

**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*

**Wednesday, the 14th November, 2012**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

- (i) Questions Nos.52 and 53 : Set down for answering on 6th September, 2012  
(ii) Questions Nos.69 to 71, : Set down for answering on 16th October, 2012  
73 to 76 and 79 to 83

52. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 24-07-2012 at 09:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the levels of hunger and malnutrition in the country in February 2008 and at present;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch Zero Hunger Plan in the country, if so, its details; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to revitalize agriculture production and rationalize pricing mechanism in order to minimize / eliminate hunger and malnutrition in the country?*

Reply not received.

53. **\*Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 25-07-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of permits issued by the Ministry for transportation of cattle and poultry to Afghanistan during the last four years;*
- (b) *the number of cattle and poultry transported to Afghanistan through these permits; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for the issuance of permits?*

Reply not received.

69. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, parentage, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons appointed as 1st Secretary, 2nd Secretary and 3rd Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs without qualifying GSS examination during the last four years indicating also the authority which accorded approval for appointment in each case; and*
- (b) *the reasons for making the said appointments without adhering the normal procedure of appointment against such posts and the rules under which those appointments were made?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Following officers have been posted abroad during the last four years without qualifying the mandatory CSS examination:

S. No	Name	Designation/ Station	Parentage	Educational Qualification appointed	Domicile	Authority which
1.	Mr. Salis Kiani	Minister Community Welfare London	Farman Ali	FSC (Pre- Medical)	AJK	Prime Minister
2.	Ms. Maliha Makhdoom	First Secretary Dublin (Ireland)	Makhdoom Amin Faheem	Honours Degree in English literature	Sindh (R)	Prime Minister

(b) i. Mr. Salis Kiani, Minister Community Welfare was appointed after approval of the Prime Minister (dated 24-10-2008). However, the post for his appointment was provided by the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis. The Prime Minister has further approved extension in his contract till December 31, 2012.

ii. Ms. Maliha Makhdoom, First Secretary was initially appointed after formal approval of the Prime Minister on contract basis for a period of two years and the Prime Minister further approved the extension in contract for another two years till February 2013.

70. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 11-09-2012 at 09:35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to guarantee Pakistan's sovereignty and formulate Pakistan's foreign policy in adherence to the Principles of Policy as stated in Article 40 of the Constitution of Pakistan?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Pakistan's Foreign Policy formulation takes into account our vital national interests which include preserving the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan, ensuring national cohesion and unity, promoting economic security, eliminating militancy and extremism, maintaining credible minimum

conventional and nuclear deterrence. The elements used in the formulation of Pakistan's foreign policy are based on information received from our Missions abroad, Government agencies including (defence and security establishments), think tanks; and academia. However, Pakistan has a proactive Foreign Policy due to various challenges it faces.

The pre-requisites for an independent foreign policy are a stable democracy, and a strong economy, both of which attract foreign direct investment (FDI) which in turn creates employment opportunities. The present government in Pakistan is actively pursuing strategies to revive the dwindling economy. The basic requirement for the industrial and economic development of the country is a self-sufficient energy sector, including cheap and alternative energy resources, for which the government is taking necessary steps.

The main interests on the priority list of the government include development of good relations with Muslim States, neighbours and major global powers, protection of strategic interests of the nation and promotion of a progressive democratic image of Pakistan. Resolving the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, and fostering peace and stability in the region, especially in Afghanistan is another priority/ determining factor in our policy formulation.

The success of Pakistan's Foreign Policy formulation is evident in our current role as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council. Pakistan is respected for its principled objective and independent stance on issues of global importance. Pakistan believes that in the present globalized world, the multifaceted problems could be resolved through proactive participation at the multilateral forum.

Pakistan's relations with the People's Republic of China have stood the test of time, gaining perpetual strength and substance with significant headways in joint defence production, nuclear energy, space programs, etc. During the tenure of the present government, three Joint Statements and 106 MoUs/Agreements were signed by the two sides.

Relations with the United States are also moving in a positive direction as both countries recognize the need for mutual cooperation in the War against Terror. The Strategic Dialogue Process for socio-economic development of Pakistan was upgraded to Ministerial level.

As Pakistan is at the hub of Central Asia, Gulf and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the strategic position provides us an excellent opportunity to develop trade and cultural ties with these regions. Due to religious affiliation with the Arab World and other factors, Middle East has great geo-political and economic strategic significance for Pakistan. A new dimension in our erstwhile relations with Turkey has been added in recent years as Twenty Seven MoUs/Agreements in various fields of cooperation have provided a new dynamism to our relations.

The strengthening of relations between Pakistan and the European Union with the commencement of the Strategic Dialogue and launching of the Five Year Engagement Plan is another evidence of our successful Foreign Policy. European Union is Pakistan's largest trading partner accounting for 25 percent of all Pakistan's exports.

Our bilateral relations with the Russian Federation have turned a new page as well. Rigorous and effective diplomacy has given way to Russia's interest in energy projects in Pakistan including CASA-1000, TAPI and Iran-Pakistan Pipeline. The need to secure new energy sources, both domestically and regionally with Iran and Central Asia, will remain a significant goal of the present government. After the completion of Iran Pakistan Gas Pipeline project, Iran will become a major energy source for Pakistan.

Furthermore, the recent visit of Indian Minister for External Affairs, S.M. Krishna to Pakistan is a positive step towards the revival of the Dialogue process and peaceful, negotiated settlement of disputes. During the visit, both sides agreed on the importance of continued high level exchanges between the two countries. A significant progress was the signing of the New Visa Agreement and MoU on Cultural Cooperation.

Japan is Pakistan's important trade and development partner. Pakistan and Republic of Korea enjoy good economic relations.

71. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) the date of sale of building of Pakistan Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, indicating also the price at which it was sold;*
- (b) the reasons for selling the building;*
- (c) the authority which approved the selling and procedure adopted to sale it out; and*
- (d) the name and address of the buyer of the building?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) Pakistan Embassy Building in Jakarta, Indonesia was sold on 18th February 2002 for Rp. 12.5 billion equal to US \$1,320,272.

(b) The Chancery building was about 30 years old and was in a dilapidated condition.

(c) The Ambassador sold the Chancery building on the recommendation of the Mission's Officers' Committee. Later, a high level committee comprising the then Cabinet Secretary (Mr. Javed Masud), Joint Secretary Chief Executive Secretariat (Mr.

Mohsin Hafeez) and Joint Secretary Finance Division (Raja Raza Arshad) was sent to Jakarta in April 2002 to hold an inquiry. On the recommendations of the Committee the then Chief Executive approved the sale of Chancery Building. However, in the sale of the said building, the laid down procedure was not adopted in letter and spirit.

(d) As per the Sale and Purchase Binding Agreement No. 23 dated 18th February 2002 the buyer of the building is “Mrs. Anita Ratnasari, dentist, resident of Tangerang, Komplek Departemen Luar Negeri Kaveling 255, Rukun Tetangga 07 Rukun Warga 07, Kalurahan Cipadu Jaya, Kecamatan Larangan.

74. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 8:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Pakistanis imprisoned abroad at present with country-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the nature of support / assistance being provided by Pakistani missions to the said prisoners?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The number of Pakistanis imprisoned abroad at present with country-wise break up, is as under:

Name of Country	No. of Pakistani Prisoners
Afghanistan	315
Afghanistan (Bagram)	35
Algeria	0
Argentina	0
Australia	12
Austria	10
Azerbaijan	8
Bahrain	53
Bangladesh	26
Belgium	6
Bosnia	0
Brazil	0
Brunei	0
Bulgaria	1
Cambodia	0
Canada	26

Chile	0
China	264
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Name of Country	No. of Pakistani Prisoners
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Hong Kong	150
Cuba	0
Czech Republic	16
Denmark	24
Egypt	1
Ethiopia	1
France	75
Germany	38
Greece	319
Hungry	83
India	403
Indonesia	5
Iran	79
Ireland	2
Italy	134
Japan	19
Jordan	2
Kazakhstan	2
Kenya	2
Uganda	1
Korea Democratic	0
Korea Republic	7
Kuwait	314
Kyrgyzstan	1
Lebanon	1
Cyprus	3
Libya	26
Malaysia	202
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Name of Country	No. of Pakistani Prisoners
Maldives	8
Mauritius	0
Mexico	0
Morocco	0
Myanmar	0
Nepal	23
Netherland	0
New Zealand	0
Niger	0
Norway	14
Oman	347
Philippines	0
Poland	2
Portugal	7
Qatar	25
Romania	2
Russia	7
Saudi Arabia	2373
Senegal	0
Serbia	4
Singapore	2
South Africa	17
Spain	169
Sri Lanka	51
Sudan	0
Sweden	0
Switzerland	4
Syria	0
Tanzania	0
Tajikistan	3

Thailand	90
Tunisia	0
Turkey	12
Turkmenistan	0
UAE	1334
UK	1416
USA	99
Ukraine	2
Uzbekistan	0
Vietnam / (Lao PDR)	1
Yemen	16
Zimbabwe	4
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>8698</b>
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(b) The nature of support/assistance being provided by Pakistani Missions to the Pakistani prisoners is as under:—

- Whenever the Missions receive information regarding the arrest of any Pakistani national, they immediately take up the case(s) with the relevant authorities. And seek consular access.
- After consular access and verification of their national status, their cases are vigorously followed-up with the relevant authorities including the court of law.
- Consular teams conduct periodical visits to jails and try to resolve the problems being faced by our nationals in coordination with the local authorities.
- Coordination with local authorities is maintained to expedite finalization of their repatriation formalities.
- Travel documents are prepared for the repatriation of Pakistani prisoners at the time of their release.
- Arrangement for air tickets are made at government expenses in case these are not provided by the local government.
- In cases where agreement on transfer of offenders is signed our prisoners are repatriated back to Pakistan to undergo their remaining sentence in Pakistan.

75. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 08:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether the Ministry of Foreign Affairs deals with complaints against Embassies/ Missions in Islamabad, if so, the details of complaints received against each of them during the last three years and action taken thereon?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** Ministry Foreign Affairs deals with the complaints regarding Embassies / Missions in Islamabad and take them up with concerned departments for resolution, if needed. The Ministry of Foreign, Affairs, however does not deal with complaints regarding commercial contracts between Embassies / Missions and private business.

According to customary International Law, the embassies enjoy Diplomatic immunity. However, the MoFA uses its good offices to resolve complaints against them in cases in which they enjoy diplomatic immunity.

79. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of buildings owned by the Government of Pakistan in foreign countries sold since January, 2000;*
- (b) *the criteria adopted for determining the price and to sell the said buildings; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that in some of the countries where the said buildings were sold, Pakistan has hired buildings for its embassies and other offices, if so, the amount paid as rent of those buildings during the said period?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) During the period from January 2000 to date eight government owned buildings were sold in the following foreign countries

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| 1. Thailand    | 4. Kenya |
| 2. Indonesia   | 5. Japan |
| 3. Phillipines |          |

The detail is as under:—

- (i) BANGKOK (THAILAND)

The old Embassy Residence measuring 429 sq wah (1716 sq m) at Soi 5, Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok was sold at a price of Baht 92 Million (US \$2.048 million) in October 2001.

(ii) JAKARTA (INDONESIA)

1. The Chancery Building located at Jalan Tenku Umar No. 50, Menteng, Jakarta was sold in February, 2002 for Rp. 12.5 billion (US\$ 1,320,272/-).
2. The Embassy Residence located at Jalan Tenku Umar No. 34, Menteng, Jakarta was sold in October, 2002 for Rp. 20.100 billion (US\$ 2.284 million).

(iii) MANILA (PHILIPPINES)

Embassy Residence situated at 11 Narra Avenue South Frobes Park, Manila was sold at a cost of Peso 90 million (US \$1.962 million) in April 2008.

(iv) NAIROBI (KENYA)

1. The Muthaiga property was sold in September 2006 for Ksh. 26.5 million (US\$ 363,000/-).
2. Embassy Residence at Wood Avenue was sold at Ksh. 45.5 million (US\$ 650,000/-) in March 2007.

(v) TOKYO (JAPAN)

1. The Chancery building was sold under a semi-swap arrangement in 2007.
2. The Embassy Residence was sold under a semi-swap arrangement in 2007.

(b) The above properties were sold by adopting the laid down procedure with the approval of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) comprising the Special Secretary, Secretary (Finance) or his nominee, and Additional Secretary (Admn), Ministry of Foreign Affairs. However, in the sale of Chancery building at Jakarta, the laid down procedure was not adopted in letter and spirit.

(c) At present all the above Missions have government owned properties in lieu of the sold out properties except the Embassy Residence at Manila. The Embassy rented the Ambassador's Residence since 2006/07. Rent paid for the hired building is US \$ 800,000/-.

80. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the date of sale of building of Pakistan Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, indicating also the price at which it was sold;*
- (b) *the reasons for selling the building;*
- (c) *the authority which approved the selling and procedure adopted to sale it out; and*
- (d) *the name and address of the buyer of the building?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) The Chancery building was sold under a semi-swap arrangement in 2007.

- (b) (i) Saving of approximately US \$ One Million annual on the rentals of Officers and staff members' residences in Tokyo.
- (ii) Substantial saving on recurring expenditure on the repair of old buildings.
- (iii) A new state-of-the-art building conforming to the official requirements was purchased.
- (iv) Housing of all officers and officials in the new Embassy complex to cut the commutation time to and from the office.
- (v) Housing of all officers and officials in the same complex to cut the commutation time to and from the office.

(c) The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Sale, Purchase and Construction of government owned properties abroad comprising Special Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Secretary Housing and Works Division, Additional Secretary (Admn), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and. Financial Adviser (Foreign Affairs) Ministry of Finance as representative of the Finance Secretary.

(d) M/S Kyoritsu Create Company Limited (the lead Contractor) in conjunction with M/S Nomura Read Estate Company, 2-11-18 Otowa, Bunkyo-Ku, Tokyo made the swap deal.

81. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of fishermen released by the Government of India and Pakistan since 15-3-2008 ; and*

(b) *the number of fishermen still held by these countries?*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** (a) India has released 387 Pakistani fishermen since 15-03-2008 to September 2012 and Pakistan has released 1540 Indian fishermen during the same period as per detail tabulated below:

**Statement Showing Release of Pakistani and Indian Fishermen Prisoners (from 15-03-2008 to September 2012)**

S.No.	Year	Pakistani fishermen	Indian fishermen
1.	2008	14	229
2.	2009	0	100
3.	2010	164	454
4.	2011	127	103
5.	2012	82	654
<b>Total:</b>		<b>387</b>	<b>1540</b>

(b) At present, there are 21 Pakistani fishermen in Indian custody and 29 Indian fishermen in Pakistani Jails.

82. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 25-09-2012 at 09:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

(a) *the number of Textile Mills running in the country; and*

(b) *number of textile units closed down in Pakistan due to power shortage and have shifted to Bangladesh?*

**Makhdoom Shahabuddin:** (a) The following number of textile mills are running in the country:

- 516 spinning units
- 550 weaving units of medium to large scale
- 28000 power loom units

- 1200 knitting units
- 765 processing units
- 5000 stitching units
- 1 Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) Plant
- 4 Fibre plants
- 4 filament yarn industries
- 1200 ginning factories

(b) During the last five years 265 out of 5363 textile companies registered with SECP have either been dissolved/ wound up or their name have been struck off under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1984. However, data concerning closure of textile mills due to power shortage is not maintained. The following 4 entities were approved by SBP for investment in textile related business in Bangladesh in the last five years:

S. No.	Name of Entity	Amount Rs/\$
1.	Interloop (Pvt) Ltd.	PKR 380,000,000 Approx.Eq. US\$ 4,640,000
2.	M/s Soorty Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd.	US\$ 50,000
3.	US Apparel & Textile Mills Ltd.	US\$ 100,000
4.	M/s Soorty Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd.	US\$ 4,500,000

These companies have not closed down their operations in Pakistan.

83. **\*Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 27-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of persons appointed on deputation basis in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the last four years indicating also the grades and posts held by them in their parent departments and the grades and posts for which their services were requisitioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:*

**Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:** The names of persons appointed on deputation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the last four years are under:—

15. **\*Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:32 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names, designations and addresses of the employees appointed in the National Fertilizer Corporation on regular and contract basis since 1st January, 2010;*

- (b) *whether the above said posts were advertised, if so, the names and dates of publication of the newspapers in which, those advertisements were published and if not, the reasons thereof and*
- (c) *whether written tests / interviews were held for those posts, if so, the date of the same and if not, the reasons thereof.?*

**Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi:** The information asked for is being compiled by the National Fertilizer Corporation. The same will be submitted on the next Rota Day.

16. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons with station wise break-up working in Pakistan embassy/mission in Australia; 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) There are two Pakistani Missions presently operating in Australia viz. (i) High Commission for Pakistan, Canberra, and (ii) Consulate General of Pakistan, Sydney, operating under the Pakistani High Commission.

The total number of Pak-based employees of this Ministry (Diplomatic Wing) working in the above-mentioned two Missions are as under:—

S. No.	Mission	No. of Persons
1.	High Commission for Pakistan, Canberra	09
2.	Consulate General of Pakistan, Sydney	02

(b) The Ministry has no proposal under consideration concerning reduction of these employees as the Missions already have a bare minimum strength.

17. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:35 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce 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?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:**

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

NAMES	DESIGNATION	EQUIVALENT TO BPS	DUAL NATIONALITY
Mr. Muhammad Maqsood Khan	Deputy Secretary	19 Pakistani	The wife of the officer is having dual and British nationality

STATE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN

The following officers of State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLIC) are having dual nationality:—

S. No	NAMES	DESIGNATION	EQUIVALENT TO BPS	DUAL NATIONALITY
1.	Mr. Khalid Mansoor	D.G.M. (Islamabad)	19 by birth.	The wife of the officer is having British Nationality
2.	Mr. Asif Akhtar (Principal Office) Nationality.	Manager	18 are having Canadian	The officer and his wife

NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NIL

PAKISTAN REINSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

NIL

TRADE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN

NIL

TRADING CORPORATION OF PAKISTAN

NIL

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE

ORGANIZATION

NIL

PAKISTAN INSTITUTE OF TRADE AND

DEVELOPMENT

NIL

NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION

NIL

PAKISTAN TOBACCO BOARD

NIL

18. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Commerce, 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?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The details of expenditures of Ministry of Commerce, its attached departments, subordinate offices during the last three years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 with head-wise and year-wise break up are given at **Annex-I , II, III.**

(b) The steps taken being taken by Government to reduce the said expenditure are given at **Annex-IV.**

**Annex-IV**

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE**

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THE STEPS TAKEN/BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE SAID EXPENDITURE

The Ministry of Commerce has been very prudent in financial matters which is evident from the fact the Operating expenditure of the Ministry had witnessed increase of 9-10, during the period 2007-10. This is very negligible in view of sky-rocketing inflation, increase in operational domain of the Ministry and other cost escalating factors. The Ministry had not only been restricting itself within the allocated budget (without demanding for additional grant or causing excess expenditure) rather saving & surrender of upto 6% had been made during the period. Moreover, the Ministry has implemented all the instructions issued by the Federal Government from time to time as Economy Measure. The Ministry also made efforts to control expenditure on Telephone, POL, Overhead and Stationary etc. There is total ban on the purchase of the physical assets since 18th March, 2011. Official vehicles are being used economically. Cooling and

heating systems are being used according to the directions of the Government. Only obligatory official tours are allowed.

20. **\*Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of utility stores in the country with province-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for establishment of the stores; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more utility stores in Balochistan, if so, its details?*

**Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi:** (a) The USC at present is operating 5800 Stores throughout the country. Province wise breakup is as under:—

Province	Existing
Punjab	2825
Sindh	1322
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1001
Baluchistan	422
Azad Kashmir	134
Northern Area	96
Total:	5800

(b) The procedure for opening of new Utility Stores is that the site is inspected / visited by the Officers of the USC and a feasibility report is prepared taking into account the population of the vicinity. Primary criteria of opening of store is only its commercial viability. Following aspects are also considered:—

- i. Availability of the Bank
- ii. Road accessibility at Store point
- iii. Security of Store.

(c) A PC-I for establishment of 30 New Warehouses and 1000 Stores throughout the country has been submitted for approval of the ECNEC. The said PC-I also contains a proposal for establishment of three new warehouses and 100 stores in the Province of Baluchistan.

21. **\*Mr. Hidayatullah:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the number and area of Comsat University Campuse in the country with province-wise breakup?*

**Mir Changez Khan Jamali:** COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) at present comprises of seven Campuses located at :—

- (1) Islamabad main Campus Punjab
- (2) Lahore.
- (3) Attock
- (4) Vehari
- (5) Wha
- (6) Sahiwal
- KPK**
- (7) Abbottabad

A Virtual Campus of CIIT with Study Centers located across the country (In major cities) is also functioning providing distant learning programmes

The CIIT awards degrees at graduate and post-graduate level in the following Twenty 20 in Nos disciplines :

Computer Science, Humanities, Management Sciences, Physics, Bio-Sciences, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Health Sciences, Mathematics, Meteorology, Development Studies, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Architecture & Design, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Telecommunication and Networking.

22. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the impact of shortage of energy on industrial sector and the remedial steps taken in this regard?*

**Ch. Pervaiz Ellahi:** (A) **IMPACTS:** The energy shortage affects the production processes of a large number of industrial units, with electricity-intensive sectors bearing most of the burden, e.g., those producing textiles, basic metals, leather products engineering goods, rubber and plastic products, paper and paper products, etc. The industrial sector is utilizing only 30% of its installed capacity with rise in unemployment. There has been lowest total domestic investment in 60 years as well as very little foreign private investment, especially in the industrial sector during the fiscal year 2011-12.

(B) **REMEDIAL STEPS TAKEN:** The Government is making diverse efforts for revival of the industrial sector which inter-alia, includes the following:

- **Enhancing electricity** gas production to meet the increasing demand of energy in the industrial sector.

- **Various off-grid solutions** for generation energy through, micro hydel, bio gas, solar, wind, bagasse are being encouraged.
- **Captive power generation** through alternate/renewable energy is being encouraged.
- **Steel and textile sector** are shifting to coal gasifiers to get uninterrupted energy.
- **Cement sector is shifting** to using ‘waste’ for energy. A win-win situation where waste is disposed off and energy is produced at a very low cost.
- **Energy efficiency:** energy audits of textile/ steel sector to minimize energy waste by NPO.
- **In KP/FATA** loans have been written off.
- **Save Energy for Industry and creating employment: Awareness** raising posters and video competition between 140 universities.

23. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the percentage of Pakistan’s share in global trade as on October, 1999, March, 2008 and October, 2012; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to enhance Pakistan’s share in global trade?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) Percentage Share of Pakistan in Global Trade.

Year/Month	Percentage Share in global trade.
*1999	0.3%
** March, 2008	0.4%
**August, 2011	0.5%

*Note:*

- \* The data is available for the whole year, 1999 (Month wise data is not available).

\* Source: UNCTAD hand book of statistics.

\*\* Pakistan's trade share in global trade is available for the month of August, 2011. (Source: TradeMap)

- (b) (i) Ministry of Commerce develops three years Strategic Trade Policy framework to maximize exports of Goods & Services from Pakistan.
- (ii) Ministry of Commerce in collaboration with Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) plans, organizes exhibitions, delegations to and from Pakistan local, international and inter-provincial export promotional conferences, workshops, seminars etc, for the awareness of exporters and knowledge sharing.
- (iii) Ministry of Commerce encourages and rewards leading exporters from Pakistan through recognition and rewards, initiatives and incentives etc. including making recommendations to the Federal Government for export awards including civil awards.
- (iv) Ministry of Commerce sensitizes and co-ordinates with concerned Ministries, Divisions and Departments and provincial government for the development of sectoral road maps.
- (v) Ministry of Commerce provides visa assistance to outgoing or incoming businessmen, whether Pakistani or foreign nationals, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and foreign Missions in Pakistan.
- vi) Ministry of Commerce encourages, establishes and manages where appropriate export development centers, business support units, display centers and facilities, and information centers, and exporters training institutes etc.

24. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 14:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the benefits to Pakistan's trade / exports as a consequence of the EU's decision to give enhanced market access to Pakistan through the Autonomous Trade preferences and GSP plus scheme; and*
- (b) *the period for which Pakistan have the benefit of this decision?*

**Makhdoom Amin Fahim:** (a) The main benefit of the **Autonomous Trade Preferences (ATPs)** granted by European Union (EU to Pakistan will be that no duties will be charged on imports of the 75 products included in the package. It will allow duty free access up to the extent of 20% increase on the average of exports from 2009 to 2011 in the volumes for 25 products. For remaining 49 products it will allow duty free access

up to an extent of 25% increase on average of exports from 2009 to 2011 in volumes. For ethanol there will be duty free access on 18750 MT for the remaining part of 2012 and 75000 MT for 2013. It is estimated that if the duty free access on 75 products is fully utilized there will be an increase in exports to EU of about 480 Million Euros. (Sector wise break up of ATPs is at **Annex-I**).

The product range which is included in **Special Incentive Arrangement for Good Governance and Sustainable Development also known as GSP Plus** for duty free access in EU is very broad. It includes most of our exportable products to EU. Pakistan had a duty free access in EU from 2001-2002 to 2004-05. During this period the exports had grown by an average of 15% per annum. However this growth of exports to EU slowed down to 4.5% afterwards. Hence the duty free access on a broad range of product through GSP Plus is likely to increase our exports to EU substantially.

(b) The ATPs will be available to Pakistan from 15th November, 2012 to 31st December, 2013.

The GSP scheme is put in place for a period of ten years from 1st January, 2014. However, European Commission from 1st January 2016 and every two years from thereafter will present a comprehensive report to European Parliament on eligibility status of beneficiary countries.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 13th November, 2012.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*