

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Wednesday, the 11th April, 2018

118. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state whether there is any Equity Fund to encourage Pakistani companies to cater niche markets through acquisitions of overseas brands/brand holding companies; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): There is no such fund in Commerce Division. The proposal for establishment of such a fund was examined, in detail, in the Commerce Division at the time of formulation of Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2015-18, but the creation of such a fund was not found feasible. However, in order to promote the branding by Pakistani exporters, an incentive for brand and certification support, wherein matching grant to facilitate the branding and certification for growth of the export oriented SMEs, through Intellectual Property Registration (including trade and service marks), certification and Accreditation was approved, under STPF 2015-18. The support for branding and certification is again under consideration in upcoming STPF 2018-23.

1. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ban has been imposed by the Government to export surplus agricultural products in international market; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the details of those surplus agricultural products at present?*

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): (a) It is not a fact that Government of Pakistan has imposed a ban on the export of “Surplus” agricultural products. The agricultural items banned to be exported as per Schedule - I of EPO 2016 are pulses, gram, gram flour and sugar. However, after observing domestic sugar surplus, the Government of Pakistan has allowed an export of 2.725 million MT of sugar in the crushing year 2016-17.

(b) The detail of surplus agricultural products is as under:

(Million Tons)			
Crop	Production	Consumption	Surplus
Wheat	26.6	25.80	4.74
Rice	6.84	3.00	3.84
Maize	6.13	5.20	1.93
Sugarcane	75.48	59.00	16.84

Source: Ministry of National Food Security & Research

2. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of countries in which Embassies of Pakistan have been set up?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The list of countries in which Embassies of Pakistan have been set up is attached at **Annex-A**.

NAME OF COUNTRIES WITH EMBASSIES

Sr. No.	Name of Counties	Sr. No.	Name of Countries
1	Afghanistan	45	Mexico
2	Algeria	46	Morocco
3	Argentina	47	Myanmar
4	Australia (H)	48	Nepal
5	Austria	49	Netherlands
6	Azerbaijan	50	New Zealand (H)
7	Bahrain	51	Niger
8	Bangladesh (H)	52	Nigeria (H)
9	Belgium	53	Norway
10	Belarus	54	North Korea
11	Bosnia-Herzegovina	55	Oman
12	Brazil	56	The Philippines
13	Brunei Darussalam(H)	57	Poland
14	Bulgaria	58	Portugal
15	Cambodia	59	Qatar
16	Canada (H)	60	Romania
17	China	61	Russian Federation
18	Cuba	62	Saudi Arabia
19	The Czech Republic	63	Senegal
20	Denmark	64	Serbia
21	Egypt	65	Singapore (H)
22	Ethiopia	66	South Africa (H)
23	France	67	South Korea
24	Germany	68	Spain
25	Greece	69	Sri Lanka (H)
26	Hong Kong	70	Sudan
27	Hungary	71	Sweden
28	India(H)	72	Switzerland
29	Indonesia	73	Syrian Arab Republic
30	Iran	74	Tajikistan
31	Iraq	75	Tanzania
32	Ireland	76	Thailand
33	Italy	77	Tunisia
34	Japan	78	Turkey
35	Jordan	79	Turkmenistan
36	Kazakhstan	80	UAE
37	Kenya (H)	81	UK (H)
38	Kuwait	82	Ukraine
39	Kyrgyzstan	83	USA
40	Lebanon	84	Uzbekistan
41	Libya	85	Vietnam
42	Malaysia(H)	86	Yemen
43	Maldives (H)	87	Zimbabwe

44 Mauritius (H) (H) High Commission

3. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis currently held/detained in Guantanamo Bay alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government in this regard since 2013?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) There are five Pakistani Nationals being held in Guantanamo Bay. One of them is co-accused in the trial related to 9/11 incident and other is pleaded guilty to conspiracy and murder, while remaining three have not been charged of any crime yet. Our Mission is in contact with the State Department Special Envoy for Guantanamo Bay closure and regularly seeks status of these five Pakistani Nationals detained at Guantanamo Bay detention facility. We have consular access to them as well.

(b) Our Mission in Washington has been coordinating with US State Department after consultation with this Ministry as well as National Crisis Management Cell, FIA and Ministry of Interior to discuss legal options for repatriation of Pakistani Nationals from Guantanamo Bay prison. We also obtained complete details from US side of Pakistani prisoners currently detained in the US and explored the possibility of their repatriation in consultation with legal experts.

4. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state the details of how the current regulations of the State Bank of Pakistan to provide support to start service sector with a view to enhance their exporting capacities?

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): The details of currant regulations of State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) that provides support to start service sector to with a view to enhance exporting capacities are given below,

- I. The prevailing foreign exchange regulation of Pakistan supports the exports of services from Pakistan in terms of facilitation & export promotion. The exporters of services sector are allowed to retain 35% of their net foreign exchange earnings in foreign currency

accounts with Authorized dealers in Pakistan. The funds held in such foreign currency accounts can be used by the exporters for promotional publicity, collection of commercial intelligence, purchase of designs/patterns, market studies, *bonafide* export claims, shortfall in realization of export proceeds and any other legitimate purpose, without any approval from the State Bank.

- II. Currently, short terms (Export Finance Scheme) and long term (Long term financing facility) refinance facilities of the State Bank of Pakistan are also available to the exporters including service sector through banks to promote exports of the country.
- III. Moreover, creation of enabling financial environment is one of the significant steps taken by SBP to promote growth of various sectors of the country's economy. In this regard, one of the main initiatives undertaken by SBP is to provide financing and risk coverage facilities that aim to improve access to finance for various sectors including the service sector.

5. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the foreign policy of Pakistan regarding Syrian Conflict; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to help Syrian Refugees since 01-01-2013?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Pakistan's position on the situation in Syria is based on the principles of international law, the UN charter and the rules of inter-state conduct, which can be summarized as:

- Respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria;
- Non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of Syria under any pretext;
- Resolution of disputes by peaceful means and settlement of internal

affairs of Syria by Syrians;

(b) Pakistan has, time and again, expressed concern at the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria. We support efforts of the UN and its agencies in providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Syria. There is need for expeditious access to and provision of humanitarian assistance to the besieged and hard-to-reach areas. Pakistan continues to voice support for protection of refugees including those from Syria at international fora.

6. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that number of employees of various departments of the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan are working on contingency/contract basis for many years; if so, the department-wise total number of employees thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Ministry to persuade the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan to regularize the services of said employees?*

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan (Mr. Muhammad Barjees Tahir): (a) The following number of employees of Gilgit-Baltistan Government were working on contract/contingent basis in addition to the regular establishments:—

S.#	Categories	BPS-1 to 16	Others BPS-17/18	Total
1.	Contract	337	158	495
2.	Contingent Paid	-	-	3427
Grand Total:-				3922

Department-wise summary of Contingent/Contract employees (**Annex-A,B & C**)

(b) The following steps to regularize and provide a just opportunity to those working under contract or contingent basis have been taken:—

(i) **Contract employees (Regularization of Services) Act, 2014.**

The Government of Gilgit-Baltistan promulgated Contract Employees (Regularization of Services) Act, 2014 against which 122 employees in BS-17 and above were regularized, whereas cases of 36 contractual employees are under process. Moreover, 199 employees (BS-1 to BS-16) have been regularized, while cases of 138 contractual employees under this category are under process.

(ii) **Contingent Paid Employees**

- a. This Government imposed ban on recruitment of contingent paid staff *w.e.f* 01-07-2016.
- b. Data of all contingent paid employees collected and database has been developed.
- c. All contingent paid staff have been verified through bio-matric system.
- d. The matter was put before Gilgit-Baltistan Cabinet which after detailed deliberations decided to adopt the policy of Federal Government notified *vide* O.M No.F.53/1/2008/SP dated 11th May, 2017 (**Annex-D**) during Gilgit-Baltistan Cabinet meeting held on 11th December, 2017 in respect of all those Contingent Paid employees appointed before 01-07-2016. Further necessary action will be taken as per the policy in due course of time.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

7. ***Mr. Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistanis are shifting to other countries or obtaining their nationalities; if so, the details in this regard?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): In the recent years number of Pakistanis travelling abroad has increased manifold. The number of migrants and refugees travelling from Pakistan along the Central and Eastern Mediterranean routes have been increasing since 2016, and majority of such people are from Punjab followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and the Federal Capital Territory. One of the prime reasons is quality education in the foreign developed countries. Moreover, better job opportunities in European countries and American continent have also attracted Pakistani citizens to get the nationality of those countries. In addition to above reasons, our nationals get married with foreign nationals and prefer to stay with their spouses in foreign Countries Pakistan has also dual nationality agreements with different countries of the world which allow Pakistanis to hold nationality of other countries without renouncing the Pakistani citizenship. It is also important to note that Pakistani expatriates often do not register themselves with Pakistan missions abroad, most of the times, it becomes difficult to know the exact number of Pakistanis who have acquired nationalities in foreign countries.

As per official procedures, when Pakistanis national renounce their nationality or acquire foreign nationality, their cases are processed by Ministry of Interior, therefore, this information may kindly be obtained from Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development. In this regard the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has already written to Ministry of Interior **(copy attached)**

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

8. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state whether it is a fact that extension has been given to Afghan Refugees to stay in Pakistan; if so, the extension period thereof?

Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch): As per Federal Cabinet's decision taken in its meeting held on 20th February, 2018, the Afghan refugees having Proof of Registration (PoR) cards and newly documented Afghan nationals having Afghan Citizen Cards (ACC) can stay in Pakistan till 30th June, 2018.

9. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

- (a) *the concessions given by the Ministry to the importers of cars since June, 2013;*
- (b) *whether the Government has taken notice of misuse of the current policy that allows imports of cars; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the remedial steps being taken to stop misuse of policy of imports of cars?*

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): (a) The policy of import of cars, as mentioned in Import Policy Order, 2013, is in vogue since 2013. No further concessions have been effected since June 2013.

(b) & (c) Yes. In order to put a check on the misuse of the policy, the Commerce Division *vide* SRO 1067(I)/2017, dated 20th October, 2017, imposed a condition for payment of duties and taxes by the importer in foreign exchange through banking channels.

However, a large number of cars, which could not fulfill the new conditions, were stuck up at the ports. Consequently, the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet reverted the policy and directed Commerce Division to chalk out a policy in consultation with the stakeholders to curb the misuse of policy. Commerce Division has initiated the process of consultations.

10. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamal Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the total number of daily wages, ad-hoc, contract and regular employees appointed in the Ministry and its attached departments from District Sanghar, Sindh and South Waziristan Agency since 01-01-2013 alongwith names, designations and dates of appointment thereof?

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources
Development (Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi):**

Name of Department	Reply			
	Name of Employee	Designation with Status	Date of Appointment	District
Main Ministry	Nil			
National Industrial Relations Commission	Nil			
Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment	1. Mr. Abdul Azeem	Assistant (Under P.M Assistance Package on contract basis)	23-09-2014	Sanghar
Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution	2. Mr. Hamid Ali	Assistant Director (Regular)	15-12-2014	Sanghar
Workers Welfare Fund	Nil			
Overseas Employment Corporation	Nil			
Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (Head Office)	Nil			
Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (Educational Institutions)	3. Ms. Afshan Masood	Lecturer (Regular)	09-02-2017	South Waziristan Agency
	4. Ms. Dur-e-Nayab	Science Teacher (visiting)	28-08-2015	Sanghar
	5. Ms. Shahida Parveen	Senior Teacher (visiting)	23-11-2017	Sanghar
	6. Ms. Farah Jabeen	Computer Teacher (visiting)	25-11-2017	Sanghar
	7. Ms. Shumaila Shaheen	Junior Teacher (Regular)	07-06-2016	Sanghar
	8. Ms. Farda Hafeez	Junior Teacher (Regular)	07-06-2016	Sanghar
	9. Ms. Nida Firdous	Junior Teacher (visiting)	25-07-2016	Sanghar
	10. Ms. Samina	P.T.I (Visiting)	28-08-2015	Sanghar
	11. Ms. Raheela Akhtar	Junior Teacher (visiting)	28-08-2015	Sanghar
	12. Ms. Sadia Hassan	Junior Teacher (Contract)	18-01-2016	Sanghar
	13. Ms. Reena Kausar	Lab Assistant (Regular)	07-06-2016	Sanghar
	14. Ms. Ilam Bibi	Aya (Regular)	07-06-2016	Sanghar
	15. Mr. Rizwan	Sweeper (Daily Wages)	01-12-2014	Sanghar

11. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistani Girls High Schools in Saudi Arabia at present alongwith detail thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that no School has been established in Mecca/ Makkah, Saudi Arabia for the children of Pakistanis;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish schools for children of Pakistanis in Makkah alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) There is no separate Pakistan community school for girls in the Kingdom nevertheless in each of our community school we have a separate girl's wing.

(b) Yes, there is no Pakistani Community School at Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

(c) We had requested the host government for opening of Pakistan Community schools at Makkah and Madinah. The decision of the Saudi authorities is awaited.

12. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to resolve the problems of Pakistanis in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Dubai and Oman since June, 2013?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi): The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & HRD through its Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) posted in Pakistan Missions in Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Dubai (UAE) and Oman have taken various steps to address the problems of Overseas Pakistanis since 2013. Country-wise detail may be seen at **Annex A,B,C and D.**

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

13. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons imprisoned in Kazakhstan at present alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)

* According to the latest information received from our Mission, there is only one Pakistani imprisoned in the jail of Kazakhstan.

- * A Pakistan national, Mr. Sarfaraz Hussain S/o Shafiq Ahmed, CNIC No. 4230152135289, resident of Karachi, was detained in Kazakhstan on 14 November 2013. He was sentenced for 8 years imprisonment, based on the decision of Almalinsky regional court on 31 March 2015. He was found guilty of committing crimes under articles 235 part 1, 385 parts 2, and article 330 part 2 of the criminal code of Kazakhstan.
- * Article 235-1 is related to crimes that a person commits in an organized group, a criminal association, transnational groups, transnational criminal community and contribution to the disclosure and suppression of crimes being committed by organized groups. Article 330-2 is related human trafficking such as organization of illegal migration which means providing transport facilities or counterfeit documents, provision of either accommodation or other lodgment and rendering help to foreigners and stateless persons for illegal entry, departure and transportation.
- * Since January 2018, the Kazakh authorities have eased Mr. Sarfarz's detention. He is in no more under detention or imprisonment. Now he is living with his family at home. His wife and three children are Kazakh nationals. He also attended Embassy's event in Almaty. The only restriction imposed on him, is to register himself with the Kazakh authorities four times in a month.
- * In addition, the Mission came to know through our Commercial Counsellor based in Almaty about arrest of one Pakistani national, Mr. Zubair Ahmed on charges of heroin smuggling. His arrest has not yet been officially confirmed by the host government.

- (b) *
- * The Mission has extended Mr. Sarfaraz Hussain all possible assistance including hiring of a lawyer for a fee of US\$ 4000/- to pursue his case in the court of law.
 - * On 09 February 2017, Mission has taken up the matter with Kazakh authorities to provide relief to Mr. Sarfaraz's remaining imprisonment on humanitarian ground. He got relief from the court and shifted to detention center in Kostanay from the prison. There he could go outside detention center and was allowed to move within city's specified territory.
 - * On 09 March 2017 his Kazakh wife requested that he might be shifted to Penal colony settlement in Almaty where she and her children were residing. The matter was raised with the concerned authorities through Kazakh Foreign Ministry. Due to the result of the Mission's efforts, he was shifted to department of Penal and correctional system of LA/155/8 Office in Almaty. There he could work and could also spend one day with his family.
 - * On 08 October 2017, he informed the Ambassador (on his mobile phone) about his dispute with Mr. Jabibov Rustam Tarverdievich, Head of the Colony LA/155/13. The Mission taken up this matter with the host government and due to timely action of this Mission, the matter was resolved amicably. On 31 October 2017, Mr. Sarfarz Hussain called the Ambassador and informed that his grievance was resolved.

14. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is working on a plan to change the Muslim majority in occupied Kashmir into Minority; if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to counter the same?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): It is a fact that India has been trying to bring demographic changes to institute Hindu domination in Indian-occupied Kashmir. In this regards the Ministry has taken the following steps:

- i. The former Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs sent a detailed letter about Indian nefarious plans of bringing demographic changes to the UN Secretary General on 27 April, 2017. The same was circulated as official document of the Security Council on 18 May, 2017.

- ii. The Foreign Minister issued a statement in the form of a Press release inviting the attention of the UN Secretary General on Indian Plans as well as condemning the ongoing atrocities in Indian IOK.

Both, the letter written by the former Advisor as well as the Press release regarding statement of the Foreign Minister on the issue are **attached**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

15. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of citizens of Pakistan detained in jail of Bagram at present; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government during the last five years to pursue the cases of said detained Pakistani citizens?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Our Embassy officials in Kabul visited Bagram detention facility on 14th February, 2018. During the visit, the Afghan informed that around 211 Pakistani prisoners were detained at the facility under various charges including terrorism, spying, illegal border crossing and travel without documents. Our officials were not permitted to meet the detainees in person. However, they were and presented in three groups of 25 detainees each for general interaction.

(b) Our Missions in Afghanistan remain consistently in touch with Afghan authorities to extend all possible legal assistance to Pakistani detainees in Afghan jails. However, the Afghan government is reticent on providing consular access to our missions. Details on the number of Pakistanis imprisoned and nature of their charges and status of their terms/sentences are also not made available. Nevertheless, the family members of Pakistani prisoners and international humanitarian organizations like ICRC share details with us on Pakistani detainees/prisoners in Afghanistan. Due to the efforts of our Mission in Afghanistan 44 Pakistani detained at Bagram Prison were released before 2012 - 2014 and repatriated to Pakistan. In addition, release of many other Pakistani nationals from various jails in Afghanistan has been secured since 2014. Our Missions in Afghanistan remain vigilant and pursue all cases of arrest and detention of Pakistani nationals in Afghanistan.

16. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state the country and year wise quantity of powdered/dried milk imported during the last five years?

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): The year-wise quantity of powdered / dried milk imported during the last five years is indicated in the table below.

Fiscal Year	Quantity(Metric Tons)
2012-13	51,273
2013-14	49,362
2014-15	51,560
2015-16	41,879
2016-17	86,238
Total	280,312

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

Country-wise detail of import of dried milk is attached as **Annex-I**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

17. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that a strategic trade policy framework for the year 2018-2023 in consultation with the World Bank is being prepared;*

(b) *if so, the relevant details regarding the consultation process and expected date of introduction of said policy?*

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): (a) Yes, it is true that Commerce Division is preparing strategic trade policy framework for the period 2018-23. However, the policy framework is being prepared through an entirely home grown process of consultation with the private stakeholders *e.g.* trade associations, chambers, leading exporters, academia and think tanks and the public sector organizations and Ministries.

The technical assistance, however, has been taken from the different development organizations *e.g.* World Bank and Asian Development Bank etc to fill the research and capacity gaps.

(b) Commerce Division has received written input from the Associations, Chambers , Commercial Sections abroad and academia for STPF 2018-23. Moreover, a series of consultative sessions has been held with all the export oriented trade bodies in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar, Quetta, Hyderabad, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Sukkur and Multan. A list of consultative sessions is at **Annex-A**.

Now, the Commerce Division is in the second round of consultations with the public sector organizations. The draft policy will be submitted for the approval of the Cabinet on completion of the consultative process.

Annex-A

List of Consultative Sessions

S.No.	Venue	Date
1.	Karachi	5 th & 6 th January,2018
2.	Peshawar	18 th January,2018
3.	Hyderabad	22 nd January,2018
4.	Sialkot	22 nd January,2018
5.	Faisalabad	24 th January,2018
6.	Sukkur	23 rd January,2018
7.	Lahore	25 th January,2018
8.	Multan	31 st January,2018
9.	Quetta	6 th February,2018
10.	Islamabad	14 th February,2018
11.	Karachi	20 th & 21 st March 2018 Gender and Trade Conference,
12.	Karachi	28 th March,2018 Buyers' Symposium

18. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in China at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) total number of Pakistani prisoners is 484.

Sr. No.	Embassy/Consulate	No. of Pakistani prisoners in the jurisdiction of Embassy/ Consulate
1.	Beijing	122
2.	Shanghai	13
3.	Guangzhou	94
4.	Chengdu	13
5.	Hong Kong	242
Total		484

- (b) i. Under Chinese law foreign prisoners are provided a lawyer but if the family of the detainee desires to hire their own lawyer and agree to bear the expenditure, the Missions provides assistance in identifying a suitable lawyer.
- ii. We take immediate notice of news of arrest of Pakistani nationals and follow up on these cases regularly.
- iii. Our Mission regularly seeks consular access to the detainees/prisoners and informs their family about their detention/imprisonment and well-being.
- iv. Missions make concerted efforts to connect the families of the prisoners with the detainees detained in China. This includes the facility of regular telephonic calls (on a monthly basis) which are arranged between the families and prisoners.

- v. Missions ensure the provision of Halal food to detainees/prisoners.
- vi. Small gift packs consisting of edibles etc. are also arranged by the Missions for the prisoners on religious occasions.
- vii. Missions present Pakistani magazines, books and the Holy books to them.
- viii. Missions also raise the matter of illness of detainees/prisoners with the concerned authorities to ensure provision of proper medical facilities to them.

Furthermore, to further facilitate the aggrieved families, Ministry of Interior is also processing "Transfer of Offenders Agreement".

19. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the country-wise total number of Pakistanis residing abroad at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): There are **8,524,366** Pakistanis residing abroad. Country-wise details of the total number of Pakistanis residing abroad is attached as **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

20. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cases pending against Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in various courts of the country at present;*
- (b) the names of Attorneys and law firms hired for pleading said cases separately; and*
- (c) the details of Attorneys on the panel of PCB apart from those hired for the said cases?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): (a) , (b) The relevant details are attached herewith as Annexure 'A'

(c) PCB's panel of lawyers currently comprises the following lawyers/
law firms:

1. M/s Rizvi & Rizvi
2. M/s LMA / Ebrahim Hosain
3. M/s Cornelius, Lane & Mufti
4. M/s Law Inn
5. M/s Sayeed, Hfeez & Co
6. M/s Jus & Rem
7. M/s Ernest & Kamran
8. M/s Axis Law Chambers M/s Haseeb & Omer Associates
10. Mr. Ahmad Warraich
11. Mr. Junaid Anwar Khan
12. Mr. Khalid Ibn-e-Aziz
13. Rana Muhammad Asif Saeed
14. Mr. Manzoor Ahmad Warraich
15. Rao Shafqat Ali Khan
16. Mr. Arfanullah Khan
17. M/s Raza & Khan
18. M/s JB Chambers
19. Mr. Salman Hamid Afridi
20. M/s Shaukat Law Associates

21. Syed Hasnain Haider
22. Mr. Saqib Aziz Tarar
23. M/s Ijaz Ahmed & Associates

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

21. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise rank of Pakistan on Human Development Index during the last five years till date; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve condition of its people during the said period?*

Transferred to Planning, Development and Reform Division for answer on next Tora Day.

22. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of welfare projects are being run under the Ministry; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch): There is no Welfare Project run directly under the Ministry of SAFRON. However details of welfare projects run under the attached department of Ministry of SAFRON i.e. Chief Commissionerate for Afghan Refugees, Islamabad are at **Annex-A.**

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

23. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of foreign cricket teams which are likely to visit Pakistan in the near future; and*

- (b) *the details of contacts made with various Cricket Boards in this regard?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): (a) Currently West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) is the only cricket board to have an existing signed MoU with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to playmatches in Pakistan. According to the MoU WICB will play a 3 match T20/ series in Pakistan. The schedule for this series is as below:

- (i) 1st T20/ on 1st April 2018
- (ii) 2nd T20/ on 2nd April 2018
- (iii) 3rd T20/ on 3rd April 2018

(b) PCB is regularly in touch with other cricket boards for organizing cricket matches/series in Pakistan.

24. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Denmark at present alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) As per record available with our Mission in Copenhagen, 22 Pakistani nationals are currently imprisoned in different jails of Denmark. Danish Ministry of Justice has informed that Danish Prison and Probation Service must obtain the consent of Pakistani citizens prior to disclosing the information. Of those 22 citizens from Pakistan, nobody has given their consent to pass on information about them.

(b) The Mission maintains liaison with the Danish authorities for updates on Pakistani prisoners in Denmark. The information received is also shared with the Ministry.

As required under Danish law, the prosecution system provides legal assistance. Moreover, the Embassy has not been approached by any detainee or prisoner for legal assistance.

25. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistani illegal immigrants in Greece have been entering other countries at present;*
- (b) *if so, the measures being adopted by the Foreign Office in Greece in order to address the said predicament?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Migrants and refugees from various countries have been, and continue to use Greece as a spring board to enter into other European countries. In recent years, Pakistanis too alongwith nationals of other countries have entered European countries from Greece. However, this flow has decreased due to measures taken by the Government as well as increasingly strict border controls between Greece and other European countries and the Agreement on Repatriation of Migrants between EU and Turkey.

(b) Our Embassy is maintaining a close contact with the Greek authorities, who have not raised specific complaints regarding Pakistani nationals. According to Greek authorities, after Agreement with Turkey, migration into Greece has declined by land routes, but continues at the same pace through sea route.

26. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamal Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the province-wise total number of Pakistani labourers sent abroad by the Ministry since 01-01-2013; and*
- (b) *the tehsil-wise total number of labourers of District Sanghar, Sindh and South Waziristan Agency sent abroad by the Ministry during the said period?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Saddaruddin Shah Rashidi): (a) Since 01-01-2013 till 28-02-2018, **3,728,330** Pakistanis proceeded abroad. The province wise details as under.

Province	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 up to Feb	Total
Punjab	326,867	384,454	479,389	447,296	262,402	32,814	1,933,222
Sindh	55,983	89,908	117,133	85,472	53,652	7,095	409,243
KPK	150,580	167,619	221,125	207,040	107,484	14,006	867,854
Baluchistan	9,303	7,267	7,699	6,397	4,531	446	35,643
A.J. & K.	40,051	52,134	64,597	43,105	33,327	5,607	238,821
Gilgit Baltistan	1,193	2,075	2,902	2,963	3,418	425	12,976
Tribal Areas	33,052	41,426	45,804	39,630	27,586	4,215	191,713
Federal	7,142	8,958	9,050	8,505	4,659	544	38,858
Total	624,171	753,841	947,699	840,408	497,059	65,152	3,728,330

(b) 5,648 Pakistanis proceeded from Sanghar, Sindh, whereas; 29,351 Pakistanis proceeded abroad during the said period that hails from South Waziristan. Tehsil wise details are not available.

27. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise total number of used cars imported in the country since June, 2013 alongwith the value/amount thereof; and*
- (b) *the laws under which these cars are being imported in the country?*

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): (a) A total of 259,924 used cars/vehicles valuing Rs.149,052/- millions have been imported in the country since July 2013 to February 2018. Year-wise details are as under:

Value: Rs. Million

Period	Units	Value
07/13 – 06/14	35,751	14,247
07/14 – 06-15	41,181	24,849
07/15 – 06-16	62,460	33,829
07/16 – 06-17	62,745	40,962
07/17 – 02-18	57,787	35,165

Source: FBR

(b) Import of used cars/vehicles in the country is regulated under Import Policy Order notified by Commerce Division exercising powers conferred under Import and Export (Control) Act, 1950 (XXXIX of 1950).

ISLAMABAD:
The 10th April, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Wednesday, the 11th April, 2018

1. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of properties destroyed/damaged during the operations conducted against terrorists in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas during the last four years; and*
- (b) the compensation paid to the owners of the damaged properties during the said period?*

Reply not received.

2. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile be pleased to state the names of Expo Centres established in the country since June, 2013 alongwith the province-wise break-up thereof?

Minister for Commerce and Textile (Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik): Expo Centers in the provinces of Sindh (Karachi Expo Center) and Punjab (Expo Center Lahore) already stand established and functional since 2002 and 2010 respectively.

Since June, 2013 the following listed PSDP funded projects have been initiated for establishment of Expo Centers in KPK, Balochistan and the Federal Capital:

Sr. No.	Province	Name of Expo Center and Present Status
1.	KPK	Expo Centre, Peshawar Total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2,500 million. Project activities began in January, 2017. Civil work is presently underway and the project is scheduled to be completed by 30th June, 2019.
2.	Balochistan	Expo Centre, Quetta Total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2,500 million. Rs. 100 million have been allocated to this project in PSDP 2017-18. PC-I of the project was considered by CDWP in its meeting held on 19-03-2018. Minutes of the meeting are awaited.
3.	Federal Capital	Expo Centre, Islamabad Total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2,500 million. Rs. 500 million have been allocated to this project in PSDP 2017-18. PC-I of the project was considered by CDWP in its meeting held on 19-03-2018. Minutes of the meeting are awaited.

3. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:

- (a) *the agency-wise details of expenditures incurred during the last two years on hospitals and health care centres set up in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas; and*
- (b) *the steps taken to improve health facilities therein during the said period?*

Reply not received.

4. **Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Mrs. Gali Rozi wife of Mr. Ghulam Durrani is trapped in China since last 18 months and she is unable to visit her daughter and husband in Pakistan;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Ministry is not extending its cooperation in this regard;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether the Ministry will provide cooperation in this regard in the near future?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a), (b) & (c) The Chinese authorities have informed that Mrs. Gali Rozi (Chinese name): Guliruzi Maitisaidi, wife of Mr. Ghulam Durrani is currently awaiting issuance of Chinese passport, upon which she will be able to travel back to Pakistan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has actively pursued the issue with the Chinese authorities.

5. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise total number of Pakistani prisoners released from the jails of foreign countries since 01-06-2013; and*
- (b) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in the jails of foreign countries except Denmark, Kazakhstan, Guantanamo Bay and China at present?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The year-wise data of Overseas Pakistanis released from prisons abroad since 2013 is attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) The total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in the jails of foreign countries is 10,462 (except Denmark, Kazakhstan, Guantanamo Bay and China).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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The 10th April, 2018.

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