjab	36
2. Sindh (R)	04
3. Sindh (U)	01
4. KPK	07
5. Balochistan	03
6. AJK	01
7. FATA/NA	06

(List of the doctors is attached)

90. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 24-05-2010 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of Federal Government hospitals in the country with province-wise break up?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** The following Federal Government Hospitals under the Ministry of Health, exist in the provinces shown against each:—

Name of Hospital	City / Province
Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences	Islamabad — ICT
Federal Government Polyclinic	Islamabad — ICT
National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine	Islamabad — ICT

Name of Hospital	City / Province
Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayyed Hospital	Quetta — Balochistan
National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases	Karachi — Sindh
National Institute of Child Health	Karachi — Sindh
Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre	Karachi — Sindh

91. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 25-05-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the estimated number of patients of pollen allergy in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said disease; and*
- (c) *whether the Government has made any special arrangements for the said patients in hospitals in Islamabad during the allergy season, if so, the details thereof?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) Pollen Allergy Patients in last 03 years in Islamabad have been as follows:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Patients</i>
2007	2155
2008	2659
2009	3003
<b>Total</b>	<b>7817</b>

- (b) The Government has taken following steps to control the said disease:—
  - (i) An Allergy Centre is functional at the National Institute of Health since 1981, which conducts skin prick test with specific extracts for diagnosis of allergy and thereafter provides specific allergy vaccines accordingly to the patients found allergic.
  - (ii) The said centre is providing technical advice and having close coordination with concerned civic authorities and departments for control and prevention of environmental allergies.
  - (iii) Apart from treating such patients . throughout the year to facilitate allergy patients, the Emergency Departments of all Government Hospitals in Islamabad remain on high-alert and manage patients of acute pollen allergy during spring season when there are very high pollen counts in the environment.

(iv) The printed informative material for information and awareness of Allergy patients is under printing and will be provided to the patients (**Annex-1**).

(v) In view of the increased demands, the PC-I for the “Establishment of a Centre of Excellence for the Allergy with Diagnostic and Curative Facilities” (03 years duration) has been approved at a cost of Rs.39.876 M at the National Institute of Health where the construction work has already started since March 2010.

(c) The medical treatment for pollen allergy is being provided at the following places in Islamabad:—

- i. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences
- ii. Federal Government Poly-Clinic.
- iii. Capital Hospital (CDA)
- iv. KRL Hospital
- v. NESCOM Hospital
- vi. Shifa International Hospital

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92. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-05-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the target for production of wheat set for the year 2008-09 and the actual production obtained and steps taken for proper storage of wheat?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** Wheat crop for the year 2008-09 production target was 25 million tons and the actual production (2008-09) achieved was 24.03 million tons.

The Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation (PASSCO) and provincial Food Departments have stored the procured wheat in the available storage/godowns. While the additional wheat was stored on raised plinth in the open. All possible protection measures and care has been adopted to save it from losses. Efforts are also being made to enhance the proper wheat storage capacity in the country.

93. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 25-05-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Special Initiatives be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of water filtration plants installed in the country so far; and*
- (b) *the number of plants to be installed in the country during the financial year 2010-2011?*

**Mr. Lal Muhammad Khan:** (a) So far, 1525, water filtration plants have been installed throughout the country, following is the province/region wise detail of installed plants.

S. No	Province/Region	No. of installed plants under (CDWI) project (2005-2006)	No. of installed plants under (CDWA) project (2007onward)
1	Punjab	116	126
2	Sindh	101	327
3	Khyber- Pakhtunkhwa	53	237
4	Balochistan	102	405
5	AJK	19	0
6	Gilgit-Baltistan	6	23
7	FATA	8	01
8	ICT	1	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>406</b>	<b>1119</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>1525</b>	

(b) The contracts for installation of water filtration plants stand awarded and signed by the respective Provincial Governments, FATA Gilgit Baltistan and AJK Governments. It is expected that during the year 2010-11.5507 water filtration plants shall be installed, subject to availability of funds.

94. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 25-05-2010 at 14:35 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names and addresses of Pakistani students who were deported from foreign countries during the last seven years;*
- (b) *whether Pakistani missions in those countries provided any assistance to those students;*



(c) *whether the said students were allowed access to lawyers before deportation; and*

(d) *whether the Government has taken up the issue of the said students with the relevant countries?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** (a) A list indicating the names and addresses of Pakistani students who were deported from foreign countries during the last seven years, is placed at Annexure 'A'.

(b) Pakistani Missions provided all possible assistance to those students, during their study program, before and after their expulsion.

(c) The Missions provided lawyers access to the students in those countries, where the local laws allowed. However, no lawyer access was provided to the students of a scholarship program fully funded by the host Governments, and were deported on disciplinary grounds.

(d) The Government of Pakistan has taken every possible measure to request the host Governments to revise their decisions of expelling these students.

95. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-05-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the percentage of decrease in Industrial production during the last and current financial year as compared to financial year 2005-06; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve industrial production in the country?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** (a) The growth rate had decreased from 8.3% in 2005-06 to **-8.2% in 2008-09**; However now it has picked up and is **+4.71% in 2009-10** (July-May).

Year	Industrial Production %
2005-06	8.3%
2008-09	-8.2%
2009-10 (July-May)	4.71%

(b) The steps being taken by the Government to improve the industrial production in the country:

Industrial sector has been hit hard by a combination of economic factors like the 'International Economic downturn'; Energy crisis, High bank Mark up; Law and order situation;

The Government is taking the following steps to address the declining trend:

1. **Establishment of the first ever SME Credit Guarantee Fund** worth 10 billion. **SMEs unable to produce collateral for bank loans benefit from this facility.**

2. **Venture Capital Fund** of PKR 10 billion shall be financed in the same manner as the SME Credit Guarantee Fund.

3. With a view to promote industrialization and value addition and or promotion of exports, an **Export Investment Support Fund** worth PKR 40 billion has been established.

**PSDP related interventions aimed at reviving the industrial sector:**

- The objectives targeted in our PSDP (2010-11) aim at rejuvenating the industrial sector through 45 projects worth Rs. 3.22 billion with focus on;
- Skill development.
- Technology up gradation.
- Cutting out on energy losses.
- Development of emerging sectors to achieve the goals of diversification.

**The specific core objectives of these PSDP interventions are:**

- ◆ Innovation and efficiency in industrial sector.
- ◆ Building high skilled human capacity through targeted worker skills development programs.
- ◆ Provision of technology through technological up-gradation; provision of sophisticated machines, equipment, tools & spares in Common Facility Centers and machine pools; CAD/CAM facilities.
- ◆ Research and development in key industrial sectors.

- ◆ Targeted development of small and medium business entities to boost employment and reduce poverty.
- ◆ Industrial infrastructure development through Industrial Parks and development of Industrial Estates.
- ◆ Attracting FDI by incentives of 100% ownership; right to repatriate capital; joint public —private ventures.

96. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-05-2010 at 08:35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of officers / officials of the Ministry sent abroad on official visits during the last two years indicating also the expenditures incurred on the said visits?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** The requisite information is as under:—

S.No.	Year	Financial Officials who visited abroad on official visits	No. of Officer/ Account	Head of Expenditure In (Rs)	Actual
1.	2007-2008	141	A03912-TA/DA-Other Delegations abroad	72,793,863/-	
2.	2008-2009	203	-do-	88,389,935/-	

97. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-05-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the acreage and locations of land owned by PARC in the country; and*
- (b) *the names of major crops cultivated on those lands indicating also their utilization?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) The total 3197 acreage of land is owned by PARC in the country. (Annexure-I)

(b) **Wheat, Rice, Maize, Millet, Sorghum, Barley, Cotton, Fodder, Oilseed, Pulses, Sugarcane, Tea, Fruits Plants, Medicinal plants, Tree seedlings and Vegetables** are cultivated on the said land. PARC is a research organization; the land is utilized for research/experiments by respective scientists not for the commercial purpose. The total crops/seeds produced from difference experiments are being utilized as a seeds for the plantation of research trails, zonal varietals testing trails in the different locations

of the country. The remaining quantity is distributed among the farmers free of cost as well as on concessional rates for seeds multiplications.

98. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 27-05-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister, for Health be pleased to state:*

- (a) number of HIV /Aids patients in the country as of 30th April, 2010 with province-wise break up;*
- (b) the names of hospitals in the country where proper arrangements for treatment of such patients are available; and*
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to control the said disease?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) Province-wise number of HIV/AIDS patients in the country are as under:—

PROVINCE	HIV/AIDS
Federal	878
Punjab	2667
Sindh	3294
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	591
Balochistan	54
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7484</b>

(b) The list of Hospitals/Centers where the medical treatment is being provided to AIDS patients is at **Annex-I.**

(c) The steps taken by the government to control AIDS are at **Annex-II.**

**Annexure-I**

**Names of hospitals/centres where the medical treatment of HIV/AIDS patient is being provided:—**

1. HIV Treatment and Care Centre, PIMS, Islamabad.
2. Mayo Hospital, Lahore.
3. Services Hospital, Lahore.
4. Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore

5. Jinnah Hospital, Lahore
6. DHQ Hospital, Sargodha.
7. Civil Hospital, Karachi.
8. Indus Hospital, Karachi.
9. Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi.
10. Larkana Hospital, Karachi.
11. HIV Treatment Centre HMC, Peshawar.
12. HIV Treatment Centre Kohat.
13. Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta.

## **Annexure-II**

### **The steps taken by the government to control HIV/AIDS.**

- Midterm Review of National Response to HIV/AIDS and preparation of Revised National Strategic Framework on HIV prepared.
- Revised PC-Is for national and provincial AIDS Control Programmes approved by competent forum.
- Service delivery to long distance truckers at federal level.
- Service delivery projects for vulnerable populations like FSWs, MSM, IDUs in the provinces covering almost 20% of the target population.
- Advocacy sessions/seminars including advocacy with uniformed personnel.
- First draft of HIV/AIDS law produced.
- National HIV/AIDS Policy formulated, ready for presentation to the Cabinet.
- Development of Inter-Religious Faith Council and its constitution.
- Development and Implementation of youth strategy with assistance of UNICEF.
- Coordination with the UN system, international and bilateral donors.
- Agreements with Ministry of labour and Ministry of Education for implementation of specific projects.

- Operationalization of 13 treatment centres for PLWHA in federal area and provinces, providing free of cost treatment of opportunistic infections and ARVs to almost 1400 patients.
- Screening of blood and blood products for HIV and Hepatitis B&C through provision of screening kits and consumables free of cost to all public sector hospitals.
- Procurement of drugs for Sexually Transmitted Infections, Opportunistic Infections and antiretroviral drugs in public sector hospitals.
- Implementation of health education campaign on both electronic and print media.

99. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 28-05-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of doctors and para medical staff working in JPMC, Karachi and PIMS, Islamabad, with province-wise break up; and*  
 (b) *the budget sanctioned and released to these hospitals during the last three years?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) There are presently 295 doctors and 335 para-medical staff in PIMS, Islamabad, whereas, 266 doctors and 602 para medical staff are working in JPMC, Karachi. The province-wise break-up of such posts are as under:—

**JPMC, Karachi**

**Doctors:**

AJK	Balochistan	GB/FATA	KPK	PUNJAB	S(R)	S(U)
01	20	10	21	83	88	43

**Paramedics:**

AJK	Balochistan	GB/FATA	KPK	PUNJAB	S(R)	S(U)
08	19	20	75	287	74	119

**PIMS, Islamabad**

**Doctors:**

AJK	Balochistan	GB/FATA	KPK	Punjab	Sindh
06	19	09	57	173	31

**Paramedics:**

AJK	Balochistan	GB/FATA	KPK	Punjab	Sindh
05	15	11	63	202	39

(b) the sanctioned and released budget during the last three years of the two hospitals are as under:—

(Rs. In Million)

Institution	2007	2008	2009
PIMS	989.075	1085.074	1061.177
JPMC	621.754	678.184	749.918

100. **\*Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 28-05-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers and officials of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, its attached departments, corporations and subordinate offices against whom cases of corruption and misappropriation have been surfaced during the last five years indicating also the details and present status of the cases in each case?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** No case of corruption and misappropriation has been surfaced during the last five years in respect of the officers and officials of the Ministry of Food Agriculture (main) and its attached departments. However names and designation of the officers and officials against whom cases of corruption and misappropriation have been surfaced during the last five years alongwith present status of the cases in respect of the following autonomous organizations/corporation of Ministry of Food and Agriculture are annexed:—

- (i) Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) : **Annex-I**
- (ii) Pakistan Central Cotton Committee : **Annex-II**

- (iii) Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services : **Annex-III**  
(PASSCO).

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101. **\*Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 28-05-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers and officials of the Ministry of Health, its attached departments and subordinate offices against whom cases of corruption and misappropriation have been surfaced during the last five years indicating also the details and present status of the cases in each case?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** There is no officer/official of Ministry of Health (Main) against whom case of corruption or misappropriation has been registered during the last five years.

102. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 28-05-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the percentage of increase in prices of fertilizers in the country during the last two years and its reasons; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the price of fertilizers?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bajrani:** (a)

- a. During the last two years the prices of fertilizer have shown a mixed trend.
  - b. The prices of Phosphatic and potash fertilizers decreased while average price of urea showed an increase by 6%. The main reason for this increase is inflation which resulted in increase of costs of business.
  - c. The average urea price during the year 2008-09 remained Rs.799.
  - d. However, due to recent gas curtailment the cost of production temporarily increased resulting price of bag up to Rs.885/bag. (Details of change in fertilizer during the last two years is at **Annex**).
- (b) i. The government is providing subsidized feedstock gas for production of the fertilizer. The price of a locally manufactured 50kg bag of urea is almost half the cost of imported fertilizer.



- ii. A Committee headed by the Minister for Industries & Production include Minister for Food and Agriculture as well as a Senior representative from the Ministry of Finance meets regularly to ensure this objective.
  - iii. To meet the electricity shortage, gas from fertilizer sector has been temporarily diverted to power sector to provide relief to the public from load shedding.
  - iv. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources and Ministry of Water & Power are exploring possibilities of using alternate unutilized gas sources so that gas supply can be restored to fertilizer sector.
  - v. Fertilizer manufacturers have assured that urea price will be reversed to Rs.780/bag if gas supply is restored.
103. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-05-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of persons appointed on regular, temporary and daily wages basis in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last three years with grade-wise and province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *whether provincial / regional quota was observed while making these appointments, if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** The total number of employees appointed under the Ministry of Health area as following:—

Name of Institution	Total appointments (03 years)	Grade-wise/ Province-wise detail
JPMC, Karachi	249	Annex-I
NICVD, Karachi	104	Annex-II
NIRM, Islamabad	10	Annex-III
Ministry of Health, Islamabad	133	Annex-IV

FGPC, Islamabad	226	Annex-V
NICH, Karachi	41	Annex-VI
PIMS, Islamabad	226	Annex-VII

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(b) The regional / provincial quota was observed as per government instructions contained in the Establishment Division OM No.8-9/72-TRV dated 31-08-1973 during the recruitment process of the employees mentioned above.

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104. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 31-05-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that medicines amounting to Rs.454.445 millions during 2007-08 and Rs.55.334 millions during 2008-09, were supplied to NICVD, Karachi, if so, the reasons for decrease in provision of medicines in 2008-09?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** It is not correct that medicines amounting to Rs.454.445 million were procured by NICVD during the year 2007-08 and Rs.55.335 million during 2008-09.

The factual position is that medicines amounting to Rs.45.444 million were purchased during 2007-08 and during 2008-09, an amount of Rs.55.334 million was incurred on the purchase of medicines as per details annexed.

105. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 31-05-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of hospitals established or constructed in earthquake hit areas with the cooperation of Japan, China and Saudi Arabia?*

Reply not received.

106. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 28-06-2010 at 15:30: p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** The details of foreign visits undertaken by the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs alongwith the name of countries visited, duration and purpose of visits are attached as Annexure-A.

107. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 28-06-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the persons holding the portfolio of Minister for Foreign Affairs since 2008 indicating also names of countries visited, duration and purpose of each visit?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** The foreign visits undertaken by the Foreign Minister alongwith countries name, duration and purpose of each visit since 2008 are attached as Annexure-A.

108. **\*Mir Mohabat Khan Marri:** (Notice received on 29-06-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a project, namely NARS-B for. the development of Agriculture in Balochistan was launched by the Ministry, if so, the progress made in this regard so far;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that an amount of Rs. 950 million was allocated for the said project, if so, the amount spent on this project so far out of the same;*
- (c) the locations of the Head Office and branch offices of that project; and*
- (d) the names and places of domicile of the officers working in those offices?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a ) A project namely NARS-B has been launched by MINFAL in Balochistan. Salient achievements of the project are as follows:—

- More than 95% of the physical targets (Buildings and tube wells) have been achieved.
- About 85% of the capacity building targets (Short and long term trainings) have been achieved.
- More than 95 % of the targets related to procurement have been achieved.
- 75% of the recruitment of the project staff was carried out.

- More than 54 scientific studies/research studies were carried out in agriculture, livestock and forestry/range sectors for productivity enhancement.

**Detailed Progress is attached Annexure-I.**

(b) The total project cost is to Rs 723.867 million as per PC-I. The amount spent is Rs 325.506 million up to March 2010. The low utilization of funds is largely due to less release of budget and security situation in remote areas of Balochistan.

(c) The Head office (main component) of the project NARS-B is located at Arid Zone Research Center, Quetta. The field research establishments to be strengthened/established are:

**Newly Established:**

- HRS-Qilla Saifullah
- ARS- Khuzdar
- ARI-Nautal
- SRRI-Shoran
- FRS-Hazarganji

**Strengthened:**

- AZRC-Quetta
- HRI-Turbat
- LRI-Sibi
- ARI-Sariab

(d) The required information is placed at Annexure-II.

109. **\*Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 30-06-2010)

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

- (a) *the functions of the National Agricultural Research Council(NARC);*
- (b) *the acreage of land under use of the Council in Islamabad; and*
- (c) *the budget allocated for the Council for the financial year 2009-10 and the amount utilized with head-wise break up?*

**Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal:** (a) The functions of the National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC) are as under:—

Strategic Research

- National and Provincial Priorities
- Emerging challenges in Agriculture

#### Exploratory Research

- New commodities
- Fill Gaps in Provincial Research System

#### Collaboration and Linkages

- International Research System
- Provincial Research System

#### Services in Provincial Services

- Conservation and Supply of Germplasm
- Agricultural Informatics
- Human Resource Development

(b) The acreage of land under use of the Centre:

Location: Located on Park Road, Near Rawal Dam

Altitude: 518 m above sea level

Longitude 73.13 (Right)  
73.1 (Left)

Latitude : 33.65 (Top)  
33.68 (Bottom)

Total Land 565 ha (1400 Acres)

Area Boundary 27 Kilometer

110. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 06-07-2010 at 10:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Production since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:**

111. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 07-07-2010 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of Pakistanis detained in Bagram Airbase Jail Afghanistan by Afghan Government, indicating also the steps taken by the Government for their release?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** A total of 19 Pakistanis are currently detained at US Detention Facility in Bagram. A team of our Embassy in Afghanistan has visited Bagram and met with the concerned authorities for the release of Pakistani detainees. Moreover, a formal request has been made to US Embassy in Kabul for handing over custody of these detainees. The Joint Task Force 435 which is dealing with the Bagram detainees, have recommended to the concerned authorities for handing over the detainees to Pakistani authorities. However, final decision on this matter is still awaited (Details of the 19 Detainees held at Bagram are attached as Annexure-A).

Our Embassy is continuing to pursue the matter with the US Embassy in Kabul for the release of these Pakistani detainees from the US Detention Centre in Bagram.

112. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 07-07-2010 at 13:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government Officers in BPS-20 and above were provided with the facility of medical checkup in FGSH and PIMS, Islamabad through Courtesy Centre, if so, the date of its approval and the name of authority which approved this facility;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said facility has been discontinued for the officers in BPS-20, if so, its reasons and the date since which the same has been discontinued;*
- (c) the name of authority which approved the discontinuation of that facility for the officers in BPS-20; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration for the Government, to restore the said facility, for officers in BPS-20?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) Yes, some two years back, courtesy centers were setup in FGSH & PIMS for Honorable Parliamentarians. Later, the services were further extended to Honorable Judges of Supreme Court of Pakistan and Officers in BS-20 and above.

(b) Yes, the said facility was discontinued in FGSH, Islamabad due to overload. However, the facility continues to prevail in PIMS, Islamabad.

(c) Executive Director, FGPC, Islamabad.

(d) A separate Officer OPD and Officers Dispensary is already functioning in FGPC. As such there is no proposal under consideration.

113. **\*Mr. Afrasiab Khattak:** (Notice received on 08-07-2010 at 14:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of officers/Officials promoted in the Utility Stores Corporation during the last five years;*
- (b) *the criteria adopted for the said promotions; and*
- (c) *the details of promotions made out of turn with reasons in each case during the said period?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** The requisite information is being collected from Regional and Zonal Offices of Utility Stores Corporation and will be placed on the Floor of the House shortly.

114. **\*Dr. Muhamad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 09-07-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in the Utility Stores Corporation during the last two years with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of vacant posts still there in the corporation with province-wise break up?*

**Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani:** (a) The number of person appointed in the last two years with province-wise break up is as under:—

Sr. No.	Province	Total
1.	Punjab	1905
2.	Khyber PakhtoonKhwa	608
3.	Sindh	1116
4.	Balochistan	264

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<b>Total</b>	<b>3893</b>
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(b) Presently no post is lying vacant.

*Islamabad :*  
*The 28th July, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*



SENATE SECRETARIAT

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“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Thursday, the 29th July, 2010

5. **Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 01-06-2010 at 15:20 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of Pakistanis presently imprisoned in foreign countries indicating also the nature of crime charges, date of imprisonment and present status of the case in each case; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to get the said persons released?*

**Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi:** (a) and (b) Details of imprisoned Pakistanis in foreign countries along with nature of crime, date of imprisonment and the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan are attached (enclosed folders 1-5).

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

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 28th July, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*