

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 29th January, 2010

*(Originally Starred Question No. 169 was set down for answer
on 25-01-2010)*

169. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the year-wise details of financial assistance provided by the foreign countries during the last five years to combat the terrorism in the country?

Minister for Interior(Mr. A. Rehman Malik): The IGP. Punjab. Sindh. Balochistan and ICT have informed that no financial assistance by foreign countries has been provided during the last five years to combat terrorism in the provinces.

The IGP. NWFP has informed that the following. financial assistance has been received /committed to the NWFP Police by the foreign countries to combat terrorism.

- i. Funds. amounting to Rs. 1.48.20.000/- provided by NAS (US Embassy). Islamabad in the year 2008-09 for operation support to meet the expenditure on account of POL & Repair of Vehicles in connection with IDPs & Flood Relief efforts.
- ii. Funds US \$ 05 million have been committed by NAS (US Embassy) Islamabad for the supply & installation of Husco Bags Security Barriers during the current year.

223. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Centres established in the country to control HIV/AIDS at present alongwith their locations;*

- (b) *the budget allocated for those Centres for the year, 2009-10; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to admit the patients of those diseases in those Centres?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) Currently, twenty centers to control HIV/AIDS are functioning all over the country under the National AIDS Control Programme:

Federal

1. HIV treatment center, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad.
2. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, PIMS, Islamabad .

Punjab

3. HIV treatment center, Mayo Hospital, Lahore.
4. HIV treatment center, Services Hospital, Lahore.
5. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Services Hospital, Lahore.
6. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Lady Willington Hospital, Lahore.
7. HIV treatment center, Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore.
8. HIV treatment center, Jinnah Hospital, Lahore.
9. HIV treatment center, District Head Quarter Hospital, Sargodha.

Sindh

10. HIV treatment center, Civil Hospital, Karachi.
11. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Civil Hospital, Karachi.
12. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Qatar Hospital, Karachi.

13. HIV treatment center, Indus Hospital, Karachi.
14. HIV treatment center, Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi.
15. HIV treatment center, Larkana Hospital, Karachi.

NWFP

16. HIV treatment center, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar.
17. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar.
18. HIV treatment center, District Head Quarter Hospital, Kohat.

Balochistan

19. HIV treatment center, Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta
20. Prevention of parent to child transmission center, Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta.

(b) The budget allocation for the HIV treatment and Care centers for FY 2009-10 under the revised PC-Is of Enhanced HIV/AIDS Control Programmes is PKR 94 million.

(c) The treatment centers are located in tertiary care hospitals and facility of admission to specific wards (e.g. medical, surgical, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatric, oncology etc.) is available to the patients whenever needed after proper checkup at the outpatient departments (OPD).

224. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a bio-tech pharmaceutical manufacturing plant is being established in the country with the collaboration of Argentina;*
- (b) *if so, the detail thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said plant will be installed and become functional?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) Yes, M/s BF Bio Sciences, Lahore have been established with the collaboration of Bago Group of Argentina.

(b) M/s BF Biosciences, Lahore has been established with the collaboration of Bago Group of Argentina with the total envisaged investment of Rs. 1 billion of which Rs. 600 million have been incurred to date. This firm has started trial manufacturing of drugs to treat Hepatitis, Liver Cirrhosis, Cancer and Diabetes. The products being manufactured include:

S.No.	Disease	Drug
i.	Hepatitis	Interferon Alpha 2a Interferon Alpha 2b
ii.	Cancer	Gemcitabine Filgrastin Erythropoietin Docetaxel Paclitaxel
iii.	Liver Cirrhosis	Terlipressin
iv.	Diabetes	Insulin

(c) The plant is already in the process of trial production. Commercial production is expected to begin in June 2010.

225. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Centres established by PASSCO in the country at present for purchase of paddy;*
- (b) *the target fixed for purchase of paddy alongwith the total quantity of paddy purchased during the present season so far?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) PASSCO established 86 purchase centers at hired Rice Mills as under:—

Province	Paddy purchase Centers
Punjab	73
Sindh	5
Balochistan	8
Total:—	86

- (b) i. One million tons of paddy procurement approved in the ECC of the Cabinet meeting held on 1st September, 2009.
- ii. PASSCO has procured a quantity of 80,210.650 M. Tons paddy ex-Kharif Crop 2009 as detail given below:—

Province	Quantity purchased (Metric Tons)		
	Super Basmati	IRRI-6	Total
Punjab	80,103.500	0	80,103.500
Sindh	0	0	0
Balochistan	0	107.150	107.150
Total:	80,103.500	107.150	80,210.650

226. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.287 replied on 20-8-2009 and to state the present status of the scheme for providing Green Boats to the fishermen?

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development (Mir Hamayun Aziz Kurd): On directives of the PM Secretariat, Ministry of Livestock and Dairy Development attempted a summary for the Cabinet. On the advice of Finance Division inputs of the stakeholders (Provincial Governments) has been sought. As and when their inputs are received the summary will be submitted to the Cabinet. The summary for Green Boats scheme is on the analogy of Green Tractors. About 500 such fishing boats will be provided to the fishermen in the country.

227. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pharmaceutical companies functioning in the country at present alongwith the locations thereof; and*
- (b) *the names of medicines being manufactured by those companies?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) There are 477 licensed pharmaceutical units in the country as under:

S.No.	Province/Area	Number
1.	Islamabad Capital Territory.	45
2.	Punjab	218
3.	Sindh	129
4.	NWFP	72
5.	Balochistan	09
6.	Azad Kashmir	04
Total		477

➤ Location of these units is indicated in Annex-I.

(b) Information pertains to manufacturing status of 41542 medicines registered for 477 licensed pharmaceutical manufacturers. Data is voluminous and requires considerable time to determine their current manufacturing status, its subsequent compilation and then printing.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

228. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total number of Pharmaceutical companies in the country whose medicines were registered during the calendar year 2008-09 alongwith the reasons thereof?

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): Drugs are registered under the Drugs Act, 1976 and rules framed thereunder.

Pharmaceutical companies whosoever qualify basic conditionalities under the law are entitled for grant of registration.

During the year 2008-09 311 Pharmaceutical companies were granted Drugs registrations. Details as Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

229. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total production of palm oil in the country at present;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to provide technical assistance to the farmers in collaboration with Malaysia; if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) Palm oil production on commercial scale has not yet started from the oilpalm plantation in the country.

(b) Technical assistance is already been provided to farmers in collaboration with Malaysia for oilpalm cultivation in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan. The detail of technical assistance is as under:—

- (i) Assistance in suitable site selection.
- (ii) Preparation of pits and provision with machinery/digger.
- (iii) Provision of oilpalm saplings at subsidized rates *i.e.* Rs.35/- per saplings.
- (iv) Field plantation under supervision of technical staff.
- (v) Follow up visits after plantation and provision of information on all types of agro-management practices.
- (vi) Providing brochures in three languages *i.e.* English, Urdu and Sindhi.
- (vii) Training of farmers through Field Day at Nurseries and Farms.

230. ***Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) *Whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import Solar Energy Operated Tube Wells from China; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the criteria to be adopted for the distribution of those tube wells among the farmers; and*

(c) *the time by which those tube wells will be imported?*

Transferred to the Water and Power Division for answer on next Rota Day.

231 ***Mis. Surriya Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of polio cases registered in the country since January, 2009 till date; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government to eradicate the polio during the said period?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) Total registered polio cases in 2009 were 90 (Punjab 17, Sindh 12, Balochistan 11, NWFP 29 and FATA 21) .

(b) Several steps have been taken to eradicate Polio from the country during 2009; some of them are enlisted below.

- Prime Minister's Action Plan focused on intersectoral collaboration to convert polio eradication efforts into a national drive. Intensified inter-sectoral action & advocacy through police, NADRA, cellular phone companies, print and electronic media involved in polio campaign activities.
- Asifa Bhutto Zardari nominated as the Ambassador of Polio campaign.
- Immunization month held in October 2009 to reinvigorate enthusiasm for routine immunization.
- 6 nation wide and 4 sub-national campaigns in addition to 10 rapid case response vaccination activities were conducted in 2009.
- Ministry of Health team met with IG Frontier corps and got support to reach in in access areas. Resultantly, now there is gradual increase in access to the in secure areas by our teams during polio campaigns.
- Training curriculum and methodology reviewed to address service delivery issues at the vaccination teams level.
- EPI Program secured US\$ 74 million in 2009 from World Bank for 2 years period. Polio vaccine from this support is only for polio campaigns which has been started from October 2009 round.

- Continued cross border collaboration of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- The Ministry of Health has scheduled Inter Provincial Committee on Polio meeting on 10th February 2010. Federal Health Minister will chair the meeting and provincial health ministers and secretaries will participate
- Resources for Vaccine and other activities related to polio Campaign have secured from World Bank, WHO and UNICEF for 2010.
- Four NIDS and five SNIDS have been scheduled in 2010.

232. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total amount allocated during the years, 2007-08 and 2008-09 for development of each Public Health Project; and*
- (b) *the benefits accrued to general public therefrom by each project?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) A total PSDP allocation for Health Division projects for the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 was Rs. 14.945 billion and 13.990 billion respectively. Project wise allocation is attached at Annex-I.

(b) The projects executed by the Ministry of Health included 09 priority public health projects. Besides awareness raising /behavior change communication and the capacity building of the health departments aimed at prevention & control of target diseases, major benefits accrued to general public are outlined below:

- Expanded Programme on Immunization(EPI) provided immunization services to 5.8 million newborn and 32 million children under the age of five years to protect them against childhood tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis-B, haemophiles influenzae type-b and measles. Besides this Tetanus Toxoid vaccine was also administered to 6 million pregnant women to protect them and their babies against neonatal tetanus. For Polio Eradication, six nationwide and three sub-national campaigns were conducted during 2009 with coverage ranging 92-94%.
- Family Planning & Primary Healthcare Programme provided continuous family planning and primary healthcare services to the rural and sub-urban population across the country through 110,000 Lady Health Workers (LHWS).

- National Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Programme (MNCH) strengthened 379 health facilities, 98 midwifery schools and continued to provide counseling and ante / postnatal care to the expectant mothers through 6,263 skilled midwives serving across Pakistan.
- Malaria Control Programme provided diagnostic and treatment facilities to 233,024 patients of Malaria during the period.
- National AIDS Control Programme provided counseling and case management services to the patients of sexually transmitted illnesses including HIV / AIDS through 20 designated treatment and care centers across the country.
- National T.B. Control Programme provided diagnostic and treatment facilities to 478,583 patients suffering from Tuberculosis across Pakistan during the period.
- National Programme for Prevention and Control of Blindness provided latest ophthalmic equipment to 28 hospitals across the country.
- Prime Minister's Programme for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis provided hepatitis B vaccination to 442,674 high risk individuals. Moreover, free-of- cost treatment facilities were extended through its 151 designated hospitals to 10,219 patients of hepatitis C and 3,636 patients of hepatitis B.
- National Programme for Prevention & Control of Avian and Pandemic Influenza' besides other capacity building interventions, has provided 2,000 sets of personal protective equipment and antiviral medicines for 200,000 individuals to the provincial health departments.

(Annexure has been placed on the National Assembly Library)

233. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite agricultural country there is shortage of agricultural food items in the country at present;*
- (b) if so, the steps being taken for promotion of agriculture sector in the country to enhance the food production?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) There is no shortage of food items in the country as we had record production of 24.032 million tons of wheat during last year and country had highest

ever wheat stocks (with the public sector) of over 10 million tons. It is expected that at the end of food year (May-April) country will have over 3 million tons surplus wheat stocks. Similarly, we have surplus of rice, maize and sufficient supply of pulses and other food items.

(b) The following steps are being taken to increase the production of various crops:

- (i) The Guaranteed Minimum Price (GMP) of wheat for 2009-10 crop has been announced at Rs.950/- per 40 kg before sowing season of the wheat crop.
- (ii) Target of 7.5 million tones of wheat has been fixed for procurement by the public sector.
- (iii) To ensure better return to the farmers intervention prices of rice and gram was announced. Similarly, indicative price of sugarcane and oilseed crops (sun-flower and Canola) were also announced.
- (iv) Ensuring timely availability of inputs like seed, fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides. The supply of Agri. Credit to farmers is also ensured.
- (v) The farmers are advised for judicious use of water and micro-management of irrigation water at local level through active coordination of Irrigation and Agriculture Departments.
- (vi) Disseminating of information by the Federal/provincial agriculture departments to the growers through media and field visits on production technology of various crops for increasing per acre yield.

234. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that new projects for welfare of special persons are being launched in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the names of those projects alongwith the locations thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Yes, it is true the Ministry has launched various projects for welfare of special persons.

(b) Directorate General of Special Education, an attached department of Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education, has started/launched 10 development projects (4 construction + 6 non-construction) during current financial year 2009-10. Detail of these Projects is attached. (At Annex-I).

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal working under the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education is running a project for Special Persons with the name of "Special Friends Project".

Annex-I

DETAIL OF NEW PROJECTS FOR WELFARE OF DISABLED PERSONS
LAUNCHED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2009-10

S No.	Name of Scheme	Total Cost	Approved by	Duration	PSDP 2009-10 Allocation	Manpower	
1	Special Education Centre at Karachi	35,335	DDWP 10-5-2009	24 months	15,856	N.A	
2	Special Education Centre at Larkana	35,942	DDWP 10-9-2009	24 months	18,480	N.A	
3	Special Education Centre at Dadu	35,942	DDWP 10-9-2009	24 months	18,480	N.A	
4	Special Education Centre at Skardu	39,190	DDWP 10-9-2009	24 months	20,970	N.A	
5	Establishment of Special Education Centre for Visually Handicapped, Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped Children at Primary level Gujrat	24,113	DDWP 2-3-2009	24 months	16,575	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	14 32
						Total -	46
6	Provision of Hostel facilities of Special Education Complex Mirpur, Benazirabad and Faisalabad	38,882	DDWP 2-3-2009	36 months	12,834	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	03 46
						Total -	51
7	Vocational Training Centre for Disabled Persons, Okara	19,835	DDWP 2-3-2009	36 months	9,700	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	01 19
						Total -	20
8	Up-gradation of Special Education Centre for Physically Handicapped Children from Primary to Secondary level Faisalabad	11,498	DDWP 2-3-2009	36 months	5,841	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	05 14
						Total -	19
9	Establishment of Special Education Centre for Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped Children at Primary level Okara	17,060	DDWP 2-3-2009	36 months	9,335	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	05 11
						Total -	16
10	Computerization of National Braille Press at National Special Education Centre for Visually Handicapped Children, Islamabad	27,028	DDWP 10-04-2009	24 months	13,514	Gazetted Non-Gazetted	04 14
						Total -	18

235. ***Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Columbia as on November 1st, 2009 alongwith the crimes committed and the punishments awarded; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by Government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a)& (b) According to initial information available with the Pakistan Embassy in Brazil, which is accredited to Columbia, there are no Pakistanis imprisoned in Columbia.

236. ***Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the countries from where the vaccine of polio was imported during the years 2008-09 till-date;*
- (b) *the value of the said vaccine; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for import of the said vaccine?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) Polio Vaccine was imported from Belgium and France during 2008-2009 and from Belgium, France and Italy during 2009-2010.

(b) The total cost of polio vaccine during 2008-2009 is Rs. 3,108,420,500 and during 2009-2010 is Rs. 1775,626,828.

(c) PPRA Rules 2004 were adopted for the import of polio vaccines.

237. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the countries which provided funds for Polio Vaccine during the year 2008-09;*

(b) *the total number of Polio patients registered in the country at present; and*

(c) *the steps taken to control the Polio in the country?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) All required polio vaccine for routine immunization and polio campaigns were procured from government funds and no external support was used during this period.

(b) Total registered polio patients in 2009 are 90.

(c) Several steps have been taken to eradicate Polio from the country during 2009; some of them are enlisted below:

- ✱ Prime Minister's Action Plan focused on intersectoral collaboration to convert polio eradication efforts into a national drive. Intensified inter-sectoral action & advocacy through police, NADRA, cellular phone companies, print and electronic media involved in polio campaign activities.
- ✱ Asifa Bhutto Zardari nominated as the Ambassador of Polio campaign.
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- ✱ Ministry of Health team met with IG Frontier corps and got support to reach in in access areas. Resultantly, now there is gradual increase in access to the in secure areas by our teams during polio campaigns.
- ✱ Training curriculum and methodology reviewed to address service delivery issues at the vaccination teams level.
- ✱ EPI Program secured US\$ 74 million in 2009 from World Bank for 2 years period. Polio vaccine from this support is only for polio campaigns which has been started from October 2009 round.
- ✱ Continued cross border collaboration of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- ✱ The Ministry of Health has scheduled Inter Provincial Committee on Polio meeting on 10th February 2010. Federal Health Minister will chair the meeting and provincial health ministers and secretaries will participate.

- ✱ Resources for Vaccine and other activities related to polio Campaign have secured from World Bank, WHO and UNICEF for 2010.
- ✱ Four NIDS and five SNIDS have been scheduled in 2010.

238. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that foreign aid has been provided during the current year 2009-10 for health sector in the country; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said assistance has not so far been utilized; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) During 2009-10, the international donor agencies/ organizations like Global Funds for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), Global Alliance for Vaccines & Immunization (GAVI), Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Department for International Development (DFID) UK have committed support for the health sector. The details of such programme specific assistance for 2009-10 may please be seen at Annex-I.

(b) The activities planned out of said foreign aid are in various phases of implementation by the concerned programmes and actual utilization against the donor funding received during 2009-10 shall be available at the end of the financial year 2009-10. The utilization status by 31st December 2009 is however, included in the Annex-I.

Annexure-I

DETAILS OF COMMITTED ASSISTANCE BY DONOR AGENCIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009-10

S. #.	Name of donor agency / organization	Area of Co-operation	Nature of Assistance	Value in US\$ Million	Utilization status (July-Dec, 2009)	Remarks
1.	Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria	i) AIDS Control ii) T.B. Control iii) Malaria Control	Grant	Nil	Nil	No support for 2009-10.
			Grant	6.762	2.680	Expenditure is by Sept. 2009. Activities in pipeline and going per plan.
2.	GAVI	i) ISS ii) HSS	Grant	8.51	3.28	Utilized through PSDP. Activities in pipeline and going per plan.
			Grant	1.77	0.44	The grant has not yet been released by GAVI Secretariat
			Grant	6.626	Nil	Amount is kept and utilized by JICA itself
3.	JICA	Immunization (3 districts in NWFP and strengthening Quality Control Laboratory	Grant	0.570	Not available	Utilized through PSDP. The grant has not yet been released by DFID.
4.	DFID	Maternal & Neonatal Child Health	Grant	19,000 (Rs. 1,600 00 million)	Nil	

239. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to import locomotives from abroad in near future; and*
- (b) *the name of countries whose locomotives are operational in the country at present alongwith the total number of those locomotives?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour):(a) Contract agreement for procurement/ manufacture of 75 Diesel Electric Locomotives has been signed with M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation, China on 31-12-2008.

In future, Pakistan Railways intend to import 150 Locomotives for Mail/ Express and Freight trains in a replacement programme.

(b) Presently, Pakistan Railways own 520 Diesel Electric Locomotives imported from various countries as under:

General Motors/USA	=	123
Alco Product/USA	=	121
Hitachi Japan	=	114
General Electric /USA	=	93
Chinese	=	69
Total	=	520

240. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and the addresses of those NGOs which are running schemes for the welfare of children, senior citizens and disabled persons in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount of funds given to each said NGO by the government during the last five years?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki):(a) At present, 318 NGOs are running schemes for the welfare of children, senior citizens and disabled persons in the country. Names and addresses of those NGOs are at Annex-I.

(b) Rs. 168.230 million has been distributed by the Ministry to those NGOs during last five years. Year-wise and Province-wise break-up is as under:—

(Rs. in million)

Province	No. of NGOs	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Total
Punjab	114	6.729	21.316	26.964	28.284	24.928	108.221
Sindh	087	0.426	5.195	22.837	0.012	0.490	28.960
NWFP	042	1.344	1.736	1.658	0.690	0.350	5.778
Balochistan	015	0.884	0.070	0.192	0.410	0.050	1.606
AJK	022	2.875	0.345	0.040	0.000	0.200	3.460
Gilgit – Balt.	016	0.407	0.546	0.450	0.060	0.090	1.553
Islamabad	022	1.007	0.746	1.765	8.269	6.865	18.652
Total	318	13.672	29.954	53.906	37.725	32.973	168.230

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

241. ***Dr. Attiya Inayatullah:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by Human Organs Transplant Authority (HOTA) for eliminating the malpractice of transplantation of human organs in hospitals in the country alongwith the achievements gained thereof so far?

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) * Government of Pakistan has promulgated Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Ordinance, 2007/2009 to control sale of human organs and tissue's.

* Regular meetings of the Monitoring Authority are being held under

the chairmanship of Minister for Health/Chairman, Monitoring Authority to ensure that the Ordinance is being implemented in true letter and spirit.

- ✱ All hospitals/medical institutions which have been recognized for transplant surgeries have their own Evaluation Committees.
- ✱ There has been no case of sale of kidneys or other human organs after the promulgation of the Ordinance on 4th September, 2007.
- ✱ During the period 5th September, 2007 to 20th January, 2010, 1733 kidney transplants have been performed in the country. 1633 were Live Related Donors *i.e.* 94% and 98 Unrelated Donors (in cases where there was no eligible/fit/compatible donor within close/non-close blood relatives) *i.e.* 06% and 02 cases of deceased donor *i.e.* 0.11%. No foreigner was provided kidney from poor Pakistanis.
- ✱ Ordinance has been successful in restoring ethical practices in realm of kidney transplantation in Pakistan and we are no more dubbed as “Kidney Bazaar”.

242. ***Mr. Naseer Bhutta:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to launch a Programme for rehabilitation of beggars in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education(Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki):(a) Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education is preparing a PC-1 for the project “Setting up of Operational Unit for Eradication of Beggary” for Islamabad.

- (b) The main objectives of this project are:
 - ✱ To create social awareness about the menace of beggary.
 - ✱ To launch a campaign in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) for

controlling/ increasing number of beggars through social, economic and punitive measures.

- ✱ To mould the public opinion through electronic and print media to prevent indiscriminate alms giving.

243. ***Ms. Bushra Gohar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps being taken to control Hepatitis “B” and “C” in the country since March, 2008 till date?

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din):(a) The steps being taken by the Prime Minister’s Programme for Prevention and control of Hepatitis to control Hepatitis B&C in the country since March, 2008 till date are as under :

- ✱ 8,719 patients of Hepatitis C worth of Rs. 115.515 million have been provided free of cost treatment through 151 Sentinel Sites (Hospital) across the country (province wise breakup of treatment is enclosed at (Annex-I)
- ✱ 2,626 patients of Hepatitis B worth of Rs. 22.812 million have been provided free of cost treatment (province wise breakup of treatment is enclosed at Annex-I).
- ✱ Hepatitis B vaccine worth of Rs. 77.729 million for 442,674 persons have been provided to the Provincial Health Departments for vaccination of High Risk Groups *i.e.* Health Care Workers, Prison inmates, Thalassameia & Hemophilia patients, new entrant of Medical Colleges, Students Nurses, Hepatitis C positive patients.
- ✱ 2,000 Diagnostic kits of Hepatitis B worth of Rs. 17.820 million and 4,000 Diagnostic Kits of Hepatitis C worth of Rs. 39.708 million for free of cost screening of 384,000 persons of Hepatitis B and 392,000 persons of Hepatitis have been distributed in 151 Sentinel Sites through Provincial Governments.
- ✱ 8,000,000 Auto Disable Syringes worth of Rs. 56.080 million have been provided to the Provincial Health Department to prevent re-use of syringes.

- ✱ Master trainings were conducted and training was imparted to the Health professionals of Provincial Health Departments of Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, AJK, and FATA.
- ✱ Mix media campaign was implemented and 531 Health preventive Messages were floated in electronic & print media.
- ✱ The Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, announced strategy to take steps for “Prime Minister’s Emergency Action on Hepatitis”. The Ministry of Health has prepared a revised PC-I costing Rs. 13.783 billion and the same has been submitted for Planning Commission for consideration.

Annex-I

Province wise breakup Hepatitis B & C treatment provided to the Provinces

(A). Hepatitis C:

S. No	Province	No of Patients
1	Punjab	3,800
2.	Sindh	1,800
	JPMC, Karachi	1,50
3	NWFP	1,100
4	Balochistan	1,192
5	FATA	170
6	FANA	170
7	AJK	174
8	FGSH, Islamabad	163
Total		8,719

(B). Hepatitis B:

S. No	Province	No of Patients
1.	Punjab	1,050
2.	Shaikh Zayed, Lahore	131
3.	Sindh	526
	JPMC, Karachi	131
4.	NWFP	341
5.	Balochistan	288
6.	FATA	52
7.	FANA	53
8.	AJK	54
Total		2,626

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 28th January, 2010.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Friday, the 29th January, 2010

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 165, 170, and 175 were set down for answer on 21-01-2010)

165. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of medicines purchased by local purchase on behalf of Ministers/Ministers of State/Parliamentary Secretaries through their Private Secretaries during the last two years; and*
- (b) the total value of those medicines?*

Reply not received.

170. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of advertisements made by the Ministry in the print and electronic media during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 relating to health services;*
- (b) the total amount incurred on those advertisements; and*
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of newspapers and TV channels for the said purpose?*

Reply not received.

175. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of doctors employed at Federal Government Hospitals during the last two financial years till date;*

(b) *the total number of un-employed registered doctors at present?*

Reply not received.

293. **Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state:

(a) *the total production of Milk in the country at present; and*

(b) *the total demand of Milk in the country at present?*

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development (Mir Haymayun Aziz Kurd): (a) i. According to the data available in the Ministry of Livestock & Dairy) Development, the estimated total milk production for the year 2009.10, available for human consumption in the country is 36.2 million tons.

ii. Being the fourth largest producer of milk in the world behind India, China and the United States. The sector spans eight million farming households that together produce around 36.2 million tons of milk annually. The milk produced annually is worth as much as Rs. 177 billion and is easily the largest product in the entire Agriculture Sector. The overall contribution of dairying to the National economy is to the tune of Rs. 540 billion with 97 percent of it being informal non documented economic activity.

(b) i. At present the total estimated demand in terms of liquid milk equivalent is 43.2 million tons in the country.

Note: The demand is computed on the basis of monthly consumption parameters reported in household income expenditure survey 2005-06 for milk and milk products and population figure reported in Pakistan Economic Survey 2008-09.

ii. As a result of present Government policies of Public Private Partnership (PPP), the sector has registered a constant growth of around five percent. This five percent growth in the national dairying is off set by a demand which growing by fifteen (15) percent. M/o Livestock & Dairy Development has recently initiated projects to organize milk producers at village level on mass scale and to have an integrated approach that may start from improving productivity animal, which in Pakistan is 3.15 liters per milking animal right up to the milk storage and cut down wastage.

iii. To increase the pace of dairy sector Livestock & Dairy Development Board has installed 150 milk cooling tanks, trained 168 milk cooling tank operators, trained 176 village livestock workers, trained 3871 farmers of milk producer groups, registered and trained 566 quality breeders and registered 1004 Progeny Testing Program farmers.

294. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of medicines of the foreign countries which have been registered in Pakistan at present alongwith the names of those countries and price thereof: and*
- (b) *the name of the medicine of Pakistan registered in foreign countries at present alongwith the name of those countries?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The total number of so far registered imported medicines in Pakistan are 5655. Details may be seen at Annexure-A.

(b) The total number of so far registered exported medicines in foreign countries are 4224. details may be seen at Annexure-B.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

295. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total value of medicines provided to the Federal Government Hospitals during the last five years till date?

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): The value of medicines purchased during. the last five years by the Federal Government Hospitals under the Ministry of Health as under:-

FGSH, Islamabad.

2004-2005	Rs.208.874 Million
2005-2006	Rs.267.673 Million
2006-2007	Rs.311.658 Million
2007-2008	Rs.334.860 Million
2008-2009	Rs.380.500 Million
2009-2010 (Upto Dec.09)	Rs.313.456 Million

PIMS, Islamabad.

2005-2006	Rs.63.8 Million
2006-2007	Rs.82.99 Million
2007-2008	Rs.97.27 Million
2008-2009	Rs.91.7 Million
2009-2010	Rs.47.61 Million
Total	Rs.383.37 Million

JPMC, Karachi.

2004-2005	Rs.90.000 Million
2005-2006	Rs.114.000 Million
2006-2007	Rs.148.000 Million
2007-2008	Rs.132.912 Million
2008-2009	Rs.145.000 Million
2009-2010 (up to 20-01-2010)	Rs.120.000 Million

NIRM, Islamabad.

2004-2005	Rs.3.550 Million
2005-2006	Rs.5.130 Million
2006-2007	Rs.6.569 Million
2007-2008	Rs.6.350 Million
2008-2009	Rs.8.214 Million
2009-2010	Rs.3.512 Million
Total	Rs.33.325 Million

NICH, Karachi.

2005-2006	Rs.19.781 Million
2006-2007	Rs.23.500 Million
2007-2008	Rs.27.568 Million
2008-2009	Rs.30.233 Million
2009-2010 (Upto Dec.09)	Rs.28.285 Million
Total	Rs.129.367 Million

296. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) *the district-wise total number of Family Welfare Centers in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the head-wise total amount incurred for those Centres so far during the current financial year 2009-10?*

Minister for Population Welfare (Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan): (a) The details of district-wise total number of Family Welfare Centres in the country at present are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The head-wise total amount incurred for those Centres so far during the current financial year 2009-10 are at **Annexure-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

297. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of new Federal Government Hospitals being constructed in Islamabad during the current financial year 2008-09 alongwith the locations thereof; and*

(b) *the total cost involved therein?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): No Federal Government Hospital has been constructed in Islamabad during-2008-09

(b) Not applicable

298. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of medicines in the PIMS, Islamabad at present; if so, the reasons thereof;*

(b) *the funds provided to the said hospital for purchase of medicines during the year 2009-10 alongwith the utilization thereof; and*

(c) *the names of the companies/stores from where those medicines were purchased during the said period?*

Reply not received.

299. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) *the names alongwith the designations of the officers of the Ministry who are presently working as Project Director in addition to their normal duties; and*

(b) *the Project Allowance and other benefits admissible to those officers?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) 3 officers of the Ministry have been assigned additional duties of the Project Directors of the development projects in addition to their own duties/responsibilities. The names along with designations of these officers are given in Annex-I.

(b) Given in Annex-I.

Annex-I

S. No	Name of the Projects	Name of the Officer holding additional duties of the Project Director	Designation	Project Allowance and other benefits
1	Agriculture Sector Development Loan (Phase-I)	Mr. Shahid Hussain Raja	Additional Secretary, MINFA	Not admissible
2	Programme Implementation Unit of ASPL-II Loan			
3	Production of Medicinal Herbs in Collaboration with Private Sector.	Dr. Muhammad Aslam Gil	Commissioner Minor Crops, MINFA	No project allowance is admissible Only using project vehicle for project activities.
4	Adaptability Testing and Registration System of FSC&RD	Dr. Tassarwar Hussain	Deputy Advisor (Plan), MINFA	10% of the Basic Pay (Rs. 4,710) and Project vehicle for project activities

300. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the total number of Schools and rehabilitation centres established in NWFP and FATA for disabled boys and girls during the last three years?

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): During last three years, four (04) schools and rehabilitation centres have been established in NWFP for disabled boys and girls. Name of these centres are as under:-

- (i) Special Education Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, Mardan.
- (ii) Special Education Centre for Visually Handicapped Children, Mardan.
- (iii) Vocational Education Centre for Disabled Persons Mardan.
- (iv) Special Education Centre for Visually Handicapped Children, Peshawar.

Whereas no such school and rehabilitation centre established in FATA during last three years.

301. **Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the countries whose Embassies are functioning in the country at present;*
- (b) *the total number of employees working in each Embassy, at present; and*
- (c) *the date of establishment of those Embassies?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):
 (a) (b) & (c) The names of the countries whose Embassies are functioning in the country at present along with their diplomatic staff and date of establishment of diplomatic relations are attached as Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

S.No.	COUNTRY NAME	TOTAL DIPLOMATS	DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
1.	Afghanistan	14	1948
2.	Algeria	06	October, 1963
3.	Argentina	02	1951
4.	Australia	17	1948
5.	Austria	06	1956
6.	Azerbaijan	08	9 th June, 1992
7.	Bahrain	03	September, 1971
8.	Bangladesh	05	1976
9.*	Belgium	04	-
10.*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	01	-
11.	Brazil	04	1948
12.*	Brunei Darussalam	04	-
13.	Bulgaria	04	1980
14.	Canada	41	1947
15.	China	37	21 May, 1951
16.	Czech Republic	11	1951
17.	Cuba	04	1963
18.	Denmark	03	1976
19.	Egypt	20	June, 1948
20.	Eritrea	01	1993 Embassy Closed on 08.08.2009
21.	Finland	03	1951
22.	France	34	1947
23.	Germany	37	1951
24.*	Greece	06	-

25.	Hungary	06	1987
26.	India	22	1947
27.*	Indonesia	09	-
28.	Iran	24	August 1948
29.*	Iraq	08	-
30.*	Italy	20	-
31	Japan	27	28 th April, 1952
32	Jordan	09	October, 1965
33.	Kazakhstan	11	24 th February, 1992
34	Kenya	08	Early 50s
35	Democratic Republic of Korea	16	1972
36	Republic of Korea	09	November, 1983
37.	Kuwait	10	April, 1963
38.	Kyrgyz	03	10 th May, 1992
39.*	Lebanon	01	-
40.	Libya	17	Early 50s
41.*	Malaysia	06	-
42	Maldives	02	1966
43	Mauritius	02	1969
44.	Mexico	04	1947 Embassy closed on 16.11.2009
45	Morocco	08	1958
46	Myanmar	10	1 st August, 1947
47	Nepal	04	1960
48*	Netherlands	19	-
49	Nigeria	09	Early 60s
50*	Norway	11	-
51	Oman	04	June, 1971
52*	Palestine	07	-
53*	Philippines	12	-
54	Poland	07	1948-49

55*	Portugal	03	-
56	Qatar	02	October, 1972
57	Romania	05	1964
58	Russia	32	1948
59*	Saudi Arabia	79	-
60	Somalia	03	1960
61	South Africa	07	1993
62*	Spain	09	-
63	Sri Lanka	08	1948
64	Sudan	10	1956
65	Sweden	07	1949
66	Switzerland	06	1949
67	Syria	03	December, 1949
68	Tajikistan	04	6 th June, 1992
69*	Thailand	06	-
70	Tunisia	04	15 th March, 1958
71	Turkey	15	June 1949
72	Turkmenistan	03	May, 1992
73*	Ukraine	07	-
74	UAE	11	December 1971
75*	UK	139	-
76	USA	203	1947
77	Uzbekistan	07	10 th May, 1992
78*	Vietnam	02	-
79	Yemen	05	August, 1979

* The date of establishment of diplomatic relations with the remaining countries will be communicated soon.

302. Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of medicines purchased for Federal Government

Hospitals during the year 2008- 09; and

(b) *the procedure adopted therein?*

Reply not received.

303. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *the names and designation of the officers in BPS-17 and above of the Ministry and its attached departments who availed medical facilities and medicines from Federal Government Hospitals during the last three years;*

(b) *the total amount incurred on the purchase of their medicines, separately; and*

(c) *the names of medicines mostly provided to them during the said period?*

Reply not received.

304. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the total expenditure incurred on each foreign visit made by the Foreign Minister and Minister of State, separately during the period from March, 2008 to September, 2009; and*

(b) *the purpose of the each visit?*

Reply not received.

305. **Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.125 replied on 11-4- 2009 and to state the amount of financial assistance provided so far under the Kerry Lugar Bill to Pakistan and the NGOs presently functioning in the country?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi): Kerry Lugar Bill was passed by the US Congress in September, 2009. However annual appropriation process is still not completed. USAID of the Department of State will implement project designing and construction.

Ministry of Finance is following Kerry Lugar Bill and EAD is dealing with USAID and they may be approached for further progress.

306. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of non-career Ambassadors and High Commissioners appointed since March, 2008 till. date; and*
- (b) *the educational qualification and professional experience alongwith the reasons of appointments of those non-career Ambassadors?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):(a) & (b) The names and educational qualifications of non-career Ambassadors/High Commissioners posted abroad since March 2008 till-date, are stated below:-

AMBASSADORS ON CONTRACT

S. No.	Name of Ambassador	Qualification	Country
1	Mr. Husain Haqqani	MA (IR)	Washington (USA)
2	Mr. Waqar Shamsul Hassan	M.A (IR)	London (United Kingdom)
3	Mr. Khurshed Ahmed Junejo	MA	Abu Dhabi (UAE)
4	Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon	'A' Level and studied History for two years at Karachi University	New York (Parep UN)
5	Mr. M. B. Abbasi	MA (Economics)	Tehran (Iran)
6	Mr. Shaheen A. Gilani - (contract expired on 14.01.2010)	MA (Intl. Relations)	Colombo (Sri Lanka)
7	Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan	M. Sc. (Social Studies & Economics) MA (Pol. Sc.), LL.M, LL.B	Tripoli (Libya)
8	Mr. Gul Haneef	MA (Economics)	Lisbon (Portugal)

9	Mr. Shafkat Saeed	M. Sc.	Brussels (Belgium)
10	Mr. Umat Khan Alsherzaz,	Master in Economic and Defence & Strategic Studies)	Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)
11	Lt. Gen. (Retd) Sallah ud Din	M. Sc. (War Studies)	Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam)
12	Nawabzada Aminullah Khan Raisani	B.A.	Damascus (Syria)
13	Prof. Dr. Sved Khawaja Alqama	M.A, M. Sc. & Ph. D	Sana'a (Yemen)
14	Mr. Shahid Malik	M.A (Economics)	New Delhi (India)
15	Maj. Gen. F. Talur Mehmood Qazi (contract expired on 08/01/2010)	M. Sc. (War Studies)	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)
16	Maj. Gen. Ghazanfar Ab Khan	M. Sc. (War Studies)	Kyiv (Ukraine)
17	Maj. Gen. (Retd) Asif Duraz Akhtar	M. Sc. (War Studies)	Abuja (Nigeria)
18	Maj. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Siddique, High Commissioner-designate		Port Louis (Mauritius)

*The appointment of contract Ambassadors/High Commissioners *i.e.* officers other than Foreign Service of Pakistan is the prerogative of the Prime Minister/Head of Government, considering their competence, fitness, administrative experience and other professional capabilities.

307. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- whether there is any proposal to establish Federal Government Medical Colleges in the main Federal Government Hospitals in the country;*
- the steps being taken to facilitate the students for their admission in the Federal Government Medical Colleges; and*
- whether there is any proposal to decrease the admission fee in the Federal Government Medical Colleges; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) Presently, there is no proposal to establish federal government medical colleges in the federal government hospitals being run under Ministry of Health.

- In view of the reply at (a) above no steps are contemplated.
- Not Applicable in view of the situation explained above.

308. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that substandard medicines are being provided to the patients in FGSH and PIMS, Islamabad at present;*
- (b) *if so, the action taken in this regard?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) It is incorrect that sub standard medicines are being provided at PIMS and FGSH, Islamabad.

(b) Not applicable in view of the reply given at (a) above.

309. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the month-wise total expenditure incurred on provision of medicines to Parliamentarians from the Parliament Lodges Dispensary during the period from March, 2008 till-date alongwith the names of those Parliamentarians?

Withdrawn by the Honourable Member.

310. **Miss. Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of mortality cases registered in the Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre, Karachi and PIMS, Islamabad during the period from July to November, 2009 alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of patients who were given medical treatment in those hospitals during the said period?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) A total number of 1556 mortality cases in PIMS and 2234 mortality cases in JPMC were registered during the period from July to November, 2009. Among these, most of the patients were referred from different private hospitals and suffered from different ailments.

(b) A total number of 20485 were given medical treatment in PIMS, Islamabad Whereas, a total number of 553114 received medical treatment at JPMC, Karachi during the said period.

311. **Mr. Naseer Bhutta:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal to provide free of cost residential and food facilities to the indigent patients and their attendants in hospitals;*

(b) *if so, the level of hospitals where those facilities will be provided?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has launched Lunger Project for attendants of the indigent patients only on pilot basis. However, patients are also accommodated where they are not advised specifically.

There is no proposal under consideration regarding provision of free of cost residential facility to the attendants or their patients.

(b) Lunger Project has been started on pilot basis in the **21** designated government hospitals in selected districts throughout the country.

List of districts & hospitals in which this facility is available placed at Annex-I.

Annex-IList of districts & hospitals in which Lunger Project has been started

Province/ Region	Districts	Hospital Name
Punjab (7)	Rawalpindi	Shaheed Benazir Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, DHQ Hospital
	Bahawalpur	Bahawal Victoria Hospital
	Lahore	General Hospital
	Faisalabad	DHQ Hospital
Sindh (3)	Multan	Nishtar Hospital
	Larkana	Chandka Medical College Hospital
	Mirpur Khas	Civil Hospital
NWFP (5)	Nawab Shah	Peoples Medical College Hospital
	Abbottabad	DHQ Hospital
	Mansehra	DIHQ Hospital
	Mardan	DHQ Hospital
Balochistan (1)	Peshawar	Lady Reading Hospital & IRNUM Hospital
	Quetta	Civil Sandeman Hospital
ICT (1)	Islamabad	NORI Hospital

Gilgit-Baltistan (3)	Gilgit Skardu	DHQ Hospital and City Hospital Kashrot DHQ Hospital
AJK (1)	Muzaffarabad	Abbas Institute of Medical Sciences, Hospital

312. **Mr. Hamayun Saifullah Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan is not the member of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) at present;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) Pakistan is not a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The OECD is a Paris-based international economic organization of 30 countries. Most OECD members are high-income economies with a high Human Development Index (HDI). The OECD members are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States.

(b) The OECD has laid out certain criteria for its membership. Article 16 of the OECD Convention stipulates that, "The Council may decide to invite any Government prepared to assume the obligations of membership to accede to this Convention". In this sense, accession by a country to the OECD is not automatic, but is based on a willful decision of the Council. The fundamental yardstick for invitation is compliance with the following criteria; (a) market-based economy (b) pluralist democracy (c) good governance and rule of law (d) respect for human rights (e) provision of development assistance initiatives.

313. **Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance has approved the grant of Project Allowance to the employees of Railway Carriage Factory;*
- (b) *if so, the categories of those employees who are entitled to the said allowance?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) Ministry of Finance had allowed in general (all categories) for the grant of Project Allowance for PSDP and Foreign Funded Development Projects *w.e.f.* 01.7.2008 *vide* their Office Memorandum No.F.16(1)R-14/2003 dated 12th August,2008 subject to the provision in PC-I. The Carriage Factory Islamabad is executing the both PSDP and Foreign Funded Projects *i.e.* “Rehabilitation, Up-Gradaion and Conversion of 400 Coaches” and the “Procurement/Manufacture of 202 New Design Passenger Carriages”. In the two specific PC-I concerning Carriage Factory Islamabad, the Project Allowance is admissible for Executive/Administrative staff only. As such the allowance is not admissible to all employees of Carriage Factory, Islamabad, but is restricted to a section of employees only.

(b) According to the PC-I’s of the Project of “Rehabilitation, Up-Gradaion and Conversion of 400 Coaches” and “Procurement/Manufacture of 202 New Design Passenger Carriages” approved by the ECNEC on 2-3-2007 and 2-9-2009 respectively, only the Executive/Administrative staff of Carriage Factory Islamabad is entitled to the Project Allowance.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 28th January, 2010.