

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 13th December, 2011

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos.15, 16, 18, 20, 23, 28, 92, 93, 37, 39, 40, 47, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78 and 79 were originally set down for answering on 2nd November, 2011 (74th Session) but were deferred)

15. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that costly livestock have been gifted to foreign dignitaries since 2007, if so, the names of dignitaries, number and genes of livestock gifted in each case?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: In 2007 a Polo Pony was presented to King of Malaysia by the then President of Pakistan on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of Malaysian independence. Apart from that, no other gift of livestock was given to any foreign dignitary through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

16. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditures incurred on Pakistan embassy/ missions in Iran 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?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: There are three Pakistan Mission's in Iran *i.e.* Embassy of Pakistan in Tehran and Consulates in. Zahidan and Meshad. The details of expenditures during last three years is as under:—

	Expenditure
S. No. Name of Mission	_____

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1. Tehran	80,581,723	94,090,236	98,301,323
2. Zahidan	22,390,316	27,977,961	28,869,323
3. Meshad	24,045,894	27,229,860	32,780,412

(b) Dollar-Rupee exchange rate and the devaluation of the Rupee make it difficult to apply cuts. In light of Finance Division's orders issued from time to time the Ministry of Foreign Affairs exercises expenditure control and financial discipline in respect of all Missions abroad (including Embassy / Missions in Iran). The austerity drives and economy related measures, as per policy of the Government, are also being implemented in true spirit.

18. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 13-04-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of Pakistanis evacuated by the government of Pakistan from Libya and the number of Pakistanis still stranded?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: With the deterioration of security situation in Libya in February, 2011 the Government of Pakistan took urgent measures to evacuate and bring home all those Pakistani nationals who were willing to return. As of 14 July 2011, a total of 6,082 Pakistanis were evacuated/repatriated from Libya.

The Government operated special flights to airlift our nationals directly from Libya. In addition, a large number of our nationals were also evacuated through the neighbouring countries (Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey) and brought to Pakistan by special and commercial flights. The Pakistan Missions in the neighbouring countries had maintained camp offices on the borders in order to assist these people on arrival and arrange their repatriation to Pakistan.

Presently, the estimated strength of our Pakistani nationals across Libya is 2,100. Most of them have been living there for the past decades or so, Almost all have told clearly our Mission that they do not want to be evacuated.

20. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 14-04-2011 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of the two schools which were being run by Pakistani Embassy in UAE; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the management of the said schools has been taken away from the embassy, if so, its reasons?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Three Pakistani schools, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Arab Pakistan School Abu Dhabi, Pakistan Community Welfare School Musaffah and Pakistan Islamia Higher Secondary School Al-Ain are being run under the supervision of the Embassy of Pakistan Abu Dhabi.

(b) The Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Arab Pakistan School was founded in 1976 on land donated by late Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan to the Embassy of Pakistan Abu Dhabi. The Pakistan Community Welfare School Musaffah was founded by a member of the Pakistan Community in 1979 and its management was handed over to the Embassy of Pakistan in 2006. The Pakistan Islamia School Al-Ain was established in 1979 by a group of philanthropists from Pakistan community on a piece of land also allotted by Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan and its management was handed over to the Embassy of Pakistan in 1993.

(c) In order to comply with conditions of the local Ministry of Education, a UAE national was appointed as the main sponsor (with 51% share of LLC Company) while a Pakistani national was appointed as the second sponsor (with 49% share). It was agreed upon that the Embassy would retain ownership, overall administrative and financial controls of the schools.

(d) In the first week of January 2011, the sponsor of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Arab Pakistan School Abu Dhabi and Musaffah School, Mr. Khalifa Bin Mohammad Al Nauimi, took over financial and administrative control of the two schools on the pretext that being the majority share holder, he had the right to exercise the overall management of the schools. However, the Ambassador Pakistan interceded with the local authorities in this regard. As a result, the process of replacing Mr. Khalifa Al Nauimi as sponsor is currently under way. On completion of this legal process, the financial and administrative control of both schools have been returned to the Embassy of Pakistan.

23. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 15-04-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of officers and officials working in Pakistan Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan indicating also the pay, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The details of officers from Foreign Ministry in Kabul are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mohammad Sadiq	Ambassador
2	Mansoor A. Khan	Counsellor
3	Jan Bahadar	Second Secretary
4	Shah Nazar Khan	Third Secretary

2. Support staff includes the security component which is an essential requirement for Kabul. List of officials is as follows:—

<u>Sl. No</u>	<u>Name of officials</u>
1.	Syed Abrar Hussain,
2.	Mr. Arshad Jamil Hashmi,
3.	Mr. Raees Khan,
4.	Mr. Muruwat Hussain,
5.	Mr. Azmat Khan,
6.	Mr. Muhammad Sajjid,
7.	Mr. Jamshed Khan,
8.	Mr. Muhammad Bashir,
9.	Mr. Muhammad Bashir,
10.	Mr. Muhammad Khalid,
11.	Mr. Gul Nawaz,
12.	Raja Babar Hussain,
13.	Mr. Munim Khan,
14.	Mr. Karamat Hussain,
15.	Mr. Hazrat Nabi,
<u>Sl. No</u>	<u>Name of officials</u>
16.	Mr. Arshad Ali,
17.	Mr. Muhammad Arshad,
18.	Mr. Muhammad Hussain,
19.	Mr. Anwar Zeb,
20.	Mr. Gul Zaman,
21.	Mr. Gul Zamin Khan,
22.	Mr. Shaheen Shah,
23.	Mr. Khalil ur Rehman,
24.	Mr. Dalail Khan,
25.	Mr. Anwar ul Haq,
26.	Mr. Shaukat Ali Kiani,
27.	Mr. Shaukat Ali Kiani,
28.	Mr. Abdul Hameed,
29.	Mr. Gulfraz Khan,
30.	Mr. Muhammad Yasin,
31.	Mr. Muhammad Riaz,
32.	Mr. Munir Baig,
33.	Mr. Babar Ali,
34.	Mr. Zulfigar Ahmad,
35.	Mr. Aslam Masih,
36.	Mr. Siraj Masih,

*There are 37 sanctioned posts of the officials. One post has become vacant recently due to transfer of an official.

3. They are entitled to draw pay and allowances as admissible under the rules in accordance with their relevant Basic Pay Scales and their diplomatic status. They are also entitled to housing and free medical facilities. In addition, they are paid hardship allowance and risk allowance due to the peculiar circumstances in Afghanistan.

28. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2011 at 13:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Spain during the last three years indicating also the nature of offense and the punishment, if any, awarded to each one of them separately; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government for their release?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Due to privacy laws, the Spanish authorities do not provide information about prisoners without their consent. Hence the Mission has no information about the exact number of Pakistani prisoners in Spain. As per information gathered from informal sources there are about 64 Pakistanis held in jails in Spain.

(b) In cases which receive greater publicity and where detained Pakistanis opt to appeal their detention and sentences, our Mission in Spain has been offering assistance. For instance in 2009, the €15,000 by the Consulate General in Barcelona, while the remaining €7,000/- was contributed by the Pakistani community in Barcelona. An additional expenditure of €20,000 on lawyer's fee/legal aid to pursue the case of these Pakistanis in the higher appeal court is expected.

92. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 8:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of Pakistanis taken hostage by pirates since 2008 and their present status?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: According to the available information piracy cases with Pakistani crew members on board off-the-coast of Somalia during the period 2008—2011. are as under:—

- (a) **MV. Shahzaib** Pakistan flagged vessel with 29 crew members all Pakistani nationals were hijacked by Somali pirates on.12 December 2009 and were released on January 3, 2010.
- (b) **MV Iceberg I.** The Panama flagged ship owned by M/s Azal Shipping Company of Dubai, UAE was hijacked on 26 March 2010. The ship has two Pakistani crew members and their names are as under:—

1. Mr. Gul Badshah S/o Mr. Shahzada
2. Mr. Ali Muhammad

(c) **MV Rak Africana** The Grenada Flagged vessel owned by Sindbad Shipping and Marine Co. from Ras-al-Khaima, UAE hijacked on 11 April 2010 and was released on 9 March 2011. The ship had five Pakistani crew members and their names are as under:—

1. Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad Nagar
2. Mr. Muhammad. Ain Ul Haque
3. Mr. Salauddin Baloch
4. Mr. Muhammad Rauf Khan
5. Mr. Muhammad Naeem

(d) **Mv Suez** The Panama flagged ship owned by Red Sea Navigation, Egypt was hijacked on 1 August 2010. The ship has seven Pakistani crew members.

(e) **MV Albedo** The Malaysia flagged vessel was hijacked on 26 August 2010. The ship has seven Pakistani crew members and their names are as under:—

1. Mr. Jawaid Saleem
2. Mr. Mujtaba
3. Mr. Raheel Anwar
4. Mr. Zulfiqar
5. Mr. Kashif Islam
6. Mr. Ahsan Naveed
7. Mr. Faqir Muhammad

(f) **MSV Hud Hud** The Pakistan flagged vessel was hijacked on 23 March 2010. The vessel has eleven Pakistani crew members.

(g) **MT ZIRKU** The UAE flagged crude oil tanker was hijacked on 28 March 2011. The tanker has 17 Pakistani crew members.

(h) **FV Murteza** Iranian flagged fishing vessel was hijacked in March 2011. Released sailors were taken to Mumbai. Our High commission in New Delhi is making efforts to secure the release of four Pakistani Seamen.

(i) **FV Al-Gawadar** Left Karachi Fish Harbour on 17 June 2008. The names of the crew members are as under:—

1. Mr. Abdul Qadir
2. Mr. Haider Ali
3. Mr. Arfan S/o Haji Qasim.
4. Mr, Shakeel Abdul Ghani
5. Mr. Arfan S/o Haji Qasim

6. Mr. Ali Muhammad
7. Mr. Farooq S/o Abu Bakar
8. Mr. Muhammad Siddique
9. Mr. Abdullah
10. Mr. Ghafoor Turbati

- (j) **MV Victoria** The Jordan flagged ship hijacked and released in May 2008. The ship had three Pakistani crew members.
- (k) **MV Ad-Meezan** The Panama flagged ship was hijacked in April 2009 and had two Pakistani crew members.
- (l) **FV Shahid** The Iranian flagged fishing vessel was hijacked in April 2009 and had 12 Pakistani crew members.

(e) **IMRAN** Some of our seamen were captured by the pirates while onboard a fishing vessel “IMRAN” in January 2011. They have been released recently and our Mission in Nairobi has issued travel documents to them. Our Mission has procured air tickets for these seamen and they have arrived Karachi on 30 November, 2011.

Another batch of 10 seamen has similarly arrived on November 18th, 2011 with the active assistance of our Mission in Nairobi.

93. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the amount collected by each Pakistani missions abroad for issuance of Pakistani visas and providing other services during the last five years indicating also the details of its utilization with mission-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: The Pakistan Missions abroad have collected an amount of Rs. 13,361,417,632/- for providing visa / consular services during the last five years. Details are as under:—

Sl. No	Year	Amount Collected (Rs.)
1.	2005 - 2006	3,572,882,476/-
2.	2006 - 2007	2,297,135,669/-
3.	2007 - 2008	2,093,356,047/-
4.	2008 - 2009	2,478,736,050/-
5.	2009 - 2010	2,919,307,390/-

As per standing instructions, consular fee is charged on consular services by the Mission on behalf of Ministry of Interior, Islamabad, and every month the credit on this account is duly accounted for in the monthly cash account by the Missions. The Office of the Chief Accounts Officer on receipt of monthly cash accounts, transfers the amount to the respective account of Ministry of Interior.

The Mission however, charges 20% over and above the consular fee which is transferred to the Pakistan Community Welfare & Education Fund (PCW&EF) and to the Fund for Improvement of Government Owned Buildings (FIGOB) equally, *i.e.* 10% to each.

37. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-07-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Missions in Canada 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?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Canada during last three years under Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad) are as under:—

S. No	Name of Mission	Expenditure		
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Toronto	57,464,424	63,178,223	84,186,297
2.	Montreal	3,451,562	4,215,518	4,299,742
3.	Ottawa	55,325,474	56,300,750	64,052,500
4.	Vancouver	32,704,815	36,641,916	41,706,722

(b) The Dollar-Rupee exchange rate fluctuation and devaluation of the Rupee make it difficult to apply any cuts. Instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

39. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

(b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There is no corporation under Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The expenditure incurred on Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its attached departments during the last three years are given as under:—

S. No. DEMAND 2008-09	Expenditure in Pak Rupees		
	2009-10	2010-11	
1. Demand No. 52 (Headquarter)	503,152,051	568,619,758	768,908,892

S. No. DEMAND 2008-09	Expenditure in Pak Rupees		
	2009-10	2010-11	
2. Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad)	7,227,221,729	8,205,924,407	8,351,776,625
3. Demand No.54 (Others)	1,827,417,576	1,409,953,784	1,546,753,626
4. Demand No.181 (Capital Outlay)	68,333,919	18,631,425	100,983,822

(b) The Ministry ensures that at HQs and at the Missions due diligence is exercised to avoid any excessive expenditure and all expenditure is justified and on need basis. Further more, the instruction of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline have been implemented in letter and spirit.

40. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Missions in Japan 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?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Mission in Japan during last three years under Demand No. 53 (Missions Abroad) is as under:—

S. No	Name of Mission	Expenditure	
		2008-09	2009-10
1.	Tokyo	68,161,848	85,526,597
			99,744,954

(b) The devaluation of the rupee visa-a-vis the dollar makes financial cuts difficult. Instructions of the Ministry of Finance in regard to financial discipline are being followed in letter and spirit.

47. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-08-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of officers in BPS-17 to 22 working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: At present 452 officers of Foreign Service of Pakistan (FSP) from BS-17 to BS-22 are working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Missions abroad.

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: (a) & (b)

(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
(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.

74. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the profit earned by State Life Insurance Corporation during the last five years and the details of its utilization?

Makhdoom Amin Fahim:

(Rs. in million)

Description	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Total actuarial surplus		9,147	10,278	14,096	15,587	19,974
Allocated as under:						
(a) 97.5% to policyholders		8,918	10,021	13,744	15,197	19,475
(b) 2.5% to Shareholders		229	257	352	390	499
Total:		9,147	10,278	14,096	15,587	19,974

Income

Shareholder income	80	84	94	107	112
Surplus allocated to shareholders	229	257	352	390	499
Total shareholders income	309	341	446	497	611
Taxation	(26)	(110)	(150)	(178)	(204)
Income after tax	283	—	296	319	407
Shareholders income utilized					
(a) Increase in paid up capital	—	—	200	—	—
(b) Dividend paid to Govt. of Pakistan	283	231	96	319	356
(c) Dividend withheld for BESOS shareholders	—	—	—	—	51
	283	231	296	319	407

76. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 08-10-2011 at 13:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Women Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the country; and*
- (b) *the grants given to these chambers by the Prime Minister / Federal Government during the last three years?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) It is informed that 08 Women chamber of Commerce and Industry have so far been registered and licenced under Section 3 of Trade Organization of Ordinance in the country at **Annexed-A**.

(b) Ministry of Commerce (EDF Secretariat) has released funds (Rs. 500,000/-) to only one Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Quetta.

77. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

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

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are two Pakistani Missions in Germany. The details of the officers/officials posted in the Foreign Office Component of these Missions in Germany are as follows:—

S. No.	Mission	Officers	Officials	Local Based	Total
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, Berlin	5	9	9	23
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Frankfurt	2	5	4	11
Total		7	14	13	34

(b) As such there is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry to reduce the number of such officers/officials. Germany has a large concentration of Pakistanis. Accordingly, sufficient staff is required to perform multifarious functions with Embassy as well as to provide services to our expatriate in these countries.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09: 15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

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

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) There are 5 Pakistani Missions in the United Kingdom (UK). Details of the officers/officials posted in Foreign Office Component of these Missions in the UK are as follows:—

S. No.	Mission	Officers	Officials	Local based	Total
1.	Embassy of Pakistan, London	8	26	13	47
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Manchester	1	4	2	7
3.	Consulate of Pakistan, Birmingham	1	3	3	7
4.	Consulate of Pakistan, Bradford	1	4	3	8
5.	Consulate of Pakistan, Glasgow	2	2	2	6
Total		13	39	23	75

(b) As such there is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry to reduce the number of such officers/officials. U.K. has a large concentration of Pakistanis. Accordingly, sufficient staff is required to perform multifarious functions with Embassy as well as to provide services to our expatriate in these countries.

79. ***Mr. Abdur Rahim Khan Mandokhail:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there are any guidelines for appointment in Foreign Service Group in BPS-17 on promotion basis, if so, its details;*

- (b) *the procedure laid down / qualifications prescribed for promotion against the posts reserved for promotion quota;*
- (c) *the number of posts reserved for and filled in through direct and promotional quota since framing of the said guidelines with year-wise break up;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that seats reserved for promotional quota are also being filled in through direct recruitment or on deputation basis, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to strictly implement / observe the quota reserved for appointment on promotion basis?*

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) Initial entry to grade-17 in the Foreign Service of Pakistan (FSP Group) is made through competitive examination (CSS) conducted by FPSC as part of Occupational Groups of Pakistan Civil Services. The criteria and guidelines for the selection/appointment have already been published by Federal Public Service Commission.

(b) No promotion quota exists in the Foreign Service Group. The promotion of PFS officers to higher grade takes place through Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) and Central Selection Board (CSB) as per guidelines issued by the Establishment Division.

(c) No promotion quota exists in the Foreign Service Group.

(d) As there is no promotional quota in the PFS Group, therefore, the question is not applicable to this Ministry.

27. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-09-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and Mali during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the said trade volume?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The trade volume with Mali for the last three years is as follows:—

Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trade Balance
0.019	16.874	16.893	-16.855
0.064	16.221	16.285	-16.157

0.04 10.61 10.65 -10.57

(b) (a) Mali is a land-locked country of Africa with a population of 14.1 million. It has insignificant trade and economic profile:—

- Its Real GDP in 2009 stood at USD 3.96 billion which constitutes 0.45% of total African GDP.
- Its total imports during 2010 (Jan-Dec) were USD 1.88 billion which constitute 0.42% of total African imports.

(b) Mali is accredited to our Mission in Algeria. Trade promotion for Mali is covered *via* South Africa, Algeria and Senegal which are the main sources of imports for Mali.

- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has been sending delegations of rice importers to Mali;
- Pakistan has been participating in the Algiers International Trade Fair, Algeria. TDAP will participate in the same fair in 2012 too.
- Pakistan has been participating in SAITEX Fair South Africa. TDAP will participate in the next fair too.

(c) The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) is negotiating an MOU with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Mali. The FPCCI has already invited the President of Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Mali to visit Pakistan for signing the MOU on Cooperation between Chambers of Commerce, & Industry of both the countries. Response of Mali Chambers is awaited.

28. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-09-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the volume of trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to increase the said trade volume?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The annual trade volume of Pakistan with Azerbaijan during the last three year is as under:—

Years	Exports	Imports	Total	Balance
2008-09	7.774	0.240	8.014	(+) 7.534

2009-10	4.223	0.039	4.262	(+) 4.184
2010-11	14.623	0.001	14.624	(+)14.623

(b) Ministry of Commerce has taken steps to further improve the volume of trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan. In this regard Ministry of Commerce has sought willingness of Azerbaijan through diplomatic channel to enter in to a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) because PTA can be an effective tool for greater market access. Response from Azerbaijan is awaited.

- An MOU for the establishment of Joint Business council between Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce Industry (FPCCI) and Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Azerbaijan has been finalized and is likely to be signed during the next session of Joint Ministerial Commission scheduled to be held in December this year.

29. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-10-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of the buildings owned by State Life Insurance Corporation and their location; and*
- (b) *the number of buildings rented out indicating also the monthly rent being received for those buildings?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) Details of Buildings owned by SLIC and its income.

(b)

30. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the volume of trade with Chile during the last three years with year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to enhance the trade volume with Chile?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The volume of trade between Pakistan & Chile during the last three years is as follows:—

In US\$ million

Years	Export	Import	Total	Balance
2008-09	60.359	9.248	69.607	51.111
2009-10	65.015	6.468	71.48	58.54
2010-11	82.034	10.165	92.19	71.86

(b) Pakistan enjoys a very healthy trade surplus with Chile which has increased by 22% in 2010-11 from previous year. Pakistan's exports to Chile have also surged by 26% from last year. In order to sustain this growth in exports to Chile, Ministry of Commerce, with the approval of Cabinet, has initiated negotiation on an MoU on Trade Promotion between Pakistan and Chile. The draft is presently with Chilean authorities for their consent.

31. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of Utility Stores established in the country during the last two years with province-wise break up?

Ch. Pervez Ellahi: Utility Stores Corporation established 1,325 Stores in the country during the last two years. Province-wise break-up of Utility Stores established in the country during the last two years is as under:—

Sr. No.	Province	No. of Stores opened during last two years
1.	Punjab	675
2.	Sindh	238
3.	Khyber Pakhtoon Khawah	349
4.	Balochistan	48
5.	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	19
Total:		1,325

32. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons in BPS-12 and above working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with province-wise break up?

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: At present 452 (BS-17 to 22) and 541 staff members (BS-12-16) are working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Their province wise break up is as under:

33. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-10-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

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

Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar: (a) The details of the officers/officials posted in the Foreign Office Component of Pakistan's Mission in South Korea are as follows:

S. No	Mission	Officers	Officials	Local based	Total
1	South Korea	2	5	6	13

(b) There is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry to reduce the number of such officers/officials.

34. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-10-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of lead ore imported during the last five years indicating also the names of the countries from where imported and the rate at which imported; and*
- (b) *the quantity of lead ore exported from Pakistan during the said period indicating also the names of the countries to which exported and the rate at which exported?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a) The country wise detail of imported lead ore of the last five years with quantity and rate is as under:—

YEAR	COUNTRY	QTY(MT)	VALUE (000, RS.)
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2006-07	Morocco	206	12602
2007-08	-do-	796	12530
2008-09	-do-	432	15577
2009-10	-do-	233	12294
2010-11	-do-	318	11708
Total		1985	64711

Source: FBS

(b) The country wise detail of lead ore exported from Pakistan to other countries during the last five years alongwith quantity and rate is as under:—

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-10-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of food grain procured by the Government Departments during the last three years indicating also the rate of procurement in each case; and*
 (b) *the procedure adopted for the said procurement?*

Makhdoom Amin Fahim: (a)

Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP)

TCP imported/procured wheat, sugar and rice during last three years as per details given below:—

Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation (PASSCO) Ltd

Calendar Year	Name of Commodity	Rate per MT (Rs.)	Qty Procured (MT)
2009	A. Wheat (directly from the growers)	23,750	21,43,442
2010		23,750	11,27,551
2011		23,750	13,15,231
2009	B. Paddy (directly	(Super	80,040

	from the growers)	Basmati)	
		31,250	
		(Irri-6)	107
		15,000	
2010		Nil	Nil
2011		Nil	Nil

(b) PROCEDURE ADOPTED FOR PROCUREMENT

(i) **Procedure adopted by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP):**

TCP strictly follows PPRA Rules 2004 for imports/procurement of all commodities including food Grains. The rules, *interalia*, require, inviting bids from the suppliers through tenders published in the press. The suppliers offer their bids in accordance with the tender terms. The tender is awarded to the lowest bidder.

(ii) **Procedure adopted by Pakistan Agricultural Storage & Services Corporation (PASSCO):**

a. **Wheat-Crop (2009, 2010 & 2011)**

- For procurement of wheat PASSCO liberally use to establish purchase centers to reach out the genuine growers/farmers to ensure payment of support price at their door step.
- Regarding issuance of bardana to the growers, following are ensured:—
 - a. Limits on issue of bardana levied by the Government (as per acreage etc)
 - b. System of verification/validation of farmers.
 - c. Documentation/authentication prior to and during the process of procurement (Revenue record/confirmation etc).
 - d. Monitoring by the Local Administration and supervision by the locally constituted committees of notables.

b. **Paddy (2009, 2010 & 2011)**

- ECC of the Cabinet during its meeting held on 1st September 2009, decided and approved that PASSCO will procure 10,00,000 MT Paddy directly from the Growers at the following intervention price:—
 - a. Basmati Supper Rs.1250/- per 40 Kgs
 - b. Basmati 385/2000 Rs.1000/- per 40 Kgs
 - c. Irri-6 Rs. 600/- per 40 Kgs.
- PASSCO established Paddy purchase centres at hired 73 Rice Mills in Punjab, 5 in Sindh & 8 in Balochistan.
- As regards disposal of Head Rice/Bi-Products (retrieved from procured Paddy during 2009) entire quantity was disposed-off through open tenders.
- During 2010, paddy prices remained stable due to which PASSCO was not inducted for the task.

ISLAMABAD :
The 12th December, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.