

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 7th February, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTION

Question No. 30 originally set down for answering on 10th January, 2014 (100th Session)

30. (Def) ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 21-11-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state whether there is any bar on the civil servants and their dependents from receiving remuneration or loans from international donor programs /projects?

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: Civil Servants, until and unless posted on deputation in International donor programs / projects with the prior approval of the Federal Government, cannot receive any remuneration and loan from such organizations. However, Government of Pakistan does not owe any legal or financial responsibility if a civil servant does obtain loan or remuneration in his private capacity or during his deputation period with the International donor programs / projects.

34. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-12-2013 at 11:30 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the industrial waste in the country is being disposed of in the rivers, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same;*
- (b) the number of waste water treatment plants installed in Sindh Province to control the said waste during the last five years; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install more such plants in the country, if so, the locations thereof?*

Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division: (a) Yes, it is a fact that most of the industrial waste in the country is being, disposed of in the rivers. It is however

informed that the subject of “environmental pollution and ecology” has been devolved to provinces after 18th amendment in the Constitution and now the provinces and their respective departments are responsible to implement the environmental laws. The Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency has taken the following steps:

- (i) Prior to the constitutional amendment, the powers had been delegated to the Provincial Governments in terms of section 26 of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act 1997 for enforcement including the powers to monitor and prosecute industry for violation of the law.
 - (ii) Notified sampling Rules 2001.
 - (iii) Notified pollution charge for Industry Rules 2001.
 - (iv) Establishment of water Quality monitoring, system in 5 cities (Islamabad, Karachi, Peshawar, Lahore and Quetta) comprising mobile laboratories and updating of analytical laboratories.
 - (v) Establishment of Central Laboratory for Environmental Analysis and Networking (CLEAN) for air and water in sector H-8/2, Islamabad.
 - (vi) Held various meetings with industrialists associations to comply National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQs).
 - (vii) Customs duty rebate has been introduced as incentive on import or pollution control devices for industrialists.
- (b) No waste water treatment plant has been installed in Sindh during the last live year.
- (c) Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) has got approved PC-1 of 04 effluent plants at the cost of Rs.8 Billion at Korangi, SITE Limited Area, Landhi and Federal B-Area. The case has been forwarded to Planning Commission of Pakistan for funding but no financial allocation has been made so far.

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 04:50 pm).

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts of Police Services of Pakistan (PSP) in BPS 17 to 22;*

- (b) *the number of officers of the said service presently posted in Federating Units of the country with grade-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that majority of the officers of the said service serve in the provinces, if so, the reasons for placing that service group under the Federal Government?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Break up of sanctioned posts of Police Service of Pakistan in BPS-17 to BS 22 as per PSP Cadre Schedule of 2006 is as under (**Annex-I**):

<u>BPS</u>	<u>No. of Sanctioned Posts</u>
17	152
18	387
19	198
20	111
21	35
22	7

(b) Grade wise break up of officers of Police Service of Pakistan presently posted in Federating Units of the country is as under:—

<u>BPS</u>	<u>No. of Officers</u>
17	111
18	204
19	134
20	84
21	17
22	4
Total No. of Officers.	554

(c) Police Service of Pakistan is all Pakistan Service. Its officers are posted in Federal Governments as well as in Federating Unites as per the Rotation Policy of the Federal Government, keeping in view the availability of posts (**Annex-II**).

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

36. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 04:55 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the CDA has not acquired / taken possession of land for green belt between sectors G-12 and G-13, Islamabad, if so, the steps taken in this regard so far; and*
- (b) *the time by which land will be acquired / occupied for the said purpose and trees will be planted there?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The green belt between the sector G-12 and G-13 Islamabad, is 600 ft wide. Whereas 300 ft land has been acquired by the Housing Foundation Government of Pakistan in the Sector G-13 through Collector Islamabad and possession of said land portion has been taken over by the Housing Foundation. The other portion of 300 ft has been acquired in Sector G-12 by the Deputy Commissioner, CDA through award dated 28-04-1985. However, possession has not been taken over as the award of

Built-up Property (BUP) has not been announced so far. It is further stated that the payment of compensation of acquired land has not been received by the affectees so far.

(b) CDA is making arrangements to acquire the BUP. After announcement of award by the Deputy Commissioner, CDA, the possession will be taken over and trees will be planted at the site.

37. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.46, replied on 30th August, 2013 and state:

- (a) *the date on which master plan of Islamabad was approved; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not acquiring built up properties in sectors G-12, D-13, E-13 and F-13, Islamabad, so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) The master Plan was approved on 24th May, 1960.

(b) The Land of sector G-12 has been acquired during 1985 and D-13, E-13, and F-13 was acquired during 2008 and "Land" includes buildings and benefits arising out of land and things attached to the earth permanently fastened to any thing attached to the earth. Therefore the question regarding acquisition of built up property do not arise. Any how the award of BUP will be announced separately as per Land Sharing Policy. According to the definition of land each and every thing attached with land or arising from the land may be awarded simultaneously. The CDA is going to digitalize the revenue record and survey of the BUP will be conducted later on and award will be announced.

38. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:50 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.46, replied on 30th August, 2013 and state:

- (a) *the reasons for not acquiring land in sectors D-14, D-15, D-16, E-14, E-15, F-14, F-15, G-15, H-13, H-14 and H-15, Islamabad, so far; and*
- (b) *the steps taken /proposed to be taken by CDA to ensure construction of roads network in zone-I according to master plan of Islamabad?*

Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division: (a) ➤ Currently acquisition of Built-up property of C-13, C-14, C-15, D-13, F-13, I-17 & H-16 is in hand; earlier in the 2009 land sharing policy only the land of aforementioned sectors was acquired. As such to complete acquisition of these sectors CDA will acquire their built-up property.

➤ As regards the sectors mentioned in the question *viz-a-viz* F-15 & G-15 they fall in Zone-II meant for private housing schemes E-15 falls partially in Zone-II also. As regards D-14, D-15, E-14, E-15; F-14, H-13, H-14 & H-15 they will be acquired in due course.

(b) ➤ 34 Sectors have already been developed and tenders have been invited for construction of Roads in sectors E-12 and I-12. Map attached for remaining details.

39. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 02:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the monetization of official vehicles policy is being violated by a number of officers of the Ministry as they are using official vehicles despite getting monetary compensation for the same, if so, its reasons and the action taken against them;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the official vehicles of the Ministry are also used by the non-entitled officials, if so, its reasons and the action taken against them; and*
- (c) *the steps taken / being taken by the Ministry to regulate the use of official transport by the officers / officials?*

Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan: (a) No officer is using official vehicle after implementation of monetization policy, except for those MP-I Scale Members who are entitled to use official vehicles.

(b) No non-entitled officer / official of MoIT is using official vehicle.

(c) The vehicles are being used strictly according to the policy specified by the government after implementation of the monetization policy, and under strict control of designated officer of the Ministry.

40. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of trade agreements signed by the Government of Pakistan with other countries during the current financial year with country-wise break-up indicating also the status of implementation of agreement in each case?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: During the current financial year, no Trade Agreement has been signed from FT-III Wing.

41. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 11:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of operational planes with Indus Airline at present;*

- (b) *whether international standards were adopted during the purchase / acquisition of the said planes by that Airline; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for issuance of license to the said Airline?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The fleet of M/s Air Indus comprises of following aircraft:

			<u>Year of Manufacture</u>
(i)	B737-322A	AP-BLE -	1990
(ii)	B737-33A	AP-BLF -	1997
(iii)	B727-33-A	AP-BLG -	1997

(b) Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) permits acquisition of aircraft after formal inspection of each aircraft as per its Rules/Regulations developed in line with the standards set forth by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

(c) The licence has been granted to M/s Air Indus under proper compliance of (i) National Aviation Policy-2000. (ii) Relevant Civil Aviation Rules 1994, (iii) Prevailing Conditions of licence at the time of issuance of licence as per CAA rules

42. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 11:10 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose ban on import of edible items from Japan to avoid negative effect of radiation in those items, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

43. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:10 am)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount released under the head of textile rebates during the last five fiscal years with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the amount released under the said head during the current fiscal year so far?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) The first ever Textile Policy was approved by the Cabinet in August, 2009. The Textile Policy envisages enhancement of export performance of Textile Industry to the target of \$25 billion over the period of five years. This is to be achieved through a set of immediate short term support measures and medium & long-term initiatives aimed at infrastructure & skills development.

The Textile Industry Division has issued the following Orders in addition to the SRO issued by the Federal Board of Revenue for duty free import of textiles machinery:

1. Drawback of Local Taxes and Levies (DLTL) Order, 2009.
2. Export Finance Mark-up Rate Facility (EFS) Order, 2009.
3. Markup Rate Support for Textile Sector Order, 2009.
4. Reimbursement of EOBI Contribution Order, 2009.
5. Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme Order 2010.
6. Past Claims of R&D Support Scheme.
7. PTA Monetization.

Rs. Billion

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Funds released by Finance Division	9.75	7.5	6.0	2.0

It is pertinent to mention that Cabinet while approving the Textiles Policy 2009-14 approved financing plan of Rs. 188.6 billion, however, during first four years of the Textile Policy only Rs. 25.25 billion were released by the Finance Division.

(b) During current financial year Rs. 3.5 billion are provided by the Finance Division so far against the approved financing plan of Rs. 35 billion.

44. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the operative part of the judgment of Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitution petition No.22 of 2013;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Government has not filed appeal / review against the said judgment, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for implementation of the said judgment in case the same attains finality?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) The operative part of the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in Constitution Petition No-22 of 2013 is as under :-

- (i) The petition under Article 184(3) of the Constitution has been held to be maintainable and is allowed.
- (ii) The promotion from BS-20 to 21 against available vacancies has to be made in accordance with reserved quota for the promotion of different groups *i.e.* PAS, Secretariat etc., as a result whereof instead of cancelling the promotion of the officers from Sr. No.57 to 80 all cases of promotion against 88 vacancies of BS-21 is hereby cancelled being void and unlawful and fresh exercise has to be undertaken along with the cases of the civil servants which have been remanded by the Lahore High Court in Liaqat Ali Chughtai's case (PLD 2013 Lahore 413) and the cases decided Islamabad High Court in W.P. No. 3483/2011. Consequently, notification of promotion of all the officers issued in pursuance of the recommendations of CSB held on 11th-14th February and 27th February, 2013 are hereby set aside with direction to the competent authority to undertake the process of the promotion to all of them as observed hereinabove strictly in accordance with law on merits under Section 9 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973, read with rules 7, 7A and 8 of the Civil Servants (Appointments, Promotions and Transfers) Rules, 1973 as well as Promotion Policy as amended upto date, *vide* O.M. dated 13-1-2013.
- (iii) The Government shall also undertake exercise to outline the objective criteria for promotion to make the civil servant an honest officer and free from political pressure as has been noted hereinabove.

(b) Yes it is a fact that the Government has not filed appeal/review against the judgment as Prime Minister did not accord approval for it.

(c) The following steps have been taken/proposed to implement the aforesaid judgment :-

- (i) 80 PAS BS-21 officers have been reverted to BS-20 on the advice of Law, Justice and Human Rights Division and approval of competent Authority, in compliance of the Apex Court's judgment.
- (ii) A committee was constituted by the Chairman FPSC/CSB to undertake the exercise to outline the criteria for making civil servant an honest and free from political pressure as directed by the Apex Court in aforesaid judgment. The Committee has finalized its recommendations which have far reaching implications and require detailed examination by the Establishment and Law Division as well as by the Provincial Governments.

- (iii) A summary has been submitted to the Prime Minister for approval of amendments in the existing Objective Assessment Form for Central Selection Board as recommended by the Committee with slight modifications for evaluating civil servants for promotions to BS-20 and BS-21 for holding the CSB in January, 2014.
- (iv) The fixation of reserved quota of vacancy positions of different groups for promotion from BS-20 to BS-21 as directed by the Apex Court is also underway in this Division. The same will be submitted to the Authority for approval.
- (v) A meeting of Central Selection Board is being arranged in the month of January, 2014 for promotion of officers of all the groups/service and cadres in BS-20 and BS-21 in accordance with section 9 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973 read with Rules, 7, 7A and 8 of the Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1973 as well as promotion policy amended up to date *vide* O.M dated 13-01-2013.

45. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the conditions and conventions to be complied by Pakistan in order to benefit from GSP Plus scheme granted by the European Union?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: All the beneficiary countries of European Union's GSP Plus have to sign, ratify and implement 27 United Nations Conventions pertaining to human rights, labour rights, Environment, Narcotics control and corruption. It is important to note GSP Plus beneficiaries are not unique in signing, ratifying and implementing these conventions. Most of the countries of the world have ratified these conventions and are implementing these conventions with the view to:

- improve human rights record in realm of equal treatment for all human beings without any discrimination on the basis of gender, religion, race etc
- Improve working conditions in factories
- Undertake measures to preserve environment including plant and animal life
- Take necessary steps for controlling narcotics
- Encourage good governance

The list of 27 UN conventions is at Annex-I.

Ministry of Law Justice & Human Rights

1. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948)
2. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965).
3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
4. International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (1966)
5. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979)
6. Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1984)
7. Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989)
27. United Nations Convention against Corruption (2004)

Ministry of Human Resources & Development

8. Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour, No. 29 (1930)
9. Convention concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise, No. 87 (1948)
10. Convention concerning the Application of the Principles of the Right to Organise and to Bargain Collectively, No. 98 (1949)
11. Convention concerning Equal Remuneration of Men and Women Workers for Work of Equal Value, No. 100 (1951)
12. Convention concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour, No. 105 (1957)
13. Convention concerning Discrimination in Respect of Employment and Occupation, No. 111 (1958)
14. Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, No. 138 (1973)
15. Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, No. 182 (1999)

Ministry of Climate Change

16. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (1973)

17. Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (1987)
18. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (1989)
19. Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)
20. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992)
21. Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2000)
22. Stockholm Convention on persistent Organic Pollutants (2001)
23. Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1998)

Ministry of Narcotics Control

24. United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961)
25. United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971)
26. United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988)
46. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designation of the employees of PIA who are getting salary package of more than five lac rupees per month; and*
- (b) *the authority which approved the said packages?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The required information is **Annexed.**

- (b). PIAC Board of Directors.
47. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 00:00)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the revenue being generated by PIA at present;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said airline is suffering loss at present, if so, the average loss being suffered daily; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the Government is providing funds to meet that loss, if so, its details?*

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division: (a) The net revenue generated by PIA in first 9 months (Jan-Sep) of year 2013 PKR 71.71 billion. The figures of 4th quarter of 2013 have not yet been finalized/audited.

(b) The airline is suffering a loss of PKR 87 million per day on an average, as per PIA un-audited accounts.

(c) The Government has injected PKR 16 billion out of which 11.759 billion has been released so far as equity in PIAC, from July 2013 to December 2013.

48. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 03-01-2014 at 01:45 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of medicines have been stolen from the Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad during the last four years, if so, the estimated value of those medicines; and*
- (b) *the names of the persons found involved in the theft of those medicines and action taken against them?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:
(a) No medicine has been stolen from the Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad during the last four years.

(b) Not applicable
49. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 07-01-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year in which the last audit of accounts of Federal Government Educational Institutions in Islamabad was conducted; and*
- (b) *whether any irregularity was surfaced in the reports of the said audit, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the light of those reports, separately in each case?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:
The information is being collected from the Quarter concerned.
It will be placed on Floor of the House as and when received.

50. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 08-01-2014 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state:

- (a) the year in which the last audit of accounts of Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad, was conducted; and*
- (b) whether any irregularity was surfaced in the report of the said audit, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the light of that report?*

Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division:
(a) The last audit for the financial year 2012-2013 (audit year 2013-2014) was conducted by the Federal Audit during November, 2013, final report from D.G Federal Audit is still awaited.

(b) Final Audit report is under process in the office of D.G Federal Audit.

51. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 20-01-2014 at 07:45 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has given non-discriminatory market access (NDMA) status to Indian companies and most favoured nation (MFN) status to India, if so, the reasons for giving NDMA status to India / Indian companies at this juncture;*
- (b) the difference between non-discriminatory market access (NDMA) status and most favoured nation status; and*
- (c) whether Pakistan has gotten any concession in exchange for giving NDMA to India / Indian companies, if so, the details thereof?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Pakistan has not yet given non-discriminatory market access (NDMA) and most favoured nation (MFN) status to India.

(b) Non-Discriminatory Market Access (NDMA) entails treating imports from a particular country at par with imports from other trading partners, in terms of market access and imposition of taxes/customs tariffs. MFN is a term used in the WTO Agreements. The term implies that any advantage, privilege or immunity granted to a

WTO Member to any product originating in or destined for any other country and has to be accorded immediately and unconditionally to the like product originating in or destined for the territories of all other WTO member countries.

(c) As submitted in response to part (a) above, Pakistan has not yet given non-discriminatory market access (NDMA) and most favoured nation (MFN) status to India.

52. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 20-01-2014 at 07:45 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of Pakistan has decided to keep the Wagah/ Attari border open for 24 hours for trade with India, if so, the stakeholders within and outside the Government who were consulted before taking that decision?

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) During the meeting of Commerce Ministers held on January 18, 2014 at New Delhi, both sides agreed to enhance operational hours at Wagah Attari land route. Prior to this, the Ministry of Commerce had consulted relevant stakeholders both from public and private sectors.

53. ***Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:** (Notice received on 20-01-2014 at 07:47 pm)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present volume of trade of Pakistan with India and China; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve trade with the said countries?*

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan: (a) Bilateral trade between Pakistan-India and Pakistan-China for the year 2011-12 and 2012-13 follows:

US\$ million		
Years	Exports	Imports
INDIA		
2011-12	338.517	1507.328
2012-13	327.496	1809.867
CHINA		
2011-12	2183.7	6717.3

2012-13

2609.4

6642.3

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

(b) Step taken to improve trade with:

India:

Various steps taken to increase Pakistan's exports to India during the year 2011-12 include exhibitions and market access initiatives, listed below:

- "Lifestyle Pakistan" exhibition held at Delhi in April 2012;
- "Made in Pakistan" exhibition on August 30-September 5, 2012 at Mumbai;
- Three agreements signed between India and Pakistan during the 7th Round of Talks to address the concerns of Pakistani exporters with reference to Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) and to promote corporation in petroleum, electricity, agriculture and customs.

China:

- China Pakistan FTA (CPFTA) was signed on 24th November 2006 and implemented with effect from 1st July 2007. The Free Trade Agreement on Trade in Service was signed by the Governments of both countries on 21st February 2009 and operationalised from 10th October 2009.

- After implementation of Pak-China FTA, Pakistan's trade to China has progressed as under:

(Value in billion US\$)

Year	Total Exports	Total Imports	Total Trade	Balance
2007-2008	0.69	4.7	5.4	-4.0
2008-2009	0.7	4.1	4.8	-3.4
2009-2010	1.2	4.4	5.6	-3.2
2010-2011	1.6	5.8	7.4	-4.2
2011-2012	2.2	6.7	8.9	-4.5
2012-2013	2.6	6.6	8.8	-4.0

- Although balance of trade remains against Pakistan, yet its exports to China have increased manifold compared to imports.

- The negotiations for the 2nd phase of CPFTA commenced in March 2011 and 2nd meeting was held in November 2013 at Beijing. The two sides agreed to move ahead through review of FTA by broadening and readjustment of the tariff lines in the

given tariff reduction modalities of the 1st phase of CPFTA. Ministry of Commerce is currently engaged with Chinese Ministry of Commerce to exchange information for preparation for the 3rd Meeting of the 2nd phase of CPFTA.

- Chinese Government was requested to facilitate Pakistan's participation in exhibitions / trade fairs in China. Consequently China has offered Pakistan free of charge space in its major fairs.

- Chinese Government has set up a "China Association of International Trade" (CAIT) under the Ministry of Commerce China tasked to setting up global purchase centers and visiting different countries for exploring the import of consumer goods. Government of China is expecting to import goods and services worth US\$ 10 trillion from 30 countries during the next five years. Pakistan has been included in this list and being accorded priority for purchase of products under this policy.

54. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 20-01-2014 at 08:05 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of officers in BPS-17 and above belonging to Bahawalpur, Multan and Dara Ghazi Khan Division presently working in Federal Government with grade-wise breakup; and*

(b) *the percentage of the said officers to the total number of officers in those grades?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) Establishment Division administers Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS), Police Service of Pakistan (PSP), Secretariat Group & Office Management Group (OMG). The detail pertaining to these groups is at Annex-I.

55. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 20-01-2014 at 08:05 pm)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which quota system in Federal Government Services was introduced in the country and the period for which the same was introduced;*
- (b) *the details of the said quota allocated to various Provinces /Regions;*
- (c) *the basis on which the said quota is allocated;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that said quota allocated to Sindh Province has been bifurcated on urban and rural basis while it has not been done in the case of other Provinces / Regions, if so, the reasons for this disparity;*
- (e) *the period for which the said quota allocation will remain in force; and*
- (f) *the steps taken by the Government to provide equitable opportunities to the under developed areas of the country to eliminate the need for allocation of that quota?*

Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division: (a) (i) The quota system in the Federal Government Services was first introduced on 29-6-1948 through a Press Note relating to recruitment policy for Central Superior Services without any specific period.

- (ii) Under proviso (I) of Article 27 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973, the existing quota was initially introduced for 10 years with effect from 14-08-1973.

(b) The details of existing quotas were as under:-

Merit 7.5%

Punjab 50%
(including Federal Area of Islamabad)

Sindh (including Karachi). 19%

The share of Sindh will be further sub-allocated in the following ratio;

Urban Areas namely Karachi, 40% of 19%

Hyderabad and Sukkur or 7.6%

Rural Areas *i.e.* rest of Sindh 60% of 19%

excluding Karachi, Hyderabad or 11.4%
and Sukkur

Khyber Pakhtun Khuwa. 11.5%

Balochistan	6%
Gilgit-Baltistan(NA)/FATA	4%
A.J & K	2%

(c) The quota was allocated on the basis of Article 27(1) of the Constitution of Islamabad Republic of Pakistan and the reservation was made on the basis of population.

(d) Yes. It was the administrative decision taken in August, 1973 by the then Federal Government that only quota of Sindh bifurcated on urban and rural basis.

(e) The Constitutional provision reservation of quota was in place upto 13-08-2013.

(f) (i) The basic spirit for reservation of regional/provincial quota was to provide adequate representation and opportunities to the persons belonging to the under developed areas.

(ii) Need for elimination of quota system is to be decided at the level of Cabinet and Parliament.

56. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 22-01-2014 at 11:50 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to privatize PIA, if so, its reasons?

Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:The Privatization Commission has been tasked to carry forward the Privatization of core activities of the National Airlines by divesting 26% of its share with complete management. The Privatization Commission is in the process of selecting a Financial Adviser to set the ball soling. This endeavor is being done by the Government to offset the airline from recurring losses and to improve its service for the traveling passengers.

ISLAMABAD :
The 6th February, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.