

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*

**Tuesday, the 19th August, 2014**

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 62 Deferred on 16th May, 2014 (104th Session))

62. (Def) \* **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of inquiries regarding financial and administrative embezzlements in CDA initiated since March, 2008 have not been finalized so far, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the names and designations of the officers / officials who were prima facie involved in cases of the said embezzlements indicating also the post they hold at present;*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to finalize the said inquires expeditiously; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure posting of honest and reputed personnel at key posts in CDA?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) CDA processed 82 cases of financial and administrative irregularities/embezzlement since March, 2008. Out of 82 cases 43 have been finalized, remaining 39 cases could not be finalized so far, due to different reasons. *i.e.* parallel proceedings in court of law, change of Inquiry Committee/Officers etc.

(b) Detailed list of officers/officials proceeded against alongwith status of the cases is attached at **Annexure- “A”**. About 3-6 months are anticipated for their finalization.

(c) Inquiry committees / inquiry officers are exhorted /urged to complete inquiry and a complete setup has been established to get them completed expeditiously.

(d) The posting/transfer of personal at key posts i.e. Board Members and Chairman, CDA is made by Federal Government, which makes appointment of well reputed and honest officers.

29. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps being taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the conditions of climate change in the country; and*
- (b) *the amount spent by the Government far the said purpose during the last five fiscal years?*

**Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division:** (a) The Government has taken number of steps to improve the conditions of climate change in the country; some of the majors steps are:

- Prime Minister's Committee on Climate Change established in.2006.
- Planning Commission's Task Force on Climate Change established in 2008.
- Creation of Ministry of Climate Change (now Climate Change Division) in October, 2011 .
- Formulation of National Climate Change Policy, 2012.
- Formulation of Framework for Implementation of National Climate Change Policy (NCCP).
- Establishment of Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC) under an Act, 2013.
- Climate Change and Cities Initiative. Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity Assessment of Islamabad has already been completed. Currently, the work on the report is in progress.

(b) The Government PSDP allocation during the last five fiscal years to Ministry of Environment (defunct), Ministry of Climate Change and Climate Change Division is as under (List of Projects at Annex-1):

(Rs. in million)

	<b>Expenditure</b>
2009-10	928.127
2010-11	259.139
2011-12	31.237
2012-13	1085.222
2013-14	29.949

30. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of public parks inaugurated by the Chairman CDA during the last five years with year-wise break-up;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said parks have not been properly developed so far, if so, its reasons;*
- (c) *the funds provided for the development of those parks during the said period with sector-wise break-up;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the said funds have not been utilized for the purpose for which the same were allocated, if so, its reasons; and*
- (e) *the steps being taken by the Government to properly develop the said parks?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) The yearwise list of parks developed by Parks Directorate CDA is at **Annex- “A”** and **Annex- “B”**. The said parks have been visited by Senior officer of Environment Wing, CDA & Chairman, CDA. However, the Chairman, CDA has not formally inaugurated any park.

- (b) The said parks have been developed properly.
- (c) The Sector-wise funds allocation for the said parks is at **Annex- “A”** and **Annex- “B”**.
- (d) The funds allocated have been utilized for development of said parks.
- (e) The case for the repair/maintenance of the parks of Islamabad on rate running contract basis is under process.

31. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the value of textile products exported during the financial year 2013-14;*
- (b) *the value of the said products imported during that period; and*
- (c) *the details of benefits which Pakistan can get for textile sector from GSP Plus status accorded by the European Union?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) **The value of textile products exported during the financial year 2013-14;**

The value of textile products exported during 2013-14 (July-May) is US\$ 12.626 Billion.

(b) **The value of the said products imported during that period; and**

The value of textile products imported during 2013-14 is US\$ 2.467 Billion.

(c) **The details of benefits which Pakistan can get for textile sector from GSP plus status accorded by the European Union;**

Before grant of GSP Plus to Pakistan by EU, Pakistan's main exports to European Union were facing high tariffs:

*(Million US\$)*

Products	Exports to EU in 2012	Tariffs till 31st Dec. 2013	Projected Increase by 2014
Ethyl Alcohol	42.32	6.1% to 19.2 Euros/H1	10.58
Carpets	48.62	6.4%	12.15
Plastics	50.13	3% (+5.1% ADD)	12.50
Footwear	71.88	Up to 12%	18
Leather	509.21	Up to 5.5%	127.25
Non Value Added Textiles	885.17	Up to 6.4%	221.25
Home Textiles	1,230	Up to 9.6%	307.5
Textile Garments	1,730.08	Up to 9.6%	408

- These products amounted to 82% of our total exports to European Union in 2012. Pakistan's total exports to EU during the calendar year 2012 amounted to US\$ 5.6 billion out of which these products were worth US\$ 4.57 billion.
- Hence through GSP Plus 82% of our exports which were previously facing stiff competition from countries like China, India, Brazil, Bangladesh will now be duty free.
- Some of the products from Pakistan had duty free access in EU because the normal or General Arrangement tariffs were already zero, these included the following:

(Million US \$)

Product Sector	Exports to EU in 2012
Rice	78
Sports Goods (including football)	130.07
Surgical Instruments	116.01
Meat Products	64
Fruits	70.42

- Hence with the grant of GSP Plus status to Pakistan, more than 90% of our exports to EU will be eligible for duty free access.
- It is estimated that due to GSP Plus there will be an increase of more than US\$ 1.5 billion worth of exports to EU during the year 2014.
- Former PRGMEA Chairman Sajid Salim had informed that on an increase of US\$ 4000 in our exports one job will be created. Hence it is estimated that around 100,000 new jobs will be created in textile garments sector only.

32. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 17-06-2014 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- the steps taken by the Government to enhance trade with countries in Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, East Asia, Middle East, European Union and North America during the last five years indicating also the results thereof;*
- the present balance of trade with the said countries; and*

(c) *the names of countries with which Pakistan has signed bilateral trade agreements during the said period indicating also the details of those agreements?*

Reply not received.

33. **\*Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah:** (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names and addresses of the persons who have been allotted agro farms or plots for establishing agro farms, on lease basis, in Islamabad since 2004; and*

(b) *the terms and conditions for allotment of the said plots / farms?*

Reply not received.

34. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:30 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names of countries with which Pakistan has signed free trade agreements so far indicating also the date of signing of agreement in each case;*

(b) *whether the National Tariff Commission was consulted by the Ministry of Commerce before signing the said agreements, if so, the details thereof; and*

(c) *the balance of trade with each of the said countries, separately, from the date those agreements came into effect?*

Reply not received.

35. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-06-2014 at 3:30 p.m.)

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

(a) *whether the National Tariff Commission (NTC) has suggested any safeguarding measures, tariff's and para tariffs, duties and subsidies on any tariff line in connection with granting MFN status status to India, if so, the details thereof;*

(b) *whether any proposal / suggestion of the said Commission has been incorporated / included by the Government in its negotiations with India, if so, its details; and*

(c) *whether that Commission has ever levied countervailing duties and anti dumping measures / duties on goods being imported from India during the last three years, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The National Tariff Commission, besides enforcing and implementing trade defence laws, is mandated to advise the Ministry of Commerce on tariff measures or other forms of assistance for providing protection to indigenous industry. The Commission has been asked to suggest safeguard measures, tariff and para tariffs, duties and subsidies, where deemed necessary, in connection with granting MFN status to India, in order to guard against unfair competition. Besides this, following initiatives have also been taken by the Ministry of Commerce:—

- Following committees have been constituted with representation of public and private sectors:
  - i. Regional Trade Committee on Agriculture Sector
  - ii. Regional Trade Committee on Pharmaceutical Sector
  - iii. Regional Trade Committee on Auto Sector
  - iv. Regional Trade Committee on Textile Sector
  - v. Wagah Trade Committee on Agriculture
  - vi. Wagah Trade Committee
- Directorate of Agriculture has been established in NTC, with the objective to provide protection to the local agriculture sector through prompt application of trade defence measures in case of injury or threat of injury due to any import surge from India.
- A mechanism is being developed wherein the Textile & pharmaceuticals sectors will have an informal advisory role at NTC with the objective to provide protection to the local Industry.
- Trade Monitoring Cells in the Ministry of Commerce and TDAP, Lahore have been established.

(b) As above.

(c) The Commission has levied anti-dumping duty @ 10.94% for a period of five years on 13-02-2011 on dumped imports of phthalic anhydride imported from India.

No countervailing duty has been imposed so far on any goods imported from India.

36. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the export of Halal meat and food from Pakistan has considerably decreased during the recent years, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the same?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** The export of Halal meat increased to US\$ 230.2 million during July-June 2013-14 from US\$ 211.1 million in same period last year, showing an increase of 9.0%, whereas the export of other food decreased to US\$ 4393.7 million from US\$ 4550.9 million showing decrease of 3.45% The break up is as under:

Value in Million US\$		
Item	2012-13 (July-June)	2013-14 (July-June)
Meat	211.1	230.2
Other Food	4550.9	4393.7
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4762.0</b>	<b>4623.9</b>

Source: PBS

*The export value of some food items like Rice, Fish, Fruits and oil seed has increased whereas export value of vegetables, tobacco, wheat, sugar, spices, has decreased. (Details are given at Annex-A)*

The Government has taken following steps to increase the export of meat and food:—

- i. ECC of the Cabinet in its decision dated 30th July, 2013, imposed ban on the commercial export of live animals from the country *w.e.f.* 1st October, 2014 to enhance the export of meat.
- ii. Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export Company (PHDEC), established with the mandate of work for production, development and export of horticulture products has:—
  - (a) Conducted trainings/workshops/seminars for the capacity building of growers, processors and exporters.
  - (b) Provided support to the horticulture industry for country specific Sanitary & Phytosanitary (SPS) compliance and;
  - (c) Established Hot Water Treatment Plant at Karachi on Public Private Partnership basis and Irradiation Treatment Facility at Lahore in collaboration with Atomic Energy Commission.
- iii. The Government has announced following incentives under Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2012-15:
  - (a) 50 percent subsidy on cost of plant & machinery for processing of meat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA and Balochistan.



- (b) Setting-up of Exim Bank
- (c) Mark-up support of 2 percent on prevailing Long Term Financing Scheme for future import/purchase of machinery.
- (d) Mark-up support of 1.5 percent on Export Finance Scheme (EFS) to *inter-alia* processed food, meat and meat preparation.
- (e) Subsidizing 50 percent cost of plant & machinery for establishing processing plants for meat, fruits, vegetables, dates etc.
- (f) Up-gradation of rice inspection labs.

37. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualification, experience and tenure of the persons who served against the post of Marketing Director, PIA during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Operation Engineers have been appointed against those posts during the said period, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that Marketing Directors in PIA are drawing salary of Operation Engineers despite the fact that they are serving in other sections / departments?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:** (a) The requisite details regarding names, educational qualification, experience and tenure of the persons who served against the post of Marketing Director, PIA during the last three years is attached as **Annexed.**

(b) Yes, Mr.Mamoon Ur Rashid and Mr.Irshad Ghani were the ones who started their career in PIA as Operations Engineer in Flight Operations department, Mr.Mamoon Ur Rashid was transferred in Sales/Marketing department *w.e.f* 03-3-1996, in Pay Group-VIII. Whereas Mr.Irshad Ghani was transferred in Sales/Marketing department *w.e.f* 10-10-2001 in Pay Group-IX as Deputy General Manager. Since then, they served the Corporation on Marketing department till their retirements upon superannuation on 01-6-2013 and 09-8-2013, respectively.

(c) No, infact the Director in PIA, including Director Marketing are drawing salaries/perks corresponding to their respective Pay Group/Pay Scales.

38. **\*Mr. Haji Khan:** (Notice received on 19-06-2014 at 3:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Benevolent Fund gives a farewell grant to the Government employees on their retirement from Government service, if so, the amount thereof;*
- (b) the number of employees who have been given the said grant during the last two years with grade wise break up; and*
- (c) the details of pending cases for that grant indicating also the reasons for pendency in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Presently, a sum equal to one month's pay is paid from the Benevolent Fund to an employee who proceeds on retirement after twenty years' continuous service effective from 1-1-2006 *vide* Rule-24 of the FEB & GI Rules, 1972. Consequently, an amount ranging between Rs.9,300 to Rs. 85,700 is provided to every employee on his retirement according to pay last drawn.

(b) During the last two years, 11,995 retiring employees of various grades have been given the Farewell Grant. Various benefits under the FEB & GIF schemes are provided on the basis of pay groups of the employees and not on the basis of grades as most of the Autonomous Bodies covered under the provisions of the FEBF & GI Act, 1969 do not follow National Pay Scales / Grades. However, Gazetted / Non-Gazetted wise breakup of the employees who have been paid the Farewell Grant during the last two years is as overleaf:—

Year	Gazetted	Non-Gazetted	Total	Amount disbursed (Rs. in million)
2011-12	1,124	4,496	5,620	112.448
2012-13	1,282	5,093	6,375	142.403
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>9,589</b>	<b>11,995</b>	<b>254.851</b>

(c) (i) Under the laid down procedure, claims are received through the respective departments and complete are sanctioned within one to four weeks being the processing time. However, incomplete cases are returned to the concerned departments for resubmission after completion of the required documents. A total of 910 such incomplete cases have been returned to the concerned departments for completion.

(ii) Due to shortage of staff and load shedding, processing of some cases takes longer than the above stated time but no inordinate delay is caused. A case for relaxation of ban on recruitments enabling the FEB & GIF to undertake recruitment against the 37 vacant posts has been taken up with the Prime Minister's Office. Tender for a 60 KVA back-up generator and the deficient computers have been published. After recruitments are made and equipment is purchased, processing of cases will be much faster.

39. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ufone has disconnected its service in different areas of Malakand Division during the last six months, if so, the names of those areas with district-wise break-up and reasons for discontinuation of the service?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** It is informed, that Ufone has not disconnected its services in any area of Malakand Division.

40. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of sanctioned posts of PSP in BPS 17 and above in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with grade-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the number of the said posts lying vacant at present with grade-wise breakup; and*
- (c) *the reasons for not filling the said vacant posts so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) The number of sanctioned posts of PSP in BPS-17 and above in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with grade-wise break up is as under:—

BPS	No. of Sanctioned Posts	
17		
18	76	
19	32	
20	18	
21	05	
22	01	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>149</b>	17

(b) The number of the said posts lying vacant at present alongwith grade-wise breakup is as under:—

BPS	Vacant Posts
17	0
18	44
19	11
20	09
21	02
22	0

(c) These posts could not be filled due to non-availability of PSP officers. Intake of PSP at different levels is always less than the required sanctioned strength. This intake cannot be increased as well because it may be at the cost of quality. The amount of deficiency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is more or less the same as in other Federal Government Organizations/Provincial Governments.

41. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 20-06-2014 at 4:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names and locations of play grounds established / built or upgraded by CDA in Islamabad since 2002 indicating also the amount spent on each of them;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the said grounds are in dilapidated condition and lacking essential facilities, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of those grounds?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Sports and Culture Directorate was established in 2005. Since then, the following sports grounds were established till to date:—

(i) Cricket Grounds	15 Nos.
(ii) Football Grounds	11 Nos.
(iii) Volleyball	01 Nos.
(iv) Hockey Grounds	05 Nos.
(v) Multipurpose Sports Grounds	15 Nos.

The detail / location / allocation of the above said grounds has been placed at **Annex-A**

(b) The grounds are in running condition and are used by the local community, essential Sports facilities are mentioned at **Annex-A**. However, the Sports & Culture Directorate has never been provided the maintenance funds for the said grounds and, as such, the lack maintenance.

(c) The Sports & Culture Directorate has initiated a case in this regard for allocation of funds for maintenance of these grounds.

42. **\*Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi :** (Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 9:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the names and addresses of the widows who were provided financial assistance from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall during the last one year indicating also the amount of financial assistance provided in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** During the year from July 2013 to June 2014 an amount of Rs.320.51 million has been disbursed to 8501 widows.

The detail is at **Annex**.

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

43. **\*Hafiz Hamdullah:** (Notice received on 24-06-2014 at 12..45 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that pipeline for water supply at Rose & Jasmine garden, Islamabad has been damaged / leaking for the last several months due to which drinking water is being polluted;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that walking track at the said garden has been damaged due to that leakage; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that a number of complaints have been made with CDA for repairing of the said pipeline but no action has been taken so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which that pipeline will be repaired / replaced?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Yes. The water pipeline in Rose & Jasmine Garden was leaking, which was repaired immediately after it was reported.

(b) Yes. A portion of walking track was damaged at pipeline leakage point, which has been repaired.

(c) No complaint was made to CDA for repair of the said pipeline. However, the leaking pipeline was repaired immediately after it was reported.

45. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 25-06-2014 at 3:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of trees planted by CDA in Islamabad during the last three years with year-wise, sector-wise and zone-wise break-up;*
- (b) the number of old and grown up trees in Islamabad; and*

(c) *whether it is a fact that CDA has not carried out numbering of the said trees so far, if so, its reasons?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Year-wise detail of tree plantation for last three years is **annexed**.

(b) Enumeration of trees grown in Islamabad has not been carried out so far.

(c) Yes, CDA is planting trees, shrubs, creepers, ground cover etc. in Islamabad for form, shape, shade, blossom, beautification and aesthetic purpose, like Forest Department in Provinces. However, in compliance with the direction by the Senate Sub-Committee of the Functional Committee, Human Rights during last month the CDA has started enumeration of trees above (6" diameter) in the urban area of Islamabad.

46. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division be pleased to state the names, place of domicile and present posting of the Federal Secretaries working in the Federal Government?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** A list containing the names, place of domicile and present posting of the Federal Secretaries working in the Federal Government is **annexed**.

47. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) installed by each cellular company in the country with province-wise break-up;*

(b) *the authority which approved the installation of the said Base Transceiver Stations (BTS); and*

(c) *the common affects of the equipment on health of nearby residents?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Summary of desired information is attached as **Annexure - A**.

(b) Frequency Allocation Board (FAB) issues No Objection Certificate (NOC) for installation of BTS sites to all licensed operators in accordance with Pakistan Telecom Re-organization Act 1996.

(c) There are no adverse effects of the equipment/ Base Transceiver Station (BTS) on health of residents, if they are according to standards.

In addition, PTA has notified comprehensive regulations *i.e.* “Protection from Health Related Effects of Radio Base Station Antennas Regulations, 2008” that sets the criteria and standards for mitigating the environmental and health effects of Cellular Base Station Antennas.

Also, PTA has been conducting surveys across Pakistan to check compliance of “Protection from Health related effects of Radio based Antenna Regulations, 2008” and to date all of the mobile companies’ BTSs have been found transmitting power within the safe limits set in aforesaid regulations.

48. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of cases of corruption and misappropriation surfaced in the State Life Insurance Corporation during the last five years indicating also the names of the persons involved in those cases and action taken against them; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to control such cases in future?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The details of cases of corruption and misappropriation surfaced in the State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan during the last five years indicating also the names of the persons involved in those cases and action taken against them are as following:—

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49. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 30-06-2014 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of major projects of CDA which have been delayed and escalation in cost of which has been allowed during the last five years;*
- (b) whether any action has been taken against the concerned contractors for delay in completion of the said projects; and*
- (c) whether any case of using substandard material in the said projects has been surfaced, if so, the action taken against the contractors, consultants and officers / officials responsible for the same?*

Reply not received.

50. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of seats reserved for each province for admission in the Federal Dental and Medical College, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for admission in that college?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) Following are the seats reserved for admission in Federal Medical & Dental College (FM&DC), Islamabad.

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Seats reserved</b>
Merit	6
Punjab	40
Sindh	15
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	9
Balochistan	5

  

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Seats reserved</b>
Federal Administrative Tribal Area	2
A.J.&K.	2
Gilgit Baltistan	2
ICT	10
FG Employees	9

  

<b>Total Seats:</b>	<b>100</b>
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(b) Approved criteria for selection in all medical colleges across the country is as under:

- 10% of Matric marks
- 40% of F.Sc. marks
- 50% of test

The National Testing Service (NTS) conducts the test without involvement of any other department through transparent procedure and after fulfilling all codal formalities, final list of selected candidates is displayed on NTS website and notice board of FM&DC.

51. **\*Mr. Taj Haider:** (Notice received on 02-07-2014 at 1:30 p.m.)

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



- (a) *the names, designation, date of birth, date of appointment, educational qualifications, previous trainings and experience of the persons who have been appointed, promoted or appointed on deputation basis against the posts of General Managers, Deputy General Managers, Assistant General Managers, Managers, Deputy Managers, Assistant Managers, Trainee Executives reinstated and FLMI Trainees in the State Life Insurance Corporation since 1st January, 2009;*
- (b) *whether any action / proceedings have been initiated against the said persons who do not possess the required qualifications, experience or trainings, if so the details thereof;*
- (c) *the seniority position of the said officers who have not been promoted so far despite the fact that they fulfill the required qualifications / criteria for promotion; and*
- (d) *whether there is any difference in prescribed qualifications and criteria for selection, absorption and regularization of services of the Trainee Executives, FLMI Trainees and employees of that corporation who acquire FLMI qualification, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The following number of appointments and promotions have been made against the said posts since 1st January, 2009:—

Appointments	Promotion	Trainee Executive Reinstated	FLMI Trainees	Appointments on Deputation
311	753	175	“Nil”	16

Detail of appointments is placed at **(Annex-A)**. Detail of promotions is placed at **(Annex -B)**. Detail of Trainee Executive Reinstated and FLMI Trainees placed at **(Annex -C)**. Detail of appointments on Deputation is placed at **(Annex -D)**.

(b) The disciplinary proceedings against (07) Seven officers have been initiated who do not possess the required qualification, experience or trainings. Detailed report is placed at **(Annex -E)**.

(c) There are about 693 officers who stand eligible for consideration of promotion in different posts *i.e.* Deputy General Manager, General Managers, Assistant General Manager, Manager, Deputy Manager, and Assistant Manager. Detailed report is placed at **(Annex -F)**.

(d) There is a difference in prescribed qualification and criteria for selection of Trainee Executives, FLMI Trainees and Employees of the Corporation as per following:

Trainee Executives	FLMI Trainees	FLMI for Corporations Employees.
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(i) They should be Graduate and Post Graduate.	(i) They should be Intermediate with at least 77% aggregate marks and at least 75% marks in Economics or Accounting or Mathematics or Statistics or Physics.	(i) should be Graduate with at least 3 years services with State Life.  (ii) Intermediate/Diploma holders with at least 4 years services with State Life.  (iii) Matriculate with at least 5 years
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service with State Life.

Detailed report is placed at **(Annex-G)**.

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

52. **\*Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 04-07-2014 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of trees in F-9 Park, Islamabad, with classification-wise break-up;*
- (b) whether numbering of the said trees has been carried out; and*
- (c) the details of trees planted in the said Park during the last five years with year-wise break-up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) F-9 Park is under development and so far 240 acres have been developed out of total area of 750 acres. In undeveloped area of the park Shisham and Paper Mulberry trees are growing naturally. The total number of trees planned in F-9 Park by PMO and Environment Wing is given in lists "A" and "B".

(b) As the Park is yet under development, so the trees planted in the Park have not yet been numbered.

(c) Detail of trees planted from 2010 to 2014 is given in lists "A" and "B"

53. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 11:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Russian Federation, if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far; and*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to enhance trade with the said country?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Pakistan initiated the process of starting PTA negotiations leading to an FTA with the Russian Federation in 2004. Russian side at that point of time was of the view that PTA / FTA may only be considered once it becomes member of WTO. It became member of WTO in 2012. Accordingly Russian Federation was requested to consider PTA / FTA with Pakistan. Russian Federation in last IGC held in 2012, was of the view that as Customs Union has been established among Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, therefore the PTA/FTA negotiations can only be started after consulting its Customs Union partners.

(b) The Government of Pakistan has taken / is taking following steps for enhancing trade with Russian Federation:

- The issue of exporters claims against Russian Federation which have proved a major bottleneck in the improvement of bilateral trade relation is being pursued by the government quite actively. A committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to resolve the issue at the earliest.
- Russian side has been requested to consider PTA / FTA with Pakistan. Russian side is of the view that it will respond after consulting its Custom Union Partners.
- Pakistani side in order to enhance the bilateral trade is in favor of establishing Joint Business Council (JBC). Accordingly a draft to establish was forwarded to Russian side to which their response is awaited.

54. \* **Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 07-07-2014 at 1:50 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether financial support under the Benazir Income Support Programme is being provided to the persons belonging to minorities in the country, if so, the number of such persons provided financial assistance under that programme during the last two years with province-wise breakup and if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** Yes, Financial support under Benazir Income Support Programme is being provided to the persons belonging to minorities in the country. The total number of such beneficiaries under this programme during the last two years with province-wise breakup is as under:—

Province	Number of Beneficiary
Azad Jammu and Kashmir	108
Balochistan	989
Capital (Islamabad)	423
FATAs	96
Gilgit Baltistan	59

Khyber Pakhtoonkhawa	998
Punjab	41852
Sindh	203879
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>248404</b>
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\*Detailed province-wise breakup of minorities is attached as annex-A

55. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 08-07-2014 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) so far; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that signing of the said agreement with the council has been delayed, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be signed?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:**

(a) **Steps taken by Government of Pakistan**

1. Negotiations with the GCC were undertaken in terms of Article-2 of the Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation between Pakistan and GCC which was signed at Islamabad on 26th August, 2004.
2. During the first round of negotiations held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2006, GCC agreed to engage with Pakistan to establish a Free Trade Area.
3. The second round took place in 2008 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In this round Architecture (text of FTA) modalities, regarding the concession lists and rules of Origin were discussed. The discussion in the first two rounds included negotiation on goods as well as services sector.
4. After 2nd round in 2008. Minister of Commerce taken following actions;
  - a. Circulation of Draft text to the stakeholders.
  - b. Preparation of concession lists.
  - c. Circulation of concession lists.
  - d. Convening of Inter-Ministerial Meeting.
5. An MoU of “Strategic Dialogue between GCC and Pakistan” was signed in 2010, which included conducting negotiations on FTA.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that signing of the Pak-GCC FTA has been delayed but for the following reasons:

Cautious of the global economic crisis, GCC suspended all its ongoing FTA negotiations in 2008. According to decision by the Supreme Council of GCC, member countries could only negotiate free trade agreements collectively with the exception of USA.

Ministry of Commerce has been pursuing the process and taken the following action regarding start of negotiation for the next round so that Pak-GCC FTA can be concluded at the earliest:

- I. During the visit of the Prime Minister of Kuwait to Pakistan in November 2013, the issue of FTA was raised by the Government of Pakistan. Kuwait as the GCC chair in 2013, promised to support Pakistan for the FTA.
- II. During the 3rd Session of Pak-Qatar JMC held on 18th Feb, 2014, Pakistani side requested the Qatari side to take up the matter for holding 3rd round of Pak-GCC FTA.
- III. His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain along with Commerce Minister of Bahrain and 30 members Business delegation visited Pakistan on 19 March, 2014. Pakistani side took up the issue with Bahraini side for the same.
- IV. Pak-Saudi 10th JMC Session was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 15-16 April, 2014. Commerce Minister led the delegation. The issue for conclusion of Pak-GCC FTA was raised with Saudi Arabia, as GCC headquarter is in KSA.
- V. Pakistan in all JMCs with the Gulf countries raised the issue for early conclusion of Pak-GCC FTA, the response from the GCC is pending.

56. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunications be pleased to state the details of disabled persons and women appointed against the quota reserved for minorities in the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, its attached departments, sub-ordinate offices, autonomous and semi autonomous bodies and corporations under its administrative control during the last three years?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad:** Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications and its attached department, sub-ordinate offices, autonomous, semi-autonomous bodies and corporation have not appointed any disabled person or woman against the quota reserved for minorities.

57. **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 09-07-2014 at 2:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division be pleased to state the amount received from the US led NATO forces for using Pakistan's air space since the beginning of War on Terror in Afghanistan?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:** Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) did not receive any amount from US led NATO forces for using Pakistan's air space since the beginning of war on terror in Afghanistan.

58. **\*Mr. Hidayat Ullah :** (Notice received on 10-07-2014 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state the time by which development work will be started in Park Enclave, Islamabad and the time by which the same will be completed?*

Reply not received.

59. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 14-07-2014 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether quotas reserved for minorities, disabled and women are being observed in appointments in Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), if so, the names and designation of the persons appointed against those quotas in that Commission during the last three years; and*
- (b) the number of persons presently working in the said Commission and the number of those working against the said quotas with grade-wise break-up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Establishment Division:** (a) Yes, being implemented by FPSC. Names and details are as follows:—

ISLAMABAD :  
The 18th August, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,  
Secretary.

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