

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Friday, the 13th May, 2016**

*DEFERRED QUESTIONS*

*(Questions Nos. 110, 111, 112, 118, 124, 130, 132, 135, 140 and 141 deferred on 21st April, 2016, (247th Session)*

\*(Def). Question No. 110. **Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**  
(Notice received on 11-03-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the quantity and value of sugar exported to various countries during the last three years?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** The year-wise quantity and value of sugar exported during the last three years is as under.

*Value in Million US\$*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Quantity (MT)</b>	<b>Value</b>
2012-13	1,064,215	529.97
2013-14	647,333	286.74
2014-15	708,356	322.10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,419,904</b>	<b>1,138.81</b>

*Source: PBS*

Country wise detail is attached at Annexure-I.

\*(Def). Question No. 118. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**  
(Notice received on 16-03-2016 at 03:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has failed to obtain matching concessions from China under the Pak-China Free Trade Agreement (FTA), if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has been granting concessions to China under the said agreement at the cost of its own industry specially steel, tiles, paper and paper board, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to save / promote the local industry; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to review the present policy / strategy for FTAs, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) It is incorrect that Pakistan failed to obtain matching concessions from China under China Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA). In fact, China reduced its Tariff for Pakistan to zero or between 0-5% on 70% of its total tariff lines, whereas Pakistan reciprocated by offering same concessions on 55.5% of its total tariff lines. Furthermore, China allowed Pakistan to maintain its 'no concession list' at 16.4% of the tariff lines, whereas china kept its sensitive list to 15% of its total tariff lines.

(b) Pakistan granted margin of preference ranging from 20% to 50% to China on steel, paper and paper board and ceramics tiles related tariff lines. However, during the recent year, due to various supply side constrains *i.e* energy shortages etc. and mis-declaration and under invoicing issues, aforementioned sector faced intense competition from imports from China. In order to tackle under invoicing and declaration issues, both Pak-China have agreed to establish Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) which would eliminate the possibilities of aforementioned unfair business practices. Moreover, additional regulatory duty of 20% has been imposed on steel and various other items to give protection to local industry.

(c) 2nd phase negotiations of CPFTA are already underway. All the stakeholder/local manufacturing sector have been consulted in this regard. All the concerns of the domestic producers would adequately be accommodated in the 2nd phase of CPFTA.

\*(Def). Question No. 124. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the trade volume between Pakistan and South Korea was decreased by \$ 1.6 billion in 2012 and by 27 % i.e. \$ 1.17 billion in 2014, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the the trade volume between the two countries at present;*
- (c) *the steps taken / being taken in the Government to boost the mutual trade volume between the said countries particularly in the fields of telecommunications, electronics; and*

(d) *whether any joint ventures have been undertaken by these two countries to boost their mutual trade volume, if so, the details thereof?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Volume of Trade between Pakistan and Korea was at \$ 1.118 billion in 2011-12 which stood at \$ 1.009 billion in 2014-15. It shows a decrease of 18%. This decrease in bilateral trade is due to contraction of imports from Korea particularly Road Vehicles and their parts, Dyeing and Tanning Materials and Synthetic Textiles etc.

(b) Details of the trade volume between Pakistan and Korea are as under:—

(c) Government has taken following steps to increase mutual trade between the two countries:

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Trade , Industry and Energy of South Korea and Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan in April, 2014, wherein following was agreed;
  1. Formulation of Joint Trade Committee (JTC) to discuss trade related matters.
  2. Commission a study to establish the feasibility of free trade agreement
- In pursuance of the MoU, Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD) and Korean Institute of Economic Planning (KIEP) are conducting a joint feasibility study regarding FTA between the two countries. The study is likely to be completed by June, 2016. Future course of action regarding FTA would be decided in the light of the findings of the study.
- JTC has been formed and its first meeting was held on 8th June, 2015 in Seoul, South Korea. Both sides discussed various proposals for enhancing trade between the two countries. Issues related to telecom and electronics would be included in the next JTC meeting.

(d) Korean Companies have already made significant investments in Pakistan. Possibilities of further joint ventures / investments would be discussed in the next JTC meeting.

*\*(Def).* Question No. 130. **Senator Hafiz Hamdullah:**  
(Notice received on 18-03-2016 at 12:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether Civil Servants Act, 1973, is applicable to the employees of Trade Development Authority including its CEO, if not, its reasons?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (1) Civil Servant Act, 1973 is applicable to the officer of Commerce and Trade Group and the employees of TDAP from BS-01 to BS-16, who were working in erstwhile Export Promotion Bureau and had opted to continue to serve as Civil Servants in TDAP as provided by Section 8 of TDAP Act, 2013.

(2) However, Civil Servants Act, 1973 is not applicable to the following employees of MAP, including CEO, as they are not “**Civil Servants**” in terms of Section 2 b (i) & (ii) of Civil Servant Act, 1973 (F/A), being employees of authority and contract employees:—

- i. Permanent employees of TDAP under IPS scales (TPS 1-9)
- ii. Contract employees paid from regular budget of TDAP.
- iii. Contract employees paid from the EMDF in the TDAP.

\*(Def). Question No. 132. **Senator Hafiz Hamdullah:**

(Notice received on 21-03-2016 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of seminars organized by the Trade Development Authority in foreign countries since 1st July, 2015; and*
- (b) *the names of persons / firms nominated / sent to participate in the said seminars?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** TDAP has not organized any seminar in foreign countries since 1st July, 2015.

\*(Def). Question No. 135. **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi:**

(Notice received on 24-03-2016 at 11:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the quantity of fertilizer imported in the country during the last three years indicating also the amount spent thereon with year wise break up?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** The quantity of Fertilizer imported during the last three years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as under:—

\*(Def). Question No. 140. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 01-04-2016 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the commercial councilors posted abroad at present indicating also the names of countries where they are posted in each case; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for posting of the said councilors?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The names and place of domicile of the Commercial Counsellors posted abroad at present alongwith the names of countries where they are posted, in each case, is at **Annex-I**.

(b) The selection process For the officers mentioned at Annex-I was based on following steps:—

- i. Advertisement in news paper.
- ii. Written test by LUMS.
- iii. Interview by Special Selection Board.
- iv. Approval of the Prime Minister.

The tenure of Trade Officers was initially 2 years; two extensions of one year each were admissible on performance basis.

The current policy under which officers have been selected stipulates that the tenure of a trade officer will be three years (non-extendable).

\*(Def). Question No. 141. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 01-04-2016 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names and designations of the officers of the Ministry of Commerce, its attached departments, sub ordinate offices and autonomous and semi autonomous corporations who were sent abroad on official visits during the last five years indicating also the names of country visited, purpose of visit, expenditure incurred and name of authority which approved the visit in each case?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** Statements showing the names of officers, who were sent abroad on official visits during the last five years by Ministry of Commerce and its Attached Organizations are placed at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.

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

\*Question No. 84. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 16-03-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government appoints a Civil Surgeon in Benazir Shaheed Hospital, Rawalpindi, to countersign the medical bills of the Government employees, if so, the name of authority which appoints him / her and the tenure for which he/ she is appointed; and*
- (b) *the number of medical bills countersigned by the said civil surgeon during the last six months indicating also the number of bills which were returned with objections during that period?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a)The civil surgeon in the Benazir Shaheed Hospital, Rawalpindi has been promoted, in accordance with the notified recruitment rules (Copy Attached

at **Annex-A**) by the Ministry of Health (Defunct) (copy of orders enclosed at **Annex-B**) and posted to the said post accordingly.

As regard appointment of Civil Surgeon (BS-18) is the authority of Secretary, in accordance with delegation of powers notified and reproduced in the Esta Code.

(b) Medical bills are signed according to Medical Attendance Rules, 1990 and in the light of guidelines conveyed by the Ministry of Health (defunct) letter dated 16th March, 2006.

For the last six months following re-imburement bills were countersigned and returned by the civil surgeon:—

I. Countersigned	-	1075
II. Returned with objection	-	189

**\*Question No. 85. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to refer to Senate starred Question No. 82, replied on 10th July, 2015, and state whether it is a fact that affectees who are occupying 18898 acres of land of CDA have not been compensated / rehabilitated so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which they will be paid compensation and rehabilitated?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** The total area which is in adverse occupation acquired through land sharing policy 2007. The CDA acquired 09 Sectors in 2008 which includes E-13, D-13, F-13, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-6, H-16 & I-17. Sectors E-13, D-13, F-13, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-16 are acquired under land sharing policy and the plots of 50 X 90 is being allotted against the 04 Kanals land. 80% compensation in shape of plots has been given to the affectees of C-16 and C-15. The survey for acquisition of BUP of Sector C-15 have been issued and after the allotments of plots against the Built Up properties, the possession shall be handed over to the authority by the affectees. The possession of Sector H-16 and I-17 is also being retrieved after payment of cash compensation to the affectees. However, the possession is being delayed due to financial crunch. The land which was acquired during 60s and 70s in Zone- IV is still under the occupation of the locals and 90% people have been given cash as well as rehabilitation benefits.

**\*Question No. 86. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

(a) *the present status of implementation of Intermediary Liability Protection (ILP) to resolve the long standing issues of content platform; and*

- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to resolve the policy and regulatory issues required for financial technological companies like pay-pal, e-bay and other?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** (a) Limited liability protection for network service providers is provided under Section 40 and 41 of the Electronic Transaction Ordinance 2002. Intermediary Liability Protection (ILP) has been further strengthened by Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill 2015, which has recently been passed by the National Assembly for further consideration and approval by Senate. Clause 35 titled as “Limitation of Liability of Intermediaries and Service Providers” is proposed to provide adequate immunity to intermediaries and service providers against any civil or criminal liability for providing services in Pakistan.

(b) Ministry of IT & Telecommunication (MoIT) facilitated fast-tracking implementation of this critical initiative initially through formulation of an Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC). Due to the work of IMC, Framework for Payment System Operators and Payment Service Providers has been devised and approved by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Pakistan’s ranking on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) list has improved from Grey to White.

These policy and regulatory initiatives have now provided enabling environment for credible international financial players such as PayPal and e-bay to establish their set ups in Pakistan.

**\*Question No. 87. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, addresses and year of establishment of the companies working in E-Commerce sector in the country at present;*
- (b) *the main hurdles, if any, in bringing in the International Companies in E-Commerce sector of the country; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide incentives to the said companies for working in that sector in the shape of setting up of proper development centers of their own instead of sales offices, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** (a) Its related to SECP.

(b) In this regard, following steps have already been taken by the Ministry of IT through a multi-stakeholder committee named ‘Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on e-Commerce’.

- (i) Pakistan's ranking on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) list has been improved from Grey to White to enable entry to credible international players like PayPal etc.
- (ii) Framework for Payment System Operators and Payment Service Providers have been devised and approved by the State Bank of Pakistan to bring international companies in this sector and to boost overall e-commerce business in Pakistan.
- (c) With the support and coordination of the aforesaid IMC, Ministry of Commerce is in the process of formulation of a framework for the e-Commerce value chain including setting-up state-of-the-art infrastructure and consumer protection.

**\*Question No. 88. Senator Najma Hameed:**  
(Notice received on 18-02-2016 at 09:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to improve trade relations with Norway?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** Pak-Norway bilateral trade amounted to US\$ 63.15 million in 2014-15. The Pakistani exports to Norway amounted to US\$ 39.00 million, while the imports amounted to US\$ 9.37 million.

Pakistan's major items of export to Norway include Home Textile, Textile Garments, Football and Carpets and the major items of imports from Norway include machinery, paper & paperboard products, iron and steel manufactures, pulp and paper waste.

Norway is a member of European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Pakistan is desirous of initiating FTA negotiations with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Trade officials of the two sides met on October 3, 2007 at Geneva and agreed to continue deliberations on ways and means of expanding trade and investment relations. A meeting was held between the trade officials of Pakistan and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) member states in Geneva on 18th April, 2012 and subsequently a joint declaration was signed on 12th November, 2012. Ministry of Commerce has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to arrange an early meeting of Joint Trade Committee so that the committee can undertake steps to address issues relating to trade and remove tariff and non-tariff barriers.

**\*Question No. 89. Senator Najma Hameed:**  
(Notice received on 21-03-2016 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Capital Administration and Development Division be pleased to state whether proper arrangements have been made for the disposal of hospital waste in Government hospitals in Islamabad, if so, the details thereof?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:**



## **FGPC**

Proper arrangements have been made for disposal off hospital waste management. For this purpose details are given below:

Hospital waste is divided into two categories *i.e* infectious and non- infectious (municipal) waste.

- The normal non- infectious (municipal) waste is collected regularly in all three shifts from the waste bins in all wards and two shifts in the OPDs. This non-infectious material is then transported to the waste bins of CDA placed outside the premises of Federal Government Services Hospital. The CDA's staff collects the non-infectious waste daily from the waste bins of CDA placed outside the hospital and transport the waste for final waste disposal sites allocated for the city.
- The infectious waste is collected, transported and stored on daily basis by specially deputed staff, in the specially allocated area for the incinerator room.

Hospital has its own new state of art Incinerator (Three Chamber, Plus Scrubber Technology) where this infectious waste is burnt.

## **PIMS**

Hospital Municipal Waste (non-risk) is being collected by CDA from different points on daily basis. The infectious waste material is collecting by M/s National Cleaner Production Centre Foundation (NCPC) for incineration due to non availability of incinerator in PIMS (copy of the agreement between PIMS & NCPC is at **Annex-A**).

PIMS have made many efforts for installation of Incinerator. A brief summary is at **Annex-B**.

## **NIRM**

NIRM has its proper and full-fledged sanitation department which consists of 12 Sanitary Workers, two Ward Masters and one Sanitary Inspector under supervision of Deputy Director (Services):

- The sanitary workers are placed on morning, evening and night duties and cover the domains of OPD, General ward, Operation theater/ICU, Private Ward, Radiology, Pathology, basement ward, Cafeteria, laundry and Female Spinal Injury Unit. The duties of sanitary workers are adjusted in a way that there are no gaps in provision of sanitary and hygienic environment to patients.

- Individual ward incharges make sure that the sanitation conditions under their domains are kept optimal. Furthermore, provision of items like bleach, phenyl and surface disinfectants is ensured through timely procurement.
- The operation theater is fumigated and disinfected every Saturday to ensure a germfree environment. This is done by using a disinfectant spray on the surfaces and floor, ultra violet lamps in individual theaters to make it doubly sure that no pathogens are left behind.
- The disposal of hospital waste is also an important issue which concerns not only individual hospital but community as a whole.
- Waste generated at NIRM is segregated at source into non-infectious (garbage) and infectious waste.
- The non-infectious waste in the form of leftover food, wrappers, papers, kitchen garbage etc. is disposed off in the dumpers provided by CDA.
- The infectious waste including used syringes, blood bags, soiled sheets, soiled clothes, and other items contaminated by blood and other body fluids are safely disposed off by burning them in the incinerating unit as per principles of infection-control and community hygiene.
- An incinerator has been installed in the National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, since 1998 to dispose of infected waste. Routine preventive maintenance of the incinerator ensures its continuous smooth functioning.
- Recently, incinerator has been upgraded by adding new chamber to minimize fumes.
- The Hospital Waste Management Committee is in place to ensure proper waste management and protection of public health.

### **Capital Hospital (CDA)**

Capital Hospital, CDA Islamabad has a proper waste management system since long. All the protocols of hospital waste management are followed according to international standards. The salient features of our hospital waste management system are as follows.

1. A proper waste management system is in place in the Capital Hospital.
2. Hospital incinerator is in place for Hazardous waste disposal.
3. Non hazardous waste is handed over to DMA.

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

**\*Question No. 90. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 21-03-2016 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) the salient features of the Government policy regarding life insurance schemes in the country; and*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the said schemes*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) The Government has adopted measures related to good governance on all public sector entities and in this regards has promulgated reorganization of the State life Insurance Corporation Ordinance III of 2016. The main objective of the Ordinance was to bring in efficiency in the SLIC and penetration of the Insurance schemes into the masses.

Subsequently the Ordinance III of 2016 has been laid in both august houses of Parliament. The National Assembly has approved the Ordinance in the form of the Bill and now it's under consideration in the Senate of Pakistan.

The objectives of SLIC reorganization and conversion bill 2016 are:

- To provide for reorganization and conversion of SLIC into a public limited company;
- To provide for a legal basis for SLIC other than through the Life Insurance Nationalization Order (LINO), that will accurately define its enhanced objectives and role in the current environment;
- To encourage and promote growth in insurance sector in Pakistan;
- To provide for SLIC's business activities to be subject to uniform regulatory oversight and supervision;
- To streamline SLIC governance to bring it in line with existing regulation and international best practices;

It is hoped that with above measures insurance sector will grow and will benefit the population which is still not covered.

The Government is also taking keen interest in promoting insurance schemes in Pakistan. The insurance companies have introduced various new schemes to spread insurance to the grass root level and to the under privileged population.

It is clear that the GoPs main motive or policy is towards the betterment of the community. Subsequent to the issuance of the Life Insurance (Nationalization) Order, the objectives of the Corporation were developed as follows:

- To run life insurance business on sound line;
- To provide more efficient service to the policy holders;
- To maximize the return to the policyholders by economizing on expenses and increasing the yield on investment.
- To make life insurance a more effective means of mobilizing national savings.
- To widen the area of operations of life insurance and making it available to as large a section of the population as possible, extending it from the comparatively more affluent sections of society to the common man in towns and villages.
- To use the policyholder's fund in the wider interest of the community

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to improve the said schemes:

State Life as a government owned organization has massively contributed towards the uplifting of the insurance sector of Pakistan. It conducts life, health and pension business through its comprehensive network of offices across the country. The State Life Company has also established the overseas Life fund to cater to Pakistanis residing outside Pakistan.

To further enhance the insurance penetration of Pakistan, the Government also provides tax credit in respect of any life insurance premium paid on a policy to a life insurance company registered by Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan under the Insurance Ordinance, 2000, provided the resident person is deriving income chargeable under the head "salary" or "income from business".

**\*Question No. 91. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 22-03-2016 at 10:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of departments working under the supervision of the Ministry;*
- (b) *whether irregularities in any department have come to the notice of the Government, if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether the Government has constituted any inquiry to look into the matter, if so, the details and the outcome thereof so far; and*

(d) *the steps taken or being by the Government to check such irregularities committed by each department and to protect the interests of the employees, investors and users / subscribers?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** (a) National Information Technology Board (NITB) is the attached department of Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication.

NITB was established on 11-08-2014 after merger of two organizations *i.e.* Pakistan Computer Bureau (PCB) and Electronic Government Directorate (EGD).

(b) In September, 2013 an internal audit was conducted for the year 2012 to 2013 and irregularities were identified during internal audit of 13 different PSDP funded projects of EGD/PCB (Annexure-I).

(c) MoIT referred those 13 PSDP projects to Federal Investigation Agency for further investigations. Finalization of FIA inquires/investigation in the said cases is awaited.

(d) Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication has taken the followings measures:

- I. Strengthened internal check system to avoid any irregularity.
- II. Internal Audit will be conducted regularly for each financial year.
- III. A procurement committee has been constituted to observe PPRA rules and check any mis-use of powers.
- IV. Project Directors are directed to check strictly all administrative issues.
- V. Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP) also conduct external audit of MoIT regularly relating to the accounts of each financial year and the reports submitted by AGP are presented before Departmental Account Committee/Public Accounts Committee.
- VI. Further, as gaps are identified after the FIAs investigation is complete, additional measures would be taken to address them.

**\*Question No. 92. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**  
(Notice received on 04-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of trade agreements made by Pakistan with SARCC countries which are in force at present; and*
- (b) *the average per annum volume of trade of the country under those agreements?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Pakistan has signed the following multilateral and bilateral trade agreements with South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries:—

**(i) South Asia Free Trade Agreement:**

The Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) was signed during the 12th SAARC Summit held at Islamabad on 6th January, 2004. The first tariff reduction under the Trade Liberalization Programme (TLP) was enforced *w.e.f.* 1st July 2006. It was agreed that the TLP will not apply on Sensitive Lists. The Committee of Experts (CoE) agreed on a separate TLP for LDC and non LDCs:

- The non LDCs (Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan) would reduce their tariff for LDCs to 0-5% by December 31, 2008 in four installments.
- The non LDCs (Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan) would reduce their tariff for non LDCs to the maximum of 5% by 2016.

Pakistan has already brought down its tariffs for SAFTA' members to 5% and is in the process of preparing a smaller sensitive list for SAFTA.

**(ii) Pak-Sri Lanka FTA:**

Pakistan and Sri Lanka signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on August 1, 2002 which became operational from 12th June 2005. Under FTA following concessions have been granted:—

- (i) Number of tariff lines in the No Concession Lists of Pakistan 586 (6-digits) and in that of Sri-Lanka are 697 (6 digit) respectively.
- (ii) Number of tariff lines on which Pakistan agreed to grant access subject to Tariff Rate Quotas (TRQ) are 30 (8 digit). Pakistan has granted Margin of Preference on applied MFN to 29 (8 digit) tariff lines.
- (iii) Sri Lanka has granted access to the Pakistani Rice and Potatoes subject to Tariff Rate Quota.

(b) The bilateral trade between Pakistan and SAARC region for the last three years is as follows:—

*US\$ million*

Dates	Export	Import	Total trade
2012-13	3,438.2	2,236.0	5,674.2
2013-14	3,246.1	2,527.2	5,773.3
2014-15	3,295.8	2,148.9	5,444.7

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*Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics*

The average per annum trade volume of Pakistan with SAARC countries has been \$ 5,630.74 million in last three years.

The volume of bilateral trade between Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the last three years is given as follows:—

*(US\$ in Millions)*

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YEAR	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	TOTAL TRADE
2012-13	327.14	76.57	403.71
2013-14	260.24	61.93	322.17
2014-15	266.91	57.79	325

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*Source: Federal Bureau of Statistics*

The average per annum trade volume of Pakistan with Sri Lanka has been \$ 350.29 million in last three years.

**\*Question No. 93. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 04-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that balance of trade of Pakistan with many countries is not in favour of Pakistan, if so, the names of such countries; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the balance of trade with those countries?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Pakistan has negative trade balance with many countries, including China, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Indonesia, Japan, India, Oman, Malaysia and Thailand etc. Further details are attached as Annex-I.

(b) In order to reduce the negative trade balance with above mentioned countries, Govt. has taken following steps;

- Pakistan is reviewing China Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (CPFTA) with the intention of securing more market access for our exports so that the increase in export may reduced the increasing negative trade balance with China.
- Pakistan has signed a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Indonesia. Market Access on 232 items of export interest has been secured to increase exports
- Pakistan - Malaysia is also under review with the intention of securing more meaningful market access to increase exports to Malaysia.

- Japan and Pakistan has agreed to conduct a study for establishing the feasibility of FTA. Furthermore, both countries have agreed to start an Early Harvest Program (EHP), which would help to increase Pakistan’s exports to Japan.
- Both Pakistan and Thailand are in the process of negotiating FTA. This arrangement is likely to benefit our exporters.
- Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) facilitates Pakistani exporters for participation in various international trade fairs and exhibition.

\*Question No. 94. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**

(Notice received on 04-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Commerce pleased to state:*

- whether it is a fact that exports of the country are less than the imports;*
- the present volume of exports and imports of the country; and*
- the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the exports of the country?*

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that exports of the country are less than the imports.

- The present volume of export and import is as under:

<b>Trade (Billion USD)</b>			
	<b>July-March 2014-15</b>	<b>July-March 2015-16</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Export	17.72	15.06	-12.92
Import	33.94	32.49	-4.29
Balance	-16.02	-16.88	5.35

- Government has taken following steps to enhance the exports of the country:

I. Under Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF), 2015-18, several initiatives are announced to enhance Pakistan’s export competitiveness and institutional strengthening. A total of Rs. 20 billion will be spent on development of export sector during the next three years. The initiatives *inter-alia* include:

- Establishment of Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics, and Rice Export Promotion Council.



- ii. Support for the import of plant & machinery to strengthen supply chain and encourage value-addition.
  - iii. Performance Based Incentive (PBI) to offset the burden of higher utility costs and local levies and taxes on the export sectors, *i.e.* per unit price based refund @ 4% of 10% over last year's exports.
  - iv. Under short-term export enhancement measures, the following four product categories be focused: (i) Basmati rice, (ii) horticulture, (iii) meat and meat products; and (iv) jewellery, with the parallel focus on the following markets: (i) Iran, (ii) Afghanistan, (iii) China, and (iv) European Union.
- II. Through active trade diplomacy, Government is trying to get better market access for the local businesses in international markets by concluding Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with different countries.
  - III. Bilateral free trade agreements with China, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Iran, Mauritius and Indonesia are already in place. The opportunity of zero-rated market access in European Union market under GSP Plus scheme has provided a fillip to our exports to our largest market. Moreover, Government is in the process of negotiating trade agreements with Thailand and Turkey.
  - IV. The leading business support institutions are being strengthened. Trade Development Authority of Pakistan has recently been restructured; Pakistan Horticulture Development and Export Company is being revitalized and strengthened.
  - V. Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) is undertaking various export promotional activities through trade exhibitions and delegations.
  - VI. The TEXPO Pakistan has recently been held in Karachi for showcasing a broad range of Pakistan's textile products to foreign Textile buyers.
  - VII. In order to fulfil long awaited demand for reducing cost of doing business, Government has taken a major step of reducing electricity tariff by Rs. 3 for the industrial units with effect from 1st January 2016.
  - VIII. Drawback of local taxes at the rate of 2-4% of FOB realized value of enhanced exports has also been announced under SRO 177(1)/2015 dated 27th February, 2015.
  - IX. The availability of affordable finance for the export sector has considerably improved. The State Bank of Pakistan has further reduced the discount rate which currently stands at 6%. The Export Finance Rate currently at 3.5% is the lowest in a decade.

**\*Question No. 95. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**  
(Notice received on 04-04-2016 at 11:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large number of power looms and sizing sectors have been closed down in the country at present, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the number of employees rendered jobless due to closure of the said power looms and sizing sectors and the steps being taken by the Government to create new jobs for them?*

**Minister for Textile Industry:** it is not a fact that large number of power looms have been closed down. During July-Feb. 2015-16 cloth exports have increased by 1% in terms of quantity.

Category	July-Feb. 2015-16	July-Feb. 2014-15	% Increase/Decrease
Cotton Cloth (million meters)	1,399	1,390	1

Source: PBS

(b) It is not a fact, further, the Government had announced a special package for Textiles Sector in the Budget 2014-15 and these facilitation measures have been extended for the FY 2015-16:

- The benefit of Drawback of Local Taxes & Levies Scheme shall remain available for the textile exporters in the FY 2015-16 under which they shall be entitled to the drawback on FOB values of their enhanced exports if increased beyond 10% of their previous year's exports, as per following rates: a. Garments = 4%, b. Made-ups = 2%; and c. Processed fabric = 1%.
- In the last budget, the Government reduced mark-up rate on long term financing facility for 3-10 years duration from around 11.4% to 9.0% to allow export sector industries to make investments on competitive basis. This was reduced to 7.5% in February 2015 and was further brought down to 6.0% on 1st July 2015, now the rate has been further reduced to 5% *w.e.f* November 2, 2015.
- In the last budget, the Government reduced mark-up rate on exports finance from 9.4% to 7.5%, This rate was reduced in February 2015 to 6.0%, and it was further brought down to 4.5% from 1st July 2015 recently the rate has been further reduced to 3.5% *w.e.f* November 2, 2015.
- Duty free import of textile machinery would continue for FY 2015-16.

- Spinning and Ginning sector have also been included in Long Term Financing Facility .

**\*Question No. 97. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 04-04-2016 at 11:50 a.m.)

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

- the procedure laid down for sale and purchase of animals for Marghuzar Zoo, Islamabad;*
- the procedure laid down for purchasing of food and medicines for the said animals and the amount allocated for that purpose during the current financial year;*
- the arrangements made for cleanliness of the said Zoo and the amount allocated for that purpose during the current financial year;*
- the income received from the said Zoo and its utilization during the last five years with year-wise break up; and*
- whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to privatize that Zoo?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a) The procedure for sale of animals at Marghzar Zoo is through approved CDA Finance Wing rates per species of animals. Member/Director General (Environment) has competency for sale of animals upto 0.6 millions while Chairman CDA has full powers. The procedure for purchase of animals is through open tender as per PPRA rules, 2014.

(b) The procedure for the purchasing of food and medicines of the Zoo animals through open tender as per PPRA rules, 2014. The funds allocated for purchase of food feed during the current financial year is Rs. 13.200 millions. The estimate of food feed and medicines prepared are from market rates and checked by Quantity Surveyor action before floating the tender in print media.

(c) The cleanliness of Marghzar Zoo is carried out on daily basis. Twelve sweepers have been deputed for this purpose. All animals' cages and circulation areas are being Sanitation Department at sanitary landfill area. There is no budget allocation in the current financial year for this purpose.

(d) The income receipt of the last five year is Rs. 37.751 millions and year wise break up income is as under:—

Rs. In Millions

S.No.	Year	Receipt.
2011-12	Rs. 3.780	
2.	2012-13	3.540
3.	2013-14	9.730
4.	2014-15	10.03
5.	2015-16	10.680
<b>Total=</b>	<b>Rs. 37.751 Millions</b>	

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(e) There is no such proposal under consideration for privatization of Zoo.

**\*Question No. 98. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 05-04-2016 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there was provision for only Golf Club in the Master Plan of Islamabad, if so, the acreage of land allocated / specified for the same in that plan; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that presently there are more than one Golf Club in Islamabad, if so, the justification for the same and acreage of land of those clubs?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a) There is no provision of Golf Club in the original Master Plan of Islamabad.

(b) Two sites have been allotted for Golf Clubs in Islamabad. One site measuring 50.5 acres have been allotted to Islamabad Club, Islamabad and the other measuring 150 acres have been allotted to Pakistan Golf Federation.

**\*Question No. 99. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 05-04-2016 at 02:05 p.m.)

*Will the Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether the 4G services have been introduced across the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, its reasons and the steps taken / being taken by the Government to expand the same to whole country?*

**Minister In-Charge of the Cabinet Division:** The term 4G is commonly used to refer to the International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) Advanced technologies. Release 10 or the Long Term Evolution (LTE) is one of the technologies that meets the requirements of IMT-Advanced. However, earlier releases of LTE (8 and 9) are also known by the name 4G. In Pakistan LTE in the mobile environment has been deployed by CMPak and later by Ward. These

licensees are required to provide 4G/LTE services in four rollout Phases, as per their license (Annex-A attached) CMPak has completed Phase I of their rollout while Warid Telecom has completed Phase I and II of their rollout obligations.

\*Question No. 100. **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**  
(Notice received on 05-04-2016 at 03:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of posts of Assistant Director (Engineering) advertised by the National Telecommunications Corporation during 2015;*
- (b) the number of candidates who appeared in the NTS tests for the said posts;*
- (c) the names of the candidates who passed the said tests indicating also the marks secured by each of them in that test;*
- (d) whether it is a fact that an interview for said posts was held on 30th and 31st December, 2015, if so, the names of candidates appeared in that interview;*
- (e) the criteria adopted for appointment against the said posts; and*
- (f) whether it is a fact that some of the candidates who secured more marks in that test were ignored and the candidates securing less marks were appointed, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan:** National Telecommunication Corporation was established *w.e.f.* 1-1-1996 under Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-Organization) Act 1996. Under Section 41(3) of the Act NTC is responsible for provision of telecom Services to the Arms forces, Defence Projects, Federal Government, Provincial Governments or such other Governmental agencies or Governmental institutions as the Federal Government may determine. As per Section 41(4) (a) of the said Act NTC has powers to appoint, promote, remove and exercise discipline and control over its staff.

- (a) The posts of Assistant Divisional Engineers were advertised twice in the year 2015 as under :
  - (i) **First phase:** 11 posts on 11-01-2015.
  - (ii) **Second phase:** 17 posts on 24-09-2015.
- (b) (i) **1439** candidates appeared in NTS test in the first phase.
  - (ii) **852** candidates appeared in second phase in NTS test.
- (c) (i) In the first phase **53** candidates (**Annex-A**) in the order of merit were called for interview.

- (ii) **68** candidates (**Annex-B**) were called for interview in the second phase in order of merit.
- (d) (i) Interview for the first phase was held on 05-05-2015, 06-05-2015 & 07-05-2015. Names of candidates appeared in interview are at (**Annex-C**)
- (ii) In second phase interviews were held on 28-12-2015, 29-12-2015, 30-12-2015, 31-12-2015 & 01-01-2016. Names of candidates appeared in interview are at (**Annex-D**).
- (e) The following criteria as per NTC policy was adopted for appointment against the said post:-

Test Weightage	Interview Weightage	Chairman's Interview Weightage
40%	50%	10%

- (f) The merit list was finalized on the basis of test / interview weightage. It is not mandatory that candidate secured more marks in test be given marks in interview at the same proportionate. The interview committee assigned the marks as per performance of the candidate during interview.

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

**\*Question No. 101. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**  
(Notice received on 06-04-2016 at 02:55 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Climate Change Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) has made an agreement with a German firm M/S Alba for the establishment of hazardous waste management system in Islamabad, if so, the time by which the same will be established?*

**Mr. Zahid Hamid:** No, Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) has never entered into any agreement with German firm M/s Alba for the establishment of hazardous waste management system in Islamabad. However, the Pak-EPA did enter into an engagement with the German firm as a result of which it is pursuing its business course, independently. It may be mentioned that hazardous waste management is a municipal function.

**\*Question No. 102. Senator Shahi Syed:**  
(Notice received on 14-04-2016 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure adopted for appointment made against the posts of Naib Qasids and Drivers in the National Library of Pakistan during the July, 2015; and*
- (b) *whether the prescribed provincial quota was observed in the said appointment, if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a):

- (i) The appointments were made in accordance with the policy issued by Establishment Division *vide* letter No.F.53/1/2008-SP dated 22-10-2014 and 03-03-2015 (copies enclosed). Annex-I.
  - (ii) Draft advertisement was forwarded to Establishment Division through C.A.&D.D for vetting, issuance of NOC and publication in newspaper.
  - (iii) Advertisement was published by CA & DD in the newspaper on 15-02-2015 and application were received accordingly (copy enclosed).Annex-II
  - (iv) Secretary C.A.&D.D in the meeting held on 14-04-2015 directed to finalize the recruitment upto B-5 at department level.
  - (v) Departmental Selection Committee duly approved by Establishment Division interviewed the candidates and recommended for appointments under the rules.
- (b) Yes, provincial quota has been observed.

**\*Question No. 103. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:**  
(Notice received on 13-04-2016 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of overseas destinations to which PIA is presently operating its flights indicating also the dates since when the same are being operated; and*
- (b) *the names of overseas destinations to which PIA used to operate its flights in the past but were discontinued indicating also the period for which those flights were operated?*

**Minister Incharge of the Aviation Division:** (a):

- (i) Following are the names of overseas destinations to which PIA is presently operating its flights indicating also the dates since when the same are being operated:
- (ii) There are six stations where PIA suspended its flights for a certain period of time and then resumed its operations. Detail is as under:

(b) Following are the names of the overseas destination to which PIA used to operate its flights in the past but were discontinued indicating also the period for which those flights were operated:

**\*Question No. 104. Senator Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:**  
(Notice received on 22-04-2016 at 02:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) the steps taken being taken by the Government for implementation of Clean Air Act in the country; and*
- (b) the quality of air in the country at present and the name of department which monitors the same?*

**Mr. Zahid Hamid:** (a) There is no Clean Air Act in the country. However, air pollution is being addressed under Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 (PEPA'97). Major steps taken to ensure clean air are as under:-

- (i) Seven air quality monitoring stations
- (ii) Phased out lead from gasoline
- (iii) Reduction in sulphur from diesel
- (iv) Conversion to CNG
- (v) Pakistan Clean Air Programme (PCA)
- (vi) Adoption of Euro-II Emission Standard for vehicles

(b) Air quality monitoring is the responsibility of both the federal and provincial environmental protection agencies. Presently, air monitoring capacity is inadequate due to financial and technical constraints. Therefore, it is not possible to cover the whole country. However, the provincial EPAs have been requested to provide the latest status of air quality of their respective provinces. As regards Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak EPA) is working to energize air quality monitoring stations (one fixed & one mobile) which were not functional since December, 2011.



**\*Question No. 105. Senator Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini:**

(Notice received on 22-04-2016 at 02:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) the acreage of land covered by forests in the country at present; and*
- (b) whether the Climate Change Division has checked / surveyed the said land, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Zahid Hamid:** (a) The acreage of land covered by forests in the country at present is **11.66 million acres** (Source: Forestry Statistics of Pakistan, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar, 2004)\*

(b) The Climate Change Division has not checked/surveyed the said land. The reason thereof is that the subject of forestry is the sole mandate of provinces.

**\*Question No. 106. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 25-04-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of painters and carpenters working in the Capital Development Authority at present;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is no channel of promotion for the said persons / posts, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) the names and percentage of those persons who have been working as painters and carpenters in the said Authority in the same grade / scale for the last thirty years indicating also the reasons for not promoting or placing them in the next grades / scales; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to evolve a channel of promotion for the said employees, if so, the details thereof?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a) There are 30 No's Painters and 56 No's carpenters working in Capital Development Authority.

(b) There is no defined channel of promotion for the post of painter and carpenters as per Service Regulation-1992.

(c) All painters and carpenters are being up-graded from BPS-05 to BPS-07 and BPS-07 to BPS -09, respectively upon completion of 5 year of service in initial scale.

(d) CBA, CDA has requested to evolve a channel of promotion for all posts having no defined channel of promotion in Service Regulation-1992. The case is under process and will be submitted to CDA Board for consideration.

**\*Question No. 107. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 25-04-2016 at 03:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large quantity of sewerage water flows into the Rawal Dam, Islamabad, which contaminates water of the same; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that water from the said dam is being supplied for drinking purposes in various areas of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to stop the flow of sewerage water into that dam?*

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chudhary:** (a) Yes it is a fact that sewerage water was flowing into the nullahs along catchment area of Rawal Dam Islamabad. ICT make temporary arrangements sine June-2012 by construction of septic tanks and soakage pits to control the sewerage water flowing into these nullas till construction of 04 Nos sewerage treatment plants in the area.

(b) Yes the water is supplying from the Rawal Dam for drinking purpose in various area of Rawalpindi by WASA Rawalpindi after its proper treatment. As far as contamination of water in Rawal Lake is concerned a consultant has already been hired by CDA for Consultancy Services to Carryout Feasibility Studies, Detailed Engineering Design and onsite Construction Supervision For Control of Water Pollution in streams Surface Reservoirs and Sewage Treatment Plants in the City of Islamabad. In this regard a PC-I amounting to Rs.2258 Million for construction of 04 No ASTP's (Bari Iman, Simly Road, Madina Town and Shahdara & Upper Shahdara) is prepared by the consultant and is under approval with ICT.

**\*Question No. 108. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Adocate:**

(Notice received on 26-04-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the production of cotton has decreased in the country during the current year, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the number / quantum of cotton bales required for the use of local textile industry in the country on annual basis;*
- (c) *the quantum of the said bales provided to that industry through local production and that being imported on annual basis indicating also the expenditure being incurred on the same; and*

- (d) *the number / quantum of those bales imported during the last one year indicating also the names of countries from which imported and expenditure incurred on the same?*

**Minister for Textile Industry:** (a) Cotton Production decreased during last year. The factors responsible for this decrease in Production are as under:

Area under cotton crop during 2015-16 remained lower by 0.7% as compared to 2014-15 crop. The crop was badly hit by torrential and prolonged rains especially during the month of June-August. Damage due to rains and flood coupled with prevailing lower cotton prices & high rates of inputs discouraged farmers on spending more on already damaged crop. This situation resulted in flare up of cotton pest especially Pink boll worm which damaged crop severely.

- (b) Local textile industry consumed cotton during last five years is given as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Quantity (000 Bales)</b>
2010-11	14,331
2011-12	14,178
2012-13	14,209
2013-14	14,503
2014-15	14,727

(c) Pakistan has produced 13.030 million, 12.769 million and 13.960 million bales during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. Pakistan exported 0.544 million, 0.670 million and 0.559 million bales in above mention years. Remaining quantity of bales were consumed by the local industry.

- (d) Annexed.

**Annexure**

**Cumulative import of Raw Cotton During July, 2014-June, 2015**

<b>HSCODE COMMODITY/ COUNTRY UNIT</b>	<b>QUANTITY IN M.T</b>	<b>QUANTITY IN Bales</b>	<b>VALUE RS. (000)</b>
Afghanistan	23,928	176,047	7,596,550
Australia	4,881	28,712	1,218,924
Bahrain	75	441	11,051
Belize	149	876	22,975
Benin	1,847	10,865	277,609
Brazil	16,383	96,371	3,588,054
Burkina Faso(Fr.Up.V	3,266	19,212	736,683
China	200	1,176	42,033
Cc,ta ci,ivoire(Fr.iv	1,816	10,682	334,537
Egypt(U.A.R )	3,540	20,824	883,079
Ghana	48	282	8,529
Greece	1,937	11,394	370,370

India	35,253	207,371	8,179,704
Indonesia	285	1,676	75,762
Japan	6,153	36,194	1,240,259
Mali	604	3,553	149,701
Nigeria	1,853	10,800	360,928
Senegal	25	147	6,294
Singapore	403	2,371	75,468
South Africa	6,220	36,688	873,166
Spain	2,818	16,576	645,607
Togo	1,867	10,982	333,903
Turkey	8	47	2,207
Turkmenistan	3,692	21,718	966,186
U.S.America	31,077	182,806	6,725,633
United Arab Umirates	21	121	28
United Kingdom	25	147	4,084
Uzbekistan	147	865	33,419
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>154,521</b>	<b>908,947</b>	<b>34,879,743</b>

**\*Question No. 109. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak:**  
(Notice received on 26-04-2016 at 04:50 p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan Telecom Authority is not permitting the telecom companies in the country to verify SIMs against the CNICs of the members of political parties which intend to hold intra-party elections but the same facility has been provided to SECP, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** Any data sharing request received by PTA from any other organization is sent to Ministry of Interior (MoI) for clearance. It is mentioned that the request of one of the political parties was sent to Ministry of Interior for clearance but the same was regretted by them. This procedure is according to Ministry of Interiors Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

Facility has not yet been provided to SECP, as clearance is awaited from MoI.

ISLAMABAD:  
The 12th May, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,  
Secretary.