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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Thursday, the 27th March, 2014**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 190, 96, 136 and 173 were set down for answer during the 9th Session)*

190. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Afghanis are running heavy business in Pakistan without any registration; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to launch Kafael (sponsorship) system in Pakistan like other countries; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Transferred to States and Frontier Regions Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

96. **\*Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) the number of persons came from UAE to Pakistan during the year 2012-13 for hunting alongwith the number of days of their stay;*
- (b) the number of eagles brought by them and the number of rare birds hunted by them during the said period;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that such rare birds were also hunted whose breed is being extinguished; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *the prescribed criteria for the hunting of such rare birds species in Pakistan;*
- (e) *the actions taken by the Government against those who were involved in it; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken for the protection of said rare birds species?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) 13 members of the royal family of the UAE came for the hunting purpose during the hunting season.

(b) No eagle was imported or exported. Each dignitary was allowed to hunt a maximum of 100 birds.

(c) The royal dignitaries come to hunt Houbara Bustard, which is protected species. However, each year steps are taken for breeding and conservation of the bird.

(d) There is a prescribed criterion for hunting of Houbara Bustard, called as Code of Conduct, which is conveyed to the embassies at the time of area allocation for strict compliance. A copy of the Code of Conduct is attached as Annex "A".

(e) No such incident was reported.

(f) The purpose of the Code of Conduct referred above is to ensure the sustainable hunting and protection of Houbara Bustard.

**Annex- "A"**

**HUNTING OF HOUBARA BUSTARDS IN PAKISTAN  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following code of conduct (furnished in consultation with all stakeholders) is communicated to the foreign dignitaries at the time of the commencement of the hunting season:

- Only sustainable hunting of Houbara Bustard is allowed.
- Hunting is permitted for a maximum period of ten (10) days.
- The bag limit is hundred (100) birds.
- Hunting is only allowed through falconry and use of firearms is prohibited. The number of Houbara Bustard hunted must be reported to the Liaison Officer attached with the particular hunting party on daily basis.
- Only notified dignitary will be allowed to hunt and all campsites should be closed and the area vacated within seven days of the departure of the dignitary.
- Advance party may establish its camp in allocated area, only one week prior to arrival of the dignitary. A representative of the respective wildlife department will be housed at the camp to monitor hunting exercise. The temporary import/export of falcons will be allowed in accordance with the provisions of CITES. A proper record will be maintained at the port of entry from where the re-export of the same falcons is allowed.
- Training of falcons is not allowed in Houbara Bustard habitat/ hunting area.
- Trapping, netting and taking of live Houbara Bustard, their eggs chicks from their habitat is strictly prohibited.
- Trans-boundary export of Houbara Bustard, their chicks and eggs is not allowed.
- The hunting should be carried out without damaging *flora* and *fauna* of the respective area. The camping sites and other areas occupied by the hunting parties may be restored to their original condition.
- A photographic record of camping sites before and after restoration will be maintained jointly by the respective hunting party and provincial wildlife department.

- The existing tracks should be used as much as possible to access the hunting area. The base camp should preferably be located in existing clear and level land and sand dunes or vegetative areas should be avoided.
- During hunting, camping and traveling in Houbara Bustard habitat, vehicles' speed may be regulated and monitored to avoid excessive dust emissions and disturbance to local communities.
- Solid waste and sewage generated at the campsites should be collected in proper facility/ septic systems and disposed off outside natural areas. At the time of restoration of campsite, septic tanks should be dismantled and filled with at least one meter of soil cover below the surrounding's natural surface level.
- The campsites may be selected away from human habitation. Moreover, fuel tanks should be daily checked for leaks and, if any found, should be plugged immediately. Used oil and vehicle related waste should be transported from the natural habitat and disposed off properly.
- The respective dignitary may liaise with local administration for adoption/funding of developmental projects for social uplift of the local communities.

136. **\*Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

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

- (a) the time by which the additional energy requirements of the textile sector will be met in order to take benefits from GSP Plus scheme from European Union; and*
- (b) the mechanism devised to comply with the conditionalities of said scheme?*

Transferred to Commerce Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

173. **\*Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has failed to make a considerable place in the conventional, unconventional and agri-industrial markets of the World including dairy, citrus, sports goods and light engineering; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to get sizable share of such industries in the world markets?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) The exports of dairy products have increased from Rs. 8.3 Bn in the year 2011-12 to Rs. 9.4 Bn in the year 2012-13. The exports statistics of last two years are as under:—

#### Pakistan's Exports of Dairy Products

PSTC	Dairy Products	2012-13		2011-12	
		KG	000 Rs.	KG	000 Rs.
4011000	MILK&CREAM OF A FAT UPTO 1%	541326	71117	1601000	151960
4012000	MILK & CREAM OF A FAT 1% TO 6%	33084607	4654061	45968860	4281391
4014000	MILK & CREAM OF A FAT >6%	118856	12597	366849	37858
4015000	MILK & CREAM.FAT EXCEEDING-10%	25470	3934	—	—
4021000	MILK IN POWDER FAT 1.5%	1299641	404978	348645	104551
4022100	MILK IN POWDER>1.5% FAT	2539334	746526	2135490	681791
4022900	OTH,MILK IN POWDER>1.5% FAT	3424351	838993	606546	168195

PSTC	Dairy Products	2012-13		2011-12	
		KG	000 Rs	KG	000 Rs
4029100	OTH MILK/CREAM NOT SOLID/SWEET	—	—	342351	51723
4029900	OTH MILK/CREAM SOLID, SWEETEN D	56073	12228	145606	22883
4031000	YOGURT	64182	5550	80223	7735
4039000	BUTTER MILK,CURDLED MILK/CREAM	6312814	1673670	3450938	1026427
4041010	WHEY POWDER	24000	5712	—	--
4041090	OTH WHEY,PRESERV CONCENT/SWEE T	—	—	17000	878
4049000	OTH PRODUCT CONSIST NATUR	206	68	—	—
4051000	MILK BUTTER	60015	22022	2137510	81012
4052000	DAIRY SPREADS	1048	436	4241	1517
4059000	OTH FATS&OIL DERIVED FR MILK	69175	24705	7998	33097
4061010	FRESH CHEESE	—	170	36	
4061020	FRESH CURD	5436	2526	—	—
4061090	4TH CHEESE & CURD FRESH	6419	2010	—	
4069000	OTHER CHEESE	22	10	42	16
4071100	EGG FOR HATCHING(PAR ENT STOCK)	7875	829	Ki85180	1184184_
4071900	FERTILIZED EGGS OF OTHER BIRDS	6685724	354521	—	—

PSTC	Dairy Products	2012-13		2011-12	
		KG	000 Rs	KG	000 Rs
4072100	O. FRESH EGGS OF CHICKEN(FOWLS)	34316	3805	—	—
4072900	OTH FRESH EGGS OF OTHER BIRDS	6000	600	—	—
4079000	OTH BIRD EGG IN SHELL FR/COCKED	139681	14401	21280	3082
4081900	EGG YOLKS, OTHER THAN DRIED	27000	4370	—	—
4089900	OTH BIRDS, EGG OTH THAN DRY	484	48	2500	250
4090000	NATURAL HONEY	1618364	573237	1393335	466193
4100000	EDIBLE PRODUCT OF ANIMAL ORIGIN	110	66	912	371
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>56152529</b>	<b>9433020</b>	<b>66988663</b>	<b>8305155</b>

The exports of Citrus have decreased from Rs.15.4 Bn in the year 2011-12 to Rs. 14.8 Bn in the year 2012-13. The main reasons behind the decline in the export of citrus fruit are decrease in the production of kino during the year 2012-13 and the ban imposed by Iran on the import of kino since February 2012 as well as US sanctions against Iran.

The exports statistics of last two years are as under:—

### Pakistan's Exports of Citrus Fruit

Citrus	Kg	2012-13		2011-12	
		000 Rs.	Kg	000 Rs.	
ORANGES	6177626	245759	1748730	69449	
KINO, FRESH	342390991	14563316	416182574	15334858	
<b>Total</b>	<b>348568617</b>	<b>14809075</b>	<b>417931304</b>	<b>15404307</b>	

The exports of Engineering goods to world have increased from US\$ 80.7 Million to 106.6 Million in the year 2012-13 as compared to 2011-12. The exports statistics of last two years are as under:—

#### PAKISTAN'S EXPORTS OF ENGINEERING GOODS

Value in Million US\$

	2012-13	2011-12
<b>Engineering Goods</b>	<b>289.0</b>	<b>276.7</b>
(i) Electric Fans	37.8	33.2
(ii) Transports Equipment	21.2	32.9
(iii) Other electrical machinery	65.7	53.7
(iv) Machinery specialised for particular industries	35.1	40.5
(v) Auto Parts	23.6	27.8
(vi) Other machinery	106.9	88.7

The exports of sports goods have nominally declined to US\$ 334.2 million in the year 2012-13 from US\$ 338 million as compared to year 2011-12. The main reasons behind the decline of the exports of sports goods is the decline in the exports of footballs as volume of the hand stitched football business is decreasing at an alarming pace because of diminishing competitiveness of Pakistani products in the international markets due to ever increasing production cost, rampant power shut-downs, difficulties in meeting the production and shipment deadlines, trends for automation and sophistication in the industry and poor compliance of the buyers codes of conduct.

The exports statistics of last two years are as under:—

#### PAKISTAN'S EXPORTS OF SPORTS GOODS

	2012-13		2011-12	
	000 Dozen	Million US\$	000 Dozen	Million US\$
<b>Sports Goods</b>	—	<b>334.2</b>	—	<b>338.0</b>
(i) Footballs	2924	143.4	3220	153.5
(ii) Gloves	2925	124.6	2900	112.3
(iii) Other sports goods	—	66.2	—	72.2



(b) Ministry of Commerce through Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2012-15 has announced the following steps to increase the competitiveness of our products to get sizeable share in the world markets.

- (i) Mark-up support of 2% on prevailing Long Term Financing Facility (LTFF) for future import/purchase of machinery has been announced to encourage fresh investments in export oriented industries in a tough economic environment, for the manufacturers *cum* exporters of the selected sectors (*i.e.* Leather, Engineering, Horticulture, Processed Food, Marble & Granite, Sports Goods and Computer related services) to increase their products.
- (ii) To boost the exports of the country by promoting the value added sector, a further markup reduction of 1.5% from the prevailing rates (8.4%) of Export Finance Scheme (EFS) will be provided to the fish and fish preparation, processed foods, meat and meat preparations, sports goods, footwear, leather products, surgical goods, cutlery, onyx products, pharmaceuticals, electric fans, transport equipment and electrical machinery sectors.
- (iii) To offset the increasing cost of utilities, selected non-textile exporting sectors (Fish and Fish Preparations, Processed Foods, Meat and meat preparation, Sports goods, Footwear, Surgical goods/medical instruments, Cutlery, Electric Fans, Auto Parts and Furniture) will be provided *ad-hoc* relief 3% of FOB.
- (iv) To support the initiative and to motivate exporters, subsidy on the opening retail sale outlets will be provided upto 75%, 50%, 25% per annum of the rental cost in the export markets in Asia, Africa and Australia.
- (v) To incentivize establishment of fruits processing plants in Gilgit Baltistan (GB), the government will provide 50% subsidy in the cost of plant and machinery for establishing processing plants for fruits and vegetable in GB.

61. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

*Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish Garments City in Karachi; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Textile Industry (Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi) :** Yes. The project, Karachi Garment City, is being implemented.

62, **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the benefits accrued to the country so far by imposing ban on the import of gold in the country?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** The ban was imposed with a view to evolve a mechanism that provides a facilitative framework for the genuine exporters of jewellery and simultaneously preclude the possibility of misuse of the scheme, which might adversely impact the kerb market. During the ban the kerb market has been stabilized and improved rupee-dollar parity.

63. **\*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Hockey and Foot Ball games in the country?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):**

### **Hockey**

Hockey is the game of our national pride and it has played a very vital role in winning laurels and good name to Pakistan in the International arena. Unfortunately, the performance of our national hockey team has not only been inconsistent but it took a nosediye. While analyzing the various factors leading to low performances and conditions of the team, it was considered essential that full attention be focused on promoting the game at grass-root-level. There is no dearth of talent but all that is needed is to impart systematic and scientific training on modern lines to the young players having potential, in their prime.

The PHF Management decided to expand the base of Hockey all over Pakistan and catch the talent in its prime and through regular sports academics, the players are prepared. The PHF Executive Board and PHF Congress appreciated the bold steps taken by the new Management of Pakistan Hockey for the rejuvenation of the game and approved the following Projects:—

I. ACADEMIES:

- ❖ According to the details outlined in the Master Plan, each Academy will have 30-33 players selected by the Selection Committee nominated by the PHF. The players will be of school going age from 8th, 9th & 10th classes. Every year when the players of 10th class have finished, as a regular system, training players of 9th class would be promoted to next cadre and similarly students of 8th to next cadre. For the vacancy created in 8th class, next batch of 11 players would be selected and every year the rotation will be carried on.
- ❖ The selected players of the Academy are living in their own home and are reporting at the Coaching Centres daily, for coaching.
- ❖ In the prevailing socio-economic conditions, it was considered appropriate that the players should be imparted coaching instructions in their home towns and they would be staying with their parents in their homes.

Under the project of establishing Hockey Academies at 18 centres where abundant talent is available, namely:—

Karachi 2, Hyderabad, Lahore 2, Peshawar, Quetta, Faisalabad, Gojra, Bahawalpur, Bannu, Abbottabad, Sialkot, Sargodha, Mandi Bahauddin, Sheikhupura, Vehari @ Multan, (Karachi &, Lahore being metropolitan) have two each.

PSB has been extending financial assistance to PHF for promotion of the national game in the country. The details of grants released during the last five years is appended below:—

Year	Annual Grant (Rs.)	Special Grant (Rs.)	Under President / PM Directive (Rs.)	Under President PSB Directive S. (Rs.)	Total (Rs)
2008-09	2,153,250	1,840,860	52,153,250	-	56,147,360
2009-10	3,000,000	1,414,258	142,500,000	-	146,914,258
2010-11	3,200,000	3,800,000	82,500,000	-	89,500,000
2011-12	3,200,000	1,800,000	88,500,000	-	93,500,000
2012-13	3,411,160	1,900,000	222,936,543	-	228,247,703
	14,964,410	10,755,118	588,589,793	-	614,309,321

### FOOTBALL

Pakistan Football Federation is an affiliated body of Pakistan Sports Board which is responsible for promotion of Football sport in the country. PSB extends financial support to the federation for its national and International commitments. The detail of grants released during the last five years is given below:—

Year	Annual Grant (Rs.)	Special Grant (Rs.)	Under President / PM Directive (Rs.)	Under President PSB Directive S. (Rs.)	Total (Rs)
2008-09	1,291,950	-	20,000,000	-	21,291,950
2009-10	1,600,000	-	30,000,000	-	31,600,000
2010-11	1,700,000	1,200,000	20,000,000	-	22,900,000
2011-12	1,700,000	-	20,000,000	-	21,700,000

PFF has been a striving hard for promotion of football in the country. FIFA has also been extending assistance for development and promotion of Football in Pakistan in order to develop/promote football in the country PFF has launched different programmes which are summarized as under:—

#### **1. Youth Development at Grass Root:**

Pakistan Football Federation, in collaboration with FIFA, launched a grass root level coaching programme, in which coaches who have qualified as “C”, “B” and “A” have been utilized to train National U-13, U-16, U-18 players at District/Province and National level. They have selected 28 Men and 2 Women coaches under AFC Aid; 27 coaching programmes, to conduct coaching activities throughout the country.

## 2. Coaches Education.

Modern Football has become very technical and specific. In order to achieve success PFF hired Specially AFC qualified/certified coaches who would have carry out this task at all levels, in order to achieve a good base and a clear policy, the Federation has introduced “D” certificate courses throughout the country. This basic course has enabled PFF to select young literate coaches (Male, Female) for the International AFC “C” coaching course which is the first step in the FIFA/ AFC coaching manual:

In order to selected new talent/players, Pakistan Football Federation has carried out, the following major activities:—

- (a) Organization of Pakistan Premier League (PPL) in which 16 top National Departmental/club teams participate & play total 240 matches with total of 480 players.
- (b) Organization of Pakistan Football Federation League (PFFL) in which 14 National Departmental 9 top clubs of the country take part & play total 46 matches with total of 690 players.
- (c) Organization of National Challenge Cup with in which 16 top National Departmental/Club teams take part & play 18 matches with total of 480 players.
- (d) Organization of U-14,U-16,U-19 and U-21 National Championships on alternate year basis.

### 64. \*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to bring harmony among the provinces for prevention of infectious diseases?*

Transferred to National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

65. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken for the development of the Squash in the country during the last five years?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) is affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board for promotion and development of Squash in the country. However, the Federal Government is providing all possible help and assistance to PSF which includes:—

(a) Annual grants for holding mandatory annual championships as well as day to day expenses of the Federations.

(b) Special grants for participation of Pakistani Sports teams in International Tournaments at home and abroad.

The statement of grants released during the last five years to PSF is appended below:—

Year	Annual Grant (Rs.)	Special Grant (Rs.)	Under President / PM Directive (Rs.)	Under President PSB Directive S. (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
2008-09	1,378,080	300,000	2,000,000	-	3,678,080
2009-10	2,000,000	640,000	-	-	2,640,000
2010-11	2,200,000	1,000,000	-	-	3,200,000
2011-12	2,376,000	400,000	-	-	2,776,000
2012-13	2,571,040	2,150,000	-	-	4,721,040
	<b>10,525,120</b>	<b>44,90,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,15,120</b>

The main areas of concentration of Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) includes holding of tournaments in the country, sending Pakistani players for overseas events, participation of Pakistan team in major tournaments, like Asian and World events, holding of regular training camps and development of squash at grass root level.

### PERFORMANCE AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

PSF is mainly focused at revival of international squash in Pakistan through seeking high priced PSA tournaments with participation of foreign players. PSF has organized very successfully the Asian Individual Squash Championship at Islamabad during 2013 in which players from Hong Kong, Malaysia, China, Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka, Kuwait and Pakistan participated. Mr. Aamir Atlas won Gold Medal after a long period of 15 years. Pakistani players also showed excellent performance in major events by winning Gold Medal in Asian Junior Team Championship, 2013 held at Korea. Mr. Ahmed Bukhari won Gold Medal in Asian Junior Individual Championship 2013 at Jordan.

### REVIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL SQUASH

Owing to the law and order situation in the country, the international players are not frequently coming to Pakistan and the international body has allowed PSF to hold only four (04) PSA tournament's every year. This is one of the hinderance for our players to excel in the game. However, to address the issue, PSF has accelerated its efforts through World Squash Federation and the Professional Squash Association for bringing international Squash back to the country. In the last week of January, 2014, the Senior Vice President, PSF, AVM Syed Razi Nawab along with squash legend Mr. Qamar Zaman met PSA Board of Directors in Queen's Club London to revive international squash in Pakistan.

### SPONSORSHIP FOR PLAYERS

PSF has been supporting senior players alongwith grooming the junior boys and girls by providing them tournaments in country and overseas with the to aim to improve their world ranking by playing maximum events. During the year 2013, our players participated in 35 tournaments in Pakistan at abroad out of which they won 07 tournaments and stood runner up in four (04) PSA events. As a result, most of our players have improved their world ranking:

66. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken so far by the present Government to improve the standard of education and up-gradation of Pakistani Government Schools functioning abroad at present?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** The Government in line with its stated policy to improve quality of services for the Pakistani Diaspora has taken following steps to improve the standard of education and up-grade eleven Pakistani Government owned Schools managed by the Pakistan Missions:

Hiring of qualified, experienced and professional teachers to execute and meet demands of curriculum.

Faculty members are given on-job training, focusing on preparation academic plans, worksheets and innovative ways of teaching the students.

Training workshops for teachers and close monitoring of teaching and learning process and student's work.

Exposing students to technology to keep them abreast with the latest developments.

All Pakistan Missions abroad have been instructed by the Ministry to improve the standards of education by taking results as a barometer for assessing performance.

Head of Missions (HOMs) have been instructed for strict oversight of the school affairs and activating the respective Board of Governors (BOGs) for improving education standards and upkeep of the school.

67. **\*Ms. Parveen Massod Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *the country-wise trade agreements signed by the Government during the period from 2008 to 2013; and*
- (b) *whether exports or imports of Pakistan have increased therefrom alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) Pakistan has signed the following Trade Agreements since March, 2008 to 2013:—

- I. The Agreement on Trade in Services between Pakistan and China was signed on 21st February 2009. The Agreement is operational from 10th October 2009.



- II. Preferential Trade Agreement with Indonesia was signed on 3rd February, 2012 and operationalized *w. e.f.* 1st September, 2013.
- III. Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) was signed on 28th October, 2010 and operationalized on 12th June, 2011.
- IV. Pakistan signed the SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services on 29th April, 2010 at Thimphu, Bhutan.

(b) Trade statistics of the these countries for the last five years is as set out below:

US Million \$

Years	China		Indonesia		Afghanistan		SARRC	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
2008-09	701	4086	48	842	1398	993	2297	1433
2009-10	1154	4411	73	641	1572	140	2611	1501
2010-11	1634	5790	140	805	2337	172	3953	2054
2011-12	2184	6717	217	1161	2250	200	3534	1843
2012-13	2609	6642	196	1296	2066	288	3438	2236

Source: FBS

68. **\*Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

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

- (a) *the total quantity of surgical instruments exported during the last three years till date;*
- (b) *the total amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;*
- (c) *whether any incentive has been given to the traders of surgical instruments/products; if so, th details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken to increase the manufacturing of surgical instruments in the country?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) The total quantity of surgical instruments, exported during the last three years till date, is given below:

**PAKISTAN EXPORTS OF SURGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS**

Quantity in Million (Numbers)

Year (July-June)	Quantity
2010-2011	133.699
2011-2012	185.258
2012-2013	224.558

*Source: PBS*

(b) The total accumulative foreign exchange earned by Surgical sector from last three years is around **US \$ 867.6 Million.**

(c) Following incentives have been given by the government to the traders of surgical instruments/products:

(I) **Market Access Incentive**

During February 2013, TDAP in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) sent a Marketing Study Mission to Japan including Chairman and vice-Chairman of Surgical Instruments Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (SIMAP) so that they could understand the Market access requirements / regulatory procedures of Japan and disseminate the same information among their members.

(II) TDAP sponsored a trade delegation to Malaysia on July (12th – 19th), 2012 comprising nine (09) leading exporters of Surgical / dental & Instruments to represent and introduce the Pakistani products to the Malaysian market. To make the visit/program more meaningful, TDAP hired a Stall in the APHM International Healthcare conference and Exhibition held from July, (17th – 19th), 2012 at Kuala Lumpur convention Centre, Malaysia, where delegates of Surgical Instruments trade association displayed their products and met with large numbers of buyers and importers at one place.

(III) An eleven (11) member TDAP sponsored trade delegation from the surgical Instruments Manufacturers Association (SIMAP) visited Uzbekistan on (21st – 28th) April, 2013. This delegation program

was arranged by TDAP as a follow-up of Prime Minister of Pakistan's visit to Tashkent, (Uzbekistan) on March 24th -26th, 2011, during which the Uzbek authorities indicated to welcome product specific delegation from Pakistan including surgical & Medical Instrument Industry.

(d) Measures to increase the manufacturing of surgical instruments in the country are :

- (i) In the Export Policy Order issued *vide* S.R.O 192 (1)/2013, dated March 8th, 2013 Minimum FoB price of surgical instrument have been set. This step would certainly eliminate the internal price competition and nobody would be able to export surgical instruments below standard price.

(Copy attached for ready reference as **Annex-I**)

- (ii) TDAP is developing a booklet alongwith updated profiles of Top surgical manufacturers who are already exporting to Japan. TDAP is working on this initiative in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). These booklets would be distributed amongst Japanese buyers by JICA mentioning that these surgical companies are already being exported to Japan and fulfill the quality requirements and deserve more orders from other Japanese buyers.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

69. **\*Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total income earned by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) during the period from 2002 to 2008; and*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount spent by PCB during the period from 1-1-2002 to 31-12-2013?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** (a) The year-wise total income earned by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) during the period from 2002 to 2008 is:—

Year	Income
2008	1,773,450,282
2007	1,408,824,801
2006	2,576,931,368
2005	659,706,128
2004	1,622,281,267
2003	771,745,349
2002	357,525,246

(b) The year-wise total amount spent by PCB during the period from 01-01-2002 to 31-12-2013 is:—

Year	Income
2013	2,102,811,333
2012	2,513,450,711
2011	2,694,135,787
2010	1,713,260,084
2009	1,820,768,907
2008	1,903,424,950
2007	1,029,796,343
2006	838,282,490
2005	739,779,889
2004	578,823,477
2003	426,261,092
2002	402,826,596

70. **\*Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

(a) *the date by which land was purchased for labourer colony of Workers Welfare Board (WWB) Zone-V, Islamabad along with the area and value thereof;*

- (b) *the land of said colony which is under the occupation of other departments at present; if so alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the action taken against the responsables involved in said negligence alongwith the steps take by WWB to evacuate the said land?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) The WWF has purchased land for Labour Colony in Zone-V measuring 2694 kanals at a cost of Rs.354.257 million. The purchase of land completed in two phases. First phase started in June, 1996 and completed in October, 1999 whereas second phase stated in October 2008 & completed in August 2011.

(b) Presently, land measuring 99, kanals 4 marla is under the occupation of following departments / private housing societies:—

S.#	Department / Private Housing Societies	Land under Occupation
1.	Naval Anchorage	77 Kanals
2.	Gulberg Housing Scheme (IBCHS)	13 Kanals
3.	M/s Ayaz Builders	07 Kanals
4.	M/s Taqi Builders	01 Kanal 19 Marlas
5.	Mr. Afzaal Hussin, Mr. Iftikhar Hussin, Mr. Aftab Hussin and Mr. Muhammad Irshad.	05 Marlas
Total:		99 Kanals 4 Marlas

(c) There is no negligence on the part of Workers Welfare Fund. In fact, land has been unauthorizedly occupied by other departments / private housing societies. The WWF Secretariat has been vigorously pursuing the matter to get the said land vacated from the occupants *i.e.* Naval Anchorage, IBCHS & Ayaz Builders. Similarly, case is subjudice in Civil Court, Islamabad against M/s Taqi Builders and Afzal Hussain.

71. **\*Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has given nationals of some states like UK, the right to get visas on arrival in Pakistan; if so, the terms and conditions thereof;*
- (b) *whether Pakistan's nationals/citizens can also avail similar facilities on arrival in those countries on reciprocal basis;*
- (c) *if not, the justification to grant such unilateral concessions by the Government of Pakistan?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

72. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the year-wise animals imported from other countries during the year 2013-14 alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** During the year 2013-14 (July-March), a total of 6,219 cattle of Holstein Friesian and Jersey breeds (dairy heifers, cows, bulls) have been imported from Australia by 12 livestock/dairy forms in the private sector.

73. **\*Dr. Arif Alvi:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed criteria for hunting of Houbara Bustard in Pakistan; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued permits to some individuals for imports and exports of Falcons for 20 years during the year 2012-13 till date; if so, the justifications alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) Prescribed criteria for hunting of Houbara Bustard in Pakistan is attached as Annexure 'A'.

(b) H.E. Mr. Nasir Abdullah Lootah, a citizen of the United Arab Emirates and Chairman of Nasir Lootah Group was issued permit to import and export falcons in 2012-13 on the following conditions:

- o These falcons will be re-exported to the United Arab Emirates at the end of hunting season.
- o Falcons will be imported against proper documentation/passport which will carry tag numbers and other details of the bird.
- o All the birds will be individually photographed by the Custom Authorities at the time of entry/import into Pakistan. The photo must be matched accordingly when the birds are being exported back to the United Arab Emirates.
- o Re-export of falcons will take place through the same airport from where the birds were brought into Pakistan.
- o No falcons will be allowed to be imported for training purposes.
- o No local purchase/export of local falcons will be allowed.

**Annex- A**

HUNTING OF HOUBARA BUSTARDS IN PAKISTAN

PRESCRIBED CRITERIA

The following code of conduct (furnished in consultation with all stakeholders) is communicated to the foreign dignitaries at the time of the commencement of the hunting season:

- Only sustainable hunting of Houbara Bustard is allowed.
- Hunting is permitted for a maximum period of ten (10) days.
- The bag limit is hundred (100) birds.

- Hunting is only allowed through falconry and use of firearms is prohibited. The number of Houbara Bustard hunted must be reported to the Liaison Officer attached with the particular hunting party on daily basis.
- Only notified dignitary will be allowed to hunt and all campsites should be closed and the area vacated within seven days of the departure of the dignitary.
- Advance party may establish its camp in allocated area, only one week prior to arrival of the dignitary. A representative of the respective wildlife department will be housed at the camp to monitor hunting exercise. The temporary import/export of falcons will be allowed in accordance with the provisions of CITES. A proper record will be maintained at the port of entry from where the re-export of the same falcons is allowed.
- Training of falcons is not allowed in Houbara Bustard habitat/ hunting area.
- Trapping, netting and taking of live Houbara Bustard, their eggs chicks from their habitat is strictly prohibited.
- Trans-boundary export of Houbara Bustard, their chicks and eggs is not allowed.
- The hunting should be carried out without damaging *flora* and *fauna* of the respective area. The camping sites and other areas occupied by the hunting parties may be restored to their original condition.
- A photographic record of camping sites before and after restoration will be maintained jointly by the respective hunting party and provincial wildlife department.
- The existing tracks should be used as much as possible to access the hunting area. The base camp should preferably be located in existing clear and level land and sand dunes or vegetative areas should be avoided.



- During hunting, camping and traveling in Houbara Bustard habitat, vehicles' speed may be regulated and monitored to avoid excessive dust emissions and disturbance to local communities.
- Solid waste and sewage generated at the campsites should be collected in proper facility/ septic systems and disposed off outside natural areas. At the time of restoration of campsite, septic tanks should be dismantled and filled with at least one meter of soil cover below the surrounding's natural surface level.
- The campsites may be selected away from human habitation. Moreover, fuel tanks should be daily checked for leaks and, if any found, should be plugged immediately. Used oil and vehicle related waste should be transported from the natural habitat and disposed off properly.
- The respective dignitary may liaise with local administration for adoption/funding of developmental projects for social uplift of the local communities.

74. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of countries with whom Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) have been signed by the Government during the last three years till date alongwith the comparison of the volume of trade with these countries before and after the said agreements?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** Pakistan signed the following trade agreements with other countries during the last three years till date:—

- ❖ Afghanistan Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) was signed on 28th October, 2010 and operationalized on 12th June, 2011.
- ❖ Preferential Trade Agreement with Indonesia was signed on 3rd February, 2012 and operationalized w.e.f. 1st September, 2013.
- ❖ The comparison of the volume of trade with these countries during last few years are given below:—

✓ **Bilateral Trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan**

(Value in US\$ Million)

Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
FY 2008-09	1,397.6	993	(+) 1304.6
FY 2009-10	1,571.5	140	(+) 1431.5
FY 2010-11	2,336.7	172.1	(+) 2164.6
FY 2011-12	2,249.6	200	(+) 2049.6
FY 2012-13	2,065.9	288	(+) 1777.9

Source: FBS

✓ **Bilateral Trade between Pakistan and Indonesia**

(Value in million US\$)

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance
2008-09	48.3	842.7	(-) 794.4
2009-10	72.9	641	(-) 569
2010-11	139.5	804.6	(-) 665.1
2011-12	217.1	1161.3	(-) 944.3
2012-13	196	1296	(-) 1100

Source: FBS

@75. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:***Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:**(a) the total amount of cotton and yarn exported during the last two years; and**(b) the steps being taken to enhance the said exports?*

@ Transferred for Commerce Division.

**Minister for Textile Industry (Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi):** (a) The amount of cotton and cotton yarn exported from Pakistan in the last two financial years *i.e.* 2011-12 and 2012-13 is as:—

Products	2011-12	2012-13
Raw Cotton		
Qty (M. Kg)	256.541	92.498
Value (M\$)	462.247	153.872
Cotton Yarn		
Qty (M. Kg)	575.842	735.015
Value (M.\$)	1809.798	2243.594
Yarn Other than Cotton Yarn		
Value (M.\$)	35.625	39.485

(b) The Ministry of Textile Industry is of the view that cotton and yarn be utilized by the domestic industry for conversion into value added items, specially made ups and garments. There is no bar placed by the Government on export of these semi processed raw materials.

76. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the textile industry in Pakistan is operating without any subsidy and bearing 30 percent higher power cost; if so, the steps taken by the Government to address the said issue; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide subsidy on exports to compete in trade with India in international market; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Textile Industry (Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi):** (a) It is not a fact that the domestic textiles industry has not been provided with the support. The Government approved first ever Textiles Policy 2009-14 in August 2009. Various short to medium term schemes were notified by this Ministry including SRO of duty free import of textiles machinery by the Federal Board of Revenue. Under Textiles Policy initiatives till date Rs. 28.75 billion have been disbursed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

The matter of power cost pertains to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and Ministry of Water and Power.

(b) The Textiles Policy 2009-14 initiatives are not country specific and they are applicable for all countries. The current Textiles Policy 2009-14 will conclude on June 30th, 2014. The Ministry will initiate the consultation with the stakeholders to formulate/revise the developmental agenda of the Textiles Policy 2014-19 in April 2014.

77. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *the country-wise number of Pakistanis working as illegal immigrants at present;*
- (b) *the total number of said Pakistanis who have been deported during the year 2013-14;*
- (c) *the number of countries where Pakistani labour demand is surging; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to prepare skilled workforce in various fields as per the needs of the international labour market particularly of Gulf States?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) The subject “illegal immigrant” does not come under the purview of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development. The matter relates to Ministry of Interior.

However, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development is maintaining the data only in respect of emigrant workers proceeding abroad for employment through Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment and Overseas Employment Corporation.

(b) Matter relates to Ministry of Interior.

(c) The countries where demand of Pakistani workers is surging are Saudi Arabia, U.A.E., Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Iraq and Korea.

(d) At present vocational training in two trades *i.e.* electrician and refrigeration & air conditioning mechanic is in progress in OPF Vocational Training Centre, Peshawar.

It has been planned to introduce more viable trades as per overseas demand, such as Mason, Shuttering Carpenter, Plumber, Steel Fixture and Electrician. Training will start after completion of requisite formalities, including hiring of essential staff and provision of training equipments/materials etc. as well as approval of the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation Board of Governors.

In order to expand the scope of OPF Training activities and give it a jump start it is imperative to make use of existing skill development facilities in collaboration with public/private partnership. In this context, MOU has been signed with Technology Up-gradation and Skill Development Company (TUSDEC), Ministry of Industry & Production, Government of Pakistan to train manpower in marketable skills. Similarly, negotiations with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan are also in progress to train manpower in skills in demand in Gulf countries.

78. **\*Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 112, replied on 3rd March, 2014 and to state:*

- (a) *the date by which the Strategic Trade Policy Framework was announced;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said policy could not achieve its desired benefits; if so, the reasons thereof;*

- (c) *whether post evaluation of the policy was conducted; if so, when alongwith details thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that funds allocated for the said policy have not been released as per actual allocation; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (e) *the Impacts upon the implementation of the policy due to non releasing of allocated funds; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken to upgrade/revise the said policy in the context of GSP Plus status given to Pakistan by EU?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) Strategic Trade policy Framework (STPF 2012-15) was announced on 31st January 2013 and issue on 08-03-2013.

(b) It is not a fact that STPF 2012-15 has not achieved its objectives and desired benefits. STPF 2012-15 is spread over 3 years, fulfilling long term and short term objectives. Short term benefits have been achieved whereas long term measures are in process.

(c) No post evaluation of the STPF is conducted at this stage as it is in implementation and post evaluation will be conducted once STPF is fully implemented.

(d) It is fact that funds allocated under the STPF have not been released so far. Business processes are under process in order to achieve transparency and fairness in coordination with Ministry of Finance, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan and State Bank of Pakistan.

(e) There is no impact upon the implementation of the policy due to non-releasing of the allocated funds.

(f) GSP Plus is not included in the STPF 2012-15. However, Ministry of Commerce is in the process of formulating a trade policy supplement, where in GSP plus will be given due weight age.

79. **\*Mr. Lal Chand:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the trade time through Wagah and Attari Border has been increased to 24 hours a day; if so, the reasons for non initiation of such trade through Khokhrapar-Mona Bao Border?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** The Commerce Ministers of Pakistan and India held a meeting on January 18, 2014 in New Delhi, India. During the meeting, the two sides, *inter-alia*, reached an understanding on increasing working hours at Wagah / Attari with the objective of round the clock operations. The proposal is reflected in the Joint Statement issued thereafter (**Annex-I**). However, the proposal will be implemented after consultation with the relevant stakeholders.

During the visit of Indian Commerce Minister to Pakistan held on 13-16 February, 2012, the two sides, among other things, agreed that possibilities of opening Khokharapar / Munabao route for trade will be explored in consultation with the stakeholders (**Annex-II**). Presently, there are infrastructure issues like lack of road networking for operationalization of the route for trade and non-availability of Customs' setup at port. This Ministry is in the process of consultations with the relevant stakeholders on development of the infrastructure at Khokharapar/ Munabao for trade purposes.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

80. **\*Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the changes made in period of SAARC sticker for businessmen issued yearly?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** According to the revised guidelines for SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES), which came into force with effect from 1st November 2011, Two Hundred (200) leading businessmen from each Member State are entitled to the SVES. The visa sticker is generally issued for a single entry visa with 30 days validity. However, multiple entry visa with a longer validity (not exceeding 90 days) may also be processed, based on actual requirements of the tour. Earlier, businessmen were entitled for a SAARC visa with one year validity.

81. **\*Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) *the trade balance of Pakistan and India at present;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give India Non Discriminatory Market Access instead of MFN status;*
- (c) *whether any study has been conducted to identify positive and negative aspects of Pakistan-india trade;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that India has been granted Pakistan relatively more restricted access to its market;*
- (e) *if so, the steps being taken to protect the interest of the domestic industries of Pakistan; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to resolve bilateral trade disputes between two countries?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) The following table shows Pakistan-India bilateral trade balance at present;

				Million US\$
Years	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Balance
2012-13	327.496	1809.867	2137.363	(-) 1482.371
2013-14 (July-Oct)	152.598	475.940	200.538	(-) 323.342

*Source:* Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

Detailed bilateral trade figures are at **Annex-I**.

(b) The Commerce Ministers of Pakistan and India held a meeting on January 18, 2014 in New Delhi, India. During the meeting, the two sides,



*inter-alia*, reached an understanding to normalize trade relations & provide Non-Discriminatory Market Access on reciprocal basis, instead of granting MFN status by Pakistan to India. The proposal is reflected in the Joint Statement issued thereafter (**Annex II**).

(c) Various studies on Pakistan-India Trade Normalization have been conducted by renowned independent research institutions, think tanks, economists and trade experts as well as one by Ministry of Commerce/Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. A recent study carried out by Beaconhouse National University With 2010-11 as base year estimates the following:

- Import Bill savings of \$ 727 mln
- GDP of Pakistan would be 1.5% higher
- Net increase in employment 169,000
- The number of poor will decrease by 1 million
- Consumer welfare gains of Rs. 70 billion
- Pakistan's exports to India are expected to increase in approximately 3 years from \$325 million to around US\$1.3 billion wherein Textiles, Manufactured items, Agricultural products are expected to post potential export increase.

(d) India has 614 items in its SAFTA Sensitive List *vis-à-vis* Pakistan which means that these items are presently not scheduled for tariff reduction under the SAFTA regime. Incidentally, the said list contain most of Pakistan's export interest items like textiles, manufactured items, agriculture products, footwear, chemicals, marble & stones etc.

(e) The Ministry of Commerce has been in consultation with domestic stakeholders both from public and private sectors through various mechanisms and fora. In February and March 2014, intensive consultation sessions were held with four major sectors that feel vulnerable *i.e.* Agriculture, Auto, Textile and Pharmaceutical on improving mechanisms to protect the local industry in case of

any threat to local industry due to import surges from India. Most of the concerns would be addressed by including these industries' products in the sensitive list, which will provide protection through the prevailing rate of customs duty. Import of finished medicines is regulated through the Drugs Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, which will continue to exercise authority over which medicines are permitted for import. Further protection, if needed will be possible through Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures. In case any of Pakistan's domestic producers face a threat of serious damage due to a surge in imports or due to any unfair trade practices by India, our Trade Defense Laws (*i.e.* the Anti-dumping, Countervailing Duties and Safeguards Ordinances) will be invoked. In fact in cases of urgency the Government and National Tariff Commission can take *suomoto* action and impose Safeguard duties immediately if needed. Steps are also underway to strengthen the capacity of the National Tariff Commission (MCC) to operate these laws more effectively.

(f) Pakistan and India have signed three agreements *i.e.* Agreement of Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, Bilateral cooperation Agreement on Mutual recognition between PSQCA and BIS and Agreement on Redressal of Trade grievances. All these agreements have in built provisions/ mechanisms for dispute solutions, besides addressing issues related to Non-Tariff barriers. Two countries would also establish a mechanism at the ministry level for such incidents.

Moreover, Article - 20 of SAFTA Agreement provides detailed mechanism of dispute resolution by the Committee of Experts.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

82. **\*Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Indian Government has increased 5% rebate on its textile exports after granting GSP Plus status to Pakistan by European Union;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Pakistani Industry will suffer due to the abundance of Indian Yarn; if so, the details thereof;*

- (c) *the quantity and value of Yarn imported since July, 2013 till date alongwith comparative statement of the previous year;*
- (d) *the total amount of import duty exempted on Yarn through SRO issued on 06-01-2010 alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (e) *whether it is further a fact that India charge 10% custom duty on imports of Yarn from Pakistan?*

**Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) Input awaited from Ministry of Textile Industry, Pakistan and Pakistan High Commission, New Delhi.

(b) Pakistan imports yarn from India in a considerable quantity. The local industry, after value addition, exports various textile products to the world markets particularly European Union and Unites Stxates. If any damage to the local industry is recorded due to yarn imports from India, trade defense measures can be invoked by National Tariff Commission of Pakistan

(c) Input awaited from Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

(d)

Year	Quantity (kgs)	Imp Value (Rs. In million)	5% of the import value
January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010	3,359,181	1,227	61
2010-11	4,066,739	1,684	84
2011-12	6,895,634	3,290	164
2012-13	24,687,970	10,951	548
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,650,343</b>	<b>15,925</b>	<b>857</b>

*Sources: FBR*

(e) India charges 10% customs duty on yarn imported from world including Pakistan.

83. **\*Ms. Shahjehan Munir Mangerio:**

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

- (a) the persons sent abroad for employments from Karachi, KPK, Balochistan during the last five years till date alongwith the details of their professions from each province;*
- (b) the total number of Schools established for Overseas Pakistanis so far alongwith the details of qualified teachers thereof; and*
- (c) the province-wise total amount of foreign exchange sent by those Pakistanis during the last five years?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BE & OE) and Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC), under administrative control of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, deal with the manpower export.

#### **BE & OE**

During the last five years (January 2009 to February 2014), 137932, 697886 and 28567 Pakistanis were sent abroad from Karachi, KPK and Balochistan respectively.

The profession-wise details of Pakistanis proceeded abroad from these provinces is not available. However, province and district-wise details of total number of manpower proceeded abroad are at **Annex I & II**’.

#### **OEC**

During last five years **578,970** and **90** Pakistanis were sent abroad from Karachi, KPK and Balochistan respectively. The profession-wise details of persons sent abroad are at **Annex-III**.

(b) OPF has established 25 Educational Institutions throughout the country including (AJ&K) where 17,000 plus students are studying. In these educational institutions 793 qualified teaching staff is serving. The detail of institution-wise teaching staff alongwith their qualification is placed at **Annex-IV**.

(c) Details/data of total foreign exchange remittances sent by overseas Pakistanis working/living abroad are being maintained by Ministry of Finance and State Bank of Pakistan.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 26th March, 2014.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

**(10th Session)****NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Thursday, the 27th March, 2014**

*(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 41, 144, 133 and 134 were set down for answer during the 9th Session)*

**41. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani:**

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.161 replied on 6-12-2013 and to state:*

- (a) the total cost incurred on provision of non food items kits alongwith details thereof; and*
- (b) the name of authority who made payment alongwith head-wise details thereof?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch):** (a) FATA Disaster Management Authority (FDMA) has not provided Non-Food Items (NFI) kits to the displaced persons (DPs) from Public Ex-chequer. FDMA has only coordinated provision of these items through UN Agencies/Donors from their own sources Detail in as under:-

S. No.	Type of NFI kits	No. of kits provide at the time of displacement	No of kits provide at the time of repartition	Total
1.	Regular	96040	15178	111218
2.	Winterized	26019	-	26019

In addition to the above, 337. 467 Hygiene Kits have been distributed by UNICEF with one Hygiene Kits on quarterly basis to Displaced Persons (DP) in

Camps and one Hygiene Kits to all DP families (both in camps and off camps) at the time of return to their areas of origin.

(b) Since no payment has been made, head-wise details cannot be provided.

144. **Mr. Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the district-wise total number of knitwear exporting units working in the country at present;*
- (b) *the increase/decrease made in number of the said units since 2005 till date; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to facilitate that industry and enhance its exports?*

**Minister for Textile Industry (Mr. Abbas Khan Afridi):** (a) The district wise knitwear exporting units registered with the Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association are as follows:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
1.	Karachi	392
2.	Lahore	159
3.	Faisalabad	275
4.	Sialkot	147
<b>Total:</b>		<b>973</b>

Source: Pakistan Hosiery Manufactures Association (PHMA).

(b) It has been reported by the Hosiery Association that their membership has decreased since 2005. However, the total numbers of new textile companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) were 485 against 265 companies that were dissolved during 2008 to 2012. Importantly since 2005 the knitwear exports have increased from \$ 1.73 billion to \$ 2.03 billion.

(c) The Government approved first ever Textiles Policy 2009-14 in August 2009. Various short to medium term schemes were notified by this Ministry including SRO of duty free import of textiles machinery by the Federal Board of Revenue. Under Textiles Policy initiatives till date Rs. 28.75 billion have been disbursed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

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

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control Jaundice in FATA?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch):** There are total registered 1772 No. of Hepatitis B patients and 2011 Hepatitis C patients in FATA.

The following steps are being taken:-

- Provision of free of cost treatment to Hepatitis C positive patients = 1219.
- Provision of free of cost treatment for 869 patients of Hepatitis B positive.
- 8278 Hepatitis B prevention vaccine have been distributed to all Agency Surgeons and Medical Superintendents in FATA to vaccinate Health Care provider staff and high risk group in the community.
- 16527 Nos. of people were screened of which HCV positive are 226 and HBS positive are 205.
- The PCR tests conducted at reference lab at Directorate of Health Services are as follows:
  - a. Total Patients 286.
  - b. HCV are 145 (Negative-49 & positive=96)
  - c. HBS 241 (Negative=61 & positive=180)
- Jaundice is a sign of Hepatitis.
- Hepatitis is of three types Hepatitis A,B and C.



- The following steps are being taken by the Directorate of Health Services FATA for control of Hepatitis.
- Screening for Hepatitis is being done in FATA regularly through mobile hospital FATA as per directives of Hon: Governor KP with the coordination of Pak Army.
- Regular Immunization for Hepatitis B is done through expended program for Immunization (EPI) at all functional centers.
- There are total 3783 registered patients in FATA (patients of Hepatitis B are 1772 Nos. and Hepatitis C are 2011 Nos).
- Free treatment has been provided to 1219 Hepatitis C and 869 patients of Hepatitis B.
- 8278 vials of Hepatitis B vaccine have been distributed to all Agencies for Hepatitis patients to be vaccinated including healthcare provider and high risk groups in the community.
- 16527 people were screened for Hepatitis in which Hepatitis C positive cases are 226 and Hepatitis B positive are 205.
- The PCR test per patient cost in private lab: is about Rs.3500/- whereas the PCR test for detecting activities of virus is conducted free of cost at Reference Lab at Directorate Health services FATA as follow.

I. Total patients 386.

II. HCV are 145(Negative=49 & positive=96)

III. HBS 241 (Negative=61 & positive=180)

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

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.194 replied on 7-2-2014 and to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of persons were martyred, seriously and slightly injured in Tribal Areas-VII (NA-42) during the Operation Rah-e-Nijat;*
- (b) *if so, the total amount of compensation given to them separately alongwith their names and addresses?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch):** (a) It is correct there were a number of casualties during operation Rahe-i-Nijat. The reported number of martyred and injured persons in this operation is as under:-

Dead	Seriously injured	Slightly injured	Permanently disable
179	92	24	1

(b) The total amount of compensation paid to affectees is Rs. 83.1 Million. Details are Annexed.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

36. **Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

- (a) *the names of the cricketers to whom central contract has been given at present; and*
- (b) *the date from which said contract has been given to said cricketers?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** (a) & (b) No contracts have yet been given by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

37. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the names of new Stadiums/Grounds for Hockey and Cricket constructed in the country during the tenure of present Government?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):**

**Hockey**

During the tenure of present Government, a Hockey Stadium at Mela Mandi, Ground, Sargodha has been constructed/ completed.

**Cricket**

No cricket stadium of international standard has been built recently by PCB, however as reported- by PCB, Punjab Government is in the process of developing few good quality cricket grounds.

38. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct separate play grounds for women in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the said grounds will be constructed?*

**Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry to construct separate play grounds for women in the country. However the Pakistan Cricket board (PCB) is in the process of acquiring a ground from Punjab Government at Model Town Lahore specifically for women cricket.

- (b) At this stage, the time frame has not been indicated.

39. **Mr. Asad Umar:**

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

- (a) *the names of persons who accompanied the President to perform Hajj-2013;*
- (b) *the total amount spent on travel and stay of each individual therefor alongwith departments/individuals who incurred the said expenditure; and*

(c) *whether it is a fact that the said amount was paid by the President from his own pocket or incurred by the Government of Pakistan?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The following persons accompanied the President during his visit o Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj 2013:

1. The President
2. Begum Mahmooda Mamnoon
3. Mr. Adnan Hussain
4. Mrs. Uzma Adnan
5. Miss. Huda Adnan
6. Mr. Rayyan Hussain
7. Master Hassan Hussain
8. Miss Ayesha Adnan
9. Mrs. Hina Salman
10. Master Shahryar Hussain
11. Mr. Arslan Hussain
12. Mrs. Saba Arsalan
13. Miss Nabiha Arsalan
14. Mrs. Zubaida Khatoon
15. Mrs. Shahida Laeequddin
16. Sheikh Muhammad Shahid
17. Mr. Zafar Tapal
18. Mrs. Sabira Tapal
19. Mr. Tahir Khaliq
20. Mrs. Fauzia Tahir
21. Khawaja Qutabuddin
22. Mrs. Fazilath Fatima

**Officials/Security/Protocol Staff**

23. Brig Muhammad Aamer, Military Secretary to the President
24. Mrs. Farha Deeba
25. Lt. Col Tariq CSO to the President
26. Malik Qamar Abbas Khokhar, Deputy Chief of Protocol
27. Major Muhammad Qamar Abbas Khan, SO to the President
28. Sqn Ldr Saad Bin Riaz, ADC to the President
29. Mr. Saifullah, Protocol Assistant
30. Mr. Israr Ahmed Khan, Protocol Assistant

(b) All the afore-mentioned persons were the guests of the Saudi Government and therefore no expenditure was incurred during their stay in Saudi Arabia. However, an expenditure of Pak Rs. 9,29,160/- was made on the travelling of the following essential protocol and security staff, who travelled to Saudi Arabia to perform duties during the President's visit:

1. Lt. Col Tariq Ali, CSO to the President
2. Malik Qamar Abbas Khokhar, DCP
3. Major Muhammad Qamar Abbas Khan, SO to the President
4. Sqn Ldr Saad Bin Riaz, ADC to the President
5. Mr. Saifullah, Protocol Assistant
6. Mr. Israr Ahmed Khan, Protocol Assistant

(c) All expenses on his travel and that of his family members were borne by the President himself.

40. **Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of foreign visits made by the Pakistani Ambassadors-at-large during the last four years till date alongwith the names of countries visited and expenditure incurred thereupon?*

Reply not Received

41. **Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of new building of the Ministry has escalated due to change in design, inadequate provision of toilets and lifts;*
- (b) the authority who prepared/approved inadequate design of the said building and the authority who changed the said design; and*
- (c) whether any action has been taken against the responsables; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The PSDP funded High Security Block (HSB) comprises ground + 3-storey building with a basement having 252 rooms and other allied facilities. The project, approved by ECNEC on 18th February 2004, was launched by the then Prime Minister on 18th October 2004. Design Consultancy was awarded to M/s Nayyar Ali Dada Associates (NADA) as design consultant and Supervision Consultancy awarded to M/s NESPAK. The covered area of the project is 175,000 sq. ft.

The construction of High Security Block commenced in September 2005. The project however hit certain snags and difficulties from the start and could not be completed in time. A number of factors, cited below, contributed to the delay in its completion.

### **Technical Reasons**

**Uncharted Utilities:** Lack of coordination amongst various civic bodies delayed the relocation of uncharted underground utility service lines which are essential prior to the start of the construction work.

**Earthquake:** Unfortunately, few weeks after the start of work in September 2005, Islamabad was hit by an earthquake on 08 October 2005. In the backdrop of colossal loss suffered because of the earthquake, the Government halted the work of all ongoing construction projects, including the HSB project in the Seismic Zone.

The new zone was notified in March 2006. In order to improve the design of the project, modified drawings were submitted to C.D.A which was approved in May 2006. It was also decided that instead of traditional type of offices the concept of smart office should be adopted.

**Revised PC-1:** was accordingly prepared to cater for these and other aspects which were overlooked in the past. The Revised PC-I was approved on **30 Nov 2006** by ECNEC. The changes in the building drawings also necessitated changes in Heating Ventilation & Air-conditioning system as well as structural, plumbing and electrification designs.

### Financial Constraints

Due to the economic crunch during the past few years, required funds were not released in time prescribed according to the schedule to maintain the pace of work. Private contractors, if not paid on time, start working on other projects, and it takes significant time to get them back to the site. The delay in timely release of funds caused inordinate delays. Details of the funds allocated and utilized are as follows:

(Rupees in Millions)

Year	PSDP Provision	Released	Expenditure
2004-2005	150.00	40.71	40.71
2005-2006	100.00	29.98	28.42
2006-2007	100.00	61.29	61.14
2007-2008	384.29	155.05	148.42
2008-2009	219.00	104.34	60.22
2009-2010	150.00	35.00	18.63
2010-2011	101.60	101.60	100.98
2011-2012	145.00	80.00	79.25
2012-2013	150.00	30.00	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,499.890</b>	<b>637.970</b>	<b>567.963</b>

## **Circumstances Beyond Control**

**Red Zone:** The deteriorating Law and Order situation including the Marriott hotel bombing and the Lal Masjid incidence further impeded progress on the project. Due to the threat of terrorist attacks, a **red zone** was created. Since HSB project is within the Red Zone therefore, strict security checks for entry of material and personnel in the Red Zone Area and occasional high level visits of Foreign Delegations also caused interruptions in the work as the area is secured by the security agencies disallowing the labourers to remain at site. Recent blockade of the Red Zone also stopped the work completely for some time.

There was also lack of cooperation by some government agencies for the provision of necessary utilities (*i.e.* Gas and water). WAPDA did not provide the electricity connection on time despite the fact that Rs 17 million had been deposited as Demand money for the new connection. The Sui Northern gas refused the new connection because of a dispute with CDA over nonpayment of past bills. (CDA pays the utilities bills of the Foreign Office).

The Bill of Quantities (BOQs) for the project was prepared in 2005. Subsequently, there was a substantial **increase in the prices of the construction material**. Since the project was not completed during the stipulated time frame of 2007, the contractors, were reluctant to complete the project at the old rates approved in 2005. They adopted delaying tactics. The Ministry on its part kept on impressing upon them to honor their commitments and complete the work within the agreed time frame. However the contractors made excuses to create pressures for higher rates.

**Additional toilets and lifts** were incorporated into the design after inadequacies were detected. They were necessary to make the building user friendly and for optimum productivity to be derived from the staff. These additional features involved additional costs as all large projects undergo certain changes during the construction phase.

(b) Decisions to make changes were made from time to time collectively by the senior management of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs while keeping in view the sensitive nature of foreign policy/ security matters handled by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which required a secure, discreet and friendly working environment.

(c) The Ministry believes the actions of all concerned officers were taken in good faith and in accordance with perceived needs and changing concepts of construction design and IT technology.



42. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the prescribed criteria for the registration of Gemstone Exporters with the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan at present?*

Reply not Received

43. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased he state the performance of Overseas Employment Corporation in FATA and the projects launched in the said area during the last five years till date alongwith the present status of said projects?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) During last five years the Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) has sent 6384 workers in different foreign countries. The selection of the workers for employment abroad is carried out by the foreign employers themselves or through their representatives, who have sole discretion to select the workers of their own choice from any part of the country. OEC acts on their behalf as facilitator and coordinator.

Domicile wise data in respect of workers sent abroad for employment by the OEC during last five years is as follows:

(a) Punjab.	=	3785
(b) Sindh.	=	1501
(c) Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	=	794
(d) Balochistan	=	77
(e) AJK	=	57
(f) Gilgit Baltistan	=	09
(g) FATA	=	43
(h) Federal Area (Islamabad)	=	118

<b>Total:</b>	<b>6384</b>
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OEC is a Recruiting Agency of the Government and it has not launched any development project for any province or region since its establishment.

44. **Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

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

(a) *whether solicitors have been appointed in different foreign missions to provide legal assistance to the people arrested for different crimes during the last five years till date;*

(b) *if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) & (b) Services of solicitors have been hired in different Pakistani Foreign Missions to provide legal assistance to the people arrested on charges different crimes during the last five as follows:-

S.No	Country	Mission's	Case.
1.	Afghanistan	Jalalabad	Three (3) Pakistani Children under protective custody of Afghan authorities
2.	Romania	Bucharest	The cases of two Pakistani students Mr. Muhammad Ramzan and his nephew Mr. Muhammad Adeel.
3.	Kuwait	Kuwait	Embassy hired a Kuwaiti Lawyer to deals with the cases of community members.
4.	India	New Delhi	Mission has been engaged with a number of local law firms to provide legal assistance to Pakistanis arrested and imprisonment in India.
5.	Germany	Berlin	The services of a lawyer Mr. Bernhard Docke, were hired in October, 2013 to pursue release of a Pakistani student Mr. Umer Rafiq detained by the German authorities.
6.	USA	Washington	Mission hired attorneys on case to case basis. In recent years, the Embassy hired the services of three attorneys for providing legal assistance to Ms. Aafia Siddiqui.

S.No	Country	Mission's	Case.
7.	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	One legal consultant (Solicitor) has been working in the welfare section of the Embassy of Pakistan Riyadh since start to provide assistance to the Pakistani Prisoners arrested for different crimes and detained in various jail located within the consular jurisdiction.

45. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the district-wise details of the Overseas Pakistanis at present; and*
- (b) *the prescribed criteria of the OPF to provide facilities to those Overseas Pakistanis in their respective areas?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) Since 1971 to 2013 more than 7 million have proceeded abroad for the purpose of employment through Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment. However, it is clarified that the district-wise data of intending emigrants is being maintained since 1981.

The district-wise data of persons sent abroad through BE & OE for the period 1981-2013 is at Annex-I

Overseas Employment Corporation has been maintaining district-wise data of persons sent abroad for employment since 2008-2009.

District-wise data for the period 2008-2009 till date is at Annex-II.

(b) All overseas Pakistanis who are registered member of OPF can avail the facilities being offered in their respective areas and throughout Pakistan.

**OPF Membership:**

- Overseas Pakistanis who have proceeded abroad after 23rd March, 1979 on valid protected work visa by the Protectorate of Emigrants, Bureau of Emigrations & Overseas Employment (BE&OE) and Overseas Employment Corporation (CEO), are automatically registered with OPF and can avail the Services of OPF.
- Those overseas Pakistanis, who are not registered with OPF can do so by getting themselves registered voluntarily with OPF after paying Rs. 2,000/- each once for all.
- Overseas Pakistanis remain OPF members as long as they stay abroad. However, they are entitled to OPF benefit/services rendered by OPF for a period of three years after their permanent return in Pakistan.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

46. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open OPF Schools/Colleges in Districts Dir Upper and Lower;*
- (b) if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) A proposal is already under consideration and in this regard Deputy Commissioner, District Upper Dir and Education Department have been requested to provide the purpose-built building on permanent basis for establishment of school.

(b) OPF Educational Institutions will be started as and when purpose-built building is indentified/provided by the respective District Administration or Education Authorities of Upper Dir.

47. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to refer to Un-starred Question No.115 replied on 3-3-2014 and to state the names, father's names and domiciles of the teachers who have been serving on contract and permanent basis, separately in BPS 14 in Working Folks Grammar School, Amangarh, KPK to whom salaries have been paid from Workers Welfare Fund during the period from 1-7-2011 to 31-12-2011 alongwith the details of salaries thereof?*

Reply not Received

48. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the value of movable and immovable assets of the State Life Insurance Corporation at present?*

Reply not Received

49. **Mr. Lal Chand:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that directives were issued by the Ministry to Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) during the year 2011 for conditional regularization of 39 employees who did not possess the required academic qualification and experience for their posts; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not Received

50. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to refer to Un-starred Question No.115 replied on 3-3-2014 and to state*

- (a) *the domiciles, educational qualifications and designations of the staff members/teachers recruited in BPS-17 during January, 2013 in the Working Folks Grammar School, Serai Naurang, KPK;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the above said staff members/teachers are graduates and have not attended professional teaching courses; and*

- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said staff members/teachers were recruited on contract basis; if so, the period of contract alongwith the procedure adopted therefor?*

Reply not Received

51. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the total number of effectees of Iraq-Kuwait War who have been compensated during the last five year till date alongwith the details of the amounts given to them individually?*

Reply not Received

52. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a Pakistani citizen Shaukat Ali died in an Indian Jail recently; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** A Pakistani prisoner Mr. Shaukat Ali, who was detained for illegally entering into India in 2011, was found dead in District Jail, Jammu on 22 February 2014. According to Media reports, the Jail Superintendent stated that Shaukat “appeared to have committed suicide”, and was found hanging from an iron rod over the bathroom ventilator.

2. Mr. Shaukat s/o Barkat Ali hailing from Pasroor, Sialkot, was provided Consular Access at Central jail, Amritsar on 12 March 2012 and Pakistan High Commission’s officials met him to ascertain his welfare. His national status was confirmed by our Ministry of Interior and conveyed to the Indian authorities in August 2012.

3. Upon hearing of Shaukat Ali’s death, the High Commission approached Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India to ascertain:

- i. Confirm the reported death of Mr. Shaukat Ali;
- ii. If correct, investigate the circumstances of his death and share the findings with Pakistan;
- iii. Convey time and date for repatriation of mortal remains of the deceased; and
- iv. Ensure safety of all Pakistani prisoners lodged in Indian jails.

4. Upon confirmation of his death, the Pakistan High Commission coordinated with Indian authorities to repatriate the mortal remains of late Shaukat Ali. On February 24, Shaukat Ali's body was handed over to Pakistan Rangers at Wagha along with his death certificate.

5. The Indian authorities have so far failed to share any information with us about the circumstances of his death. The Pakistan High Commission has taken up the matter again with the Ministry of External Affairs to share their findings at the earliest and will continue to pursue the issue with India. Unfortunately, this was third death of a Pakistani prisoner in Indian custody in 2014 alone.

53. **Ms. Shazia Mari:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the steps taken/being taken by the Government in order to engage the overseas Pakistanis for construction of a national narrative on terrorism, sectarianism and militancy to dispel the wrong perception created by the terrorists on ideological basis as mentioned in the National Internal Security Policy?*

Reply not Received

54. **Ms. Shazia Mari:**

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

- (a) the total number of Pakistani prisoners in UAE at present; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for assisting those Pakistanis during their prosecution?*

Reply not Received

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*Secretary.*

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