

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## “QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Thursday, the 13th May, 2010**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 134, 185, 24, 25, 26, 30, 36, 38, 39, 41, and 43 were set down for answer on 5-5-2010)*

134. **\*Ms. Bushra Gohar:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the loss suffered by Banks working under the administrative control of State Bank of Pakistan due to writing off the loans granted since March, 2008; and*
- (b) the steps taken to recover the said amount of loan?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Banks/DFIs suffered a loss of total Rs.2,278.849 million due to writing off of loans since March 2008. Bank-wise details attached at Annex-A.

(b) Boards of Directors of Commercial Banks are competent to re-schedule, re-structure or write off irrecoverable / bad loans in the light of policy(s) developed on the basis of parameters given in SBP's Circular No.6, dated June 5, 2007(Annex-B).

Banks enter into writing off agreements with the clients purely on commercial basis as per written policies and properly assessing pay back capabilities of the clients. However, in the cases of willful default or delays banks adopt legal course of action in the light of policies of their BoDs and debt collection guidelines contained in circular No.13 of 2008, issued by the SBP (Annex-C).

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

185. **\*Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total income earned from oil exploring companies in the country during the last three years under the head of taxes; and*
- (b) *the ratio of those taxes alongwith the criteria adopted for levying those taxes?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) An amount of Rs. 306,784 million has been collected from oil exploring companies during the last three years under the head of Income Tax, Sales Tax, FED & Customs.

(b) (i) **Customs Duty:—**

The criteria have been to provide a congenial and attractive atmosphere for bringing additional investment in the field of oil exploration while protecting the local industry. The ratio/concessionary rates of duty / taxes during last three years are as follows:—

(a) **Goods not manufactured locally**

- (i) Zero percent customs duty on import of raw materials and components for the local manufacture of good which are to be supplied to the petroleum sector companies.
- (ii) 5% customs duty on machinery, equipment, materials, accessories, spares, specialized vehicles (4x4 excluding passenger vehicles), etc, directly imported by E&P Companies, their contractors, sub-contractors and service companies.

(b) **Locally manufactured goods.**

- (i) 10% customs duty on the import of above goods which are locally manufactured; and
- (ii) 15% customs duty on the import of X- mass trees, well heads and integral components and parts.

**(ii) Income Tax:**

The amount mentioned against Income Tax cannot be made basis for any ratio or criteria as income tax is charged on the basis of income assessed in accordance with the provisions of Income Tax Ordinance and Part-I of the Fifth Schedule to Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. Copy of the Part-I of Fifth Schedule of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 is attached as Annex-A

**(iii) Sales Tax/FED**

The rate of sales tax in the country was 15% up to 30.06.2008 and the same was raised to 16% with effect from 1st July, 2008. The criteria for levy of sales tax on this sector is same wherein the companies are entitled for adjustment of tax paid on their input against the tax collected on their output and the rest is deposited into Government treasury.

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

**24. \*Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names of individuals, companies and cartels, who were found involved in the money Laundering to foreign countries during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 till date;*
- (b) the steps taken against the accused; and*
- (c) the steps being taken to control the money Laundering?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Anti-Money Laundering Law was initially promulgated in the form of Ordinance, which has recently been enacted in the form of an Act by the Parliament and issued on 27th March 2010. Law enforcement agencies are conducting inquiries/ investigations in some potential cases of money laundering, however, such inquiries/ investigations are still in process.

The honourable member has perhaps used the term 'money laundering' to imply illegal flow of funds to foreign countries, which is being dealt under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act (FERA), 1947. Under the provision of FERA, various cases on violations of FERA, 1947 were referred by SBP to FIA including cases against the sponsors of some of the Exchange Companies and these cases are at various stages of investigation / trial.

(b) While several inquiries / investigations at FIA are at various stages, FIA during their investigations had arrested sponsors of some of the Exchange companies *prima facie* involved in illegal foreign exchange / Hawala / remittance business and accordingly filed cases in the courts. SBP on violations of FERA, 1947 had also taken regulatory actions in the past under its authority including suspension of licences of some of the Exchange Companies.

(c) Pakistan has enacted its Money Laundering Law in 2007 in the form of an Ordinance, re-promulgated in November 2009 and subsequently, through an Act of Parliament, it has recently been transformed into AML Act, 2010. The legislation provides explicit and appropriate powers to law enforcement agencies to conduct investigation, obtain relevant evidence for prosecution, share and exchange information on criminal matters. Financial Intelligence Unit has been established with the name of Financial Monitoring Unit with the sole authority to receive, analyze and disseminate to various designated investigating agencies Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and cash-based Currency Transaction Reports (CTRs) over Rs.2.5 million.

25. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Petroleum products which are being exported to Afghanistan at present have been exempted from taxes etc; if so, the detail and justification thereof;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to levy tax on those products being exported to Afghanistan, which are being charged from the domestic consumers; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Petroleum products which are being exported to Afghanistan are exempt from petroleum development levy @ Rs:8 per litre which is otherwise prescribed by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources.

Exports are exempted/zero rated so that there is no levy unless the same is specifically regulated. Section 3(2) was substituted in the Petroleum Products (Petroleum levy) Ordinance, 1961 by the Ordinance 25 of 2001 (**Annex-A**) which reads as under:—

“Nothing in sub-section (i) shall apply to a petroleum products produced by the refinery or as the case may be, purchase by company for exports”.

The above ensures that there shall be no levy including PDL on export of petroleum products.

(b) There is no proposal in FBR to levy tax on these products being exported to Afghanistan, which are otherwise subject to duty/taxes on their local sales.

**Annex-A**

No. 974/2009-Law-I  
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
**LAW AND JUSTICE DIVISION**  
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*Islamabad the 15th December, 2009*

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

*Subject.*—EXEMPTION/REFUND OF PDL/PL IN RESPECT OF POL PRODUCTS EXPORTED, SUPPLIES TO FOREIGN GOING VESSELS AND CUSTOMERS OPERATING IN EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES (EPZ)

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources O.M. No. PL-3(242)/2009-PT-U, dated 3rd December, 2009, on the above mentioned subject and to say that Section 3 (2) was substituted in the Petroleum products (Petroleum Levy) Ordinance 1961 by the ordinance 25 of 2001 which reads as under:

“Nothing in sub Section (1) shall apply to a Petroleum products produced by the refinery or, as the case may be, purchased by a company, for export”.

2. The above sub-Section providing exemption on the export of the Petroleum products is still in field.

AZHAR AMIN CHOUDHARY,  
*Section Officer.*

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources,  
Directorate General (Oil),  
(Mr. M. Saleem Akhtar),  
Deputy director (F&P)  
Islamabad.

26. **\*Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the steps taken to stable and boost up the national economy instead of obtaining loan from abroad to combat the financial crunch of the country; and*
- (b) the present status of any project launched for the said purpose alongwith the achievements gained therefrom so far?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) The Government has adopted the following measures to stabilize and boost up the national economy.

**I. Boost up Measures**

Government has adopted following measures for economic and social recovery:—

1. Government adopted a Nine-Point Programme to boost up economic and social recovery;
2. Prioritized the scarce Government expenditures available for development related programs;
3. Structural adjustments are made in petroleum prices and electricity tariff to avoid possible subsidies and thus to contain budgetary deficit.

**Stabilization Measures**

— The government has adopted a significant tightening of fiscal and monetary policies to bring down and strengthens the external position adopting several structural measures in the fiscal and financial sectors including strengthening of the social safety nets. As a result, Pakistan's economy is witnessing recovery in its overall macroeconomic indicators despite uncertainty attached with law and order situation owing to war on terror as real GDP growth is expected to remain higher (3.4%) in current fiscal year 2009-10 against the 2.0% growth during 2008-09.

— On monetary side, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) start loosen its monetary stance within five months of the start of aggressive stabilization efforts, *i.e.* April 2009 onwards, SBP's policy rate has been lowered by 50bps to 12.5

percent *w.e.f.* 25th November 2009 that remained unchanged for the next two months due to associated uncertainties. However, due to recovery in aggregate demand in the economy restricted the central bank from a more aggressive easing. Therefore, the SBP chose to keep the discount rate unchanged in March, 2010 monetary policy.

— Overall fiscal deficit, as percentage of GDP, dropped to 5.2 percent in FY09 from 7.6 percent last year. According to the budget estimates for the FY 10, the deficit will further decline to 4.9 percent of the annual GDP.

— Tax collection during July-March 2009-10 stood at Rs. 905.2 billion which is 11 percent than the net collection of Rs. 815.1 billion in the corresponding period of last year.

— To expand tax base and to correct the structural shortcomings in Pakistan's tax system and particularly to ensure horizontal equity in the taxation system, a broad based value added tax (VAT) is being implemented in the country and the main objective is to increase the tax to GDP ratio to above 14 percent of GDP by 2013/14.

— Large-scale manufacturing registered a positive growth of 2.98% in July-February 2009-10 as against negative growth of 5.73% in the comparable period of last year. This implies that large-scale manufacturing sector is exhibiting signs of recovery.

— The inflation rate as measured by the changes in Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 11.3% during the period July-march 2009-10 as against 23.0% in the comparable period last year.

— The merchandise trade deficit stood \$10.9 billion in July-March 2009-10 as against \$12.7 billion in the comparable period last year.

— Workers Remittances reached at \$6.6 billion in July-March 2009-10 as against \$5.7 billion in the comparable period of last year depicting an increase of 15.8%.

— Pakistan's Current account deficit fell by 68% during July-February 2009-10 as it narrowed to \$2.56 billion as against \$7.96 billion last year.

— Foreign Exchange Reserves Pakistan's total liquid foreign exchange reserves stood at \$14.9 billion by the end of March 2010, considerably higher than the end October, 2008, level of \$6.8 billion.

— The Net Foreign Assest of the Banking system during, July to 10th January had increased by Rs.67.3 billion after registering a significant decline of Rs.288.4 billion during the same period of FY09.

— Due to improved industrial and business activity, banks restarted lending to the private sector. Credit to private sector grew by Rs. 112.5 billion during July-January 2010 compared to Rs 152.2 billion the same period last year.

(b) The Federal Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) is undertaken in line with the priorities of the Government set for economic development of country as a whole.

— Federal PSDP 2009-10 has been rationalized down from 421 billion to Rs. 300 billion.

— For up-gradation and modernization of infrastructure facilities which will serve as an impetus for economic development in the country, the federal PSDP has earmarked Rs.138 billion.

— During 2009-10, Rs.42.5 billion have allocated for Education and Health including Higher Education.

— For Agriculture Sector having 21.8 percent share in GDP, Rs.13.4 billion were allocated and for Industry Sector having 24.3 percent share in GDP. Rs.4.6 billion were allocated under federal PSDP 2009-10

30. **\*Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

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

- (a) *the names of forces deployed on the borders of the country at present to control smuggling; and*
- (b) *the performance shown by those forces during the last two years?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) the names of forces deployed on the border of the country at present to control the smuggling are:—

- i. Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhaw.
- ii. Frontier Corps Balochistan
- iii. Pakistan Rangers (Punjab)

- iv. Pakistan Rangers (Sindh)
- v. Pakistan Coast Guards.
- vi. Frontier Constabulary
- vii. Northern Area Scouts

(b) the performance shown by these forces during the last two years regarding control of smuggling is as under:—

i. **Frontier Corps Khyber Pakhtunkhaw**

S. No.	items seized	Quantity	Amount (in Million)
1.	Hashish	77146.500 Kgs	1543.445
2.	Opium	566.775Kgs	9.365
3.	Heroin	58,000 Kgs	5.092
4.	Liquor	93 Bottles	.030
5.	Vehicles	18	10.215
6.	Contraband items	—	10.169
<b>Total</b>			<b>1578.316</b>

ii. **Pakistan Coast Guards.**

S. No	Items seized	Quantity
1.	Hashish	12 x Kilograms
2.	Pistol 9 mm	01 x Number
3.	Magazine	02 x Numbers
4.	Cartridges	20 x Numbers
5.	Vehicle	01 x Toyota Land Cruiser
6.	Smugglers arrested	04 x Numbers
7.	Illegal immigrants apprehended	341 x Numbers

iii. **Pakistan Rangers (Sindh)**

S. No.	Name of items seized	Quantity
1.	Liquor	20 Bottles

iv. **Pakistan Rangers (Punjab)**

S. No.	No of cases registered	No of persons arrested/killed	Items seized	Quantity
1.	62	42	Liquor	2390 Bottles
2.	—	—	Opium	150 gm
3.	—	—	Heroin	14.910Kg

Apprehension of suspects

S.No.	Total apprehended	Under interrogation	Released	Handed over to Police
1.	149	15	82	112

v. **Frontier Corps Balochistan.**

Frontier Corps Balochistan has no powers for anti-smuggling activities.

vi. **Frontier Constabulary.**

Frontier Constabulary has no powers for anti smuggling activities.

vii. **Northern Area Scouts.**

Northern Area Scouts have no powers for anti smuggling activities.

36. **\*Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the prices of chicken, mutton and beef in the country have been increasing considerably for the last one year; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken to control the prices of those items?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) During the last one year, the prices of chicken have increased by 23%, Mutton 17% and Beef 19%.

There are certain factors influencing the prices of meat in the country.

- (i) Disruption in movement of livestock due to security situation.
- (ii) Smuggling of livestock to neighbouring country (Afghanistan).
- (iii) Increase in transportation cost following the impact of rising trend in world oil prices.
- (iv) Increase in prices of fodder on account of lesser rainfall in the country. During December and January severe drought condition prevailed all over the country which resulted in lesser production of fodder impacting the prices of meat.

(b) 1. The Strategy to control prices of meat revolved around improving supply situation of meat in the country. Government has taken several steps in this regard. These include:

- (i) In order to improve supply situation of meat, import of livestock and halal meat is allowed;
- (ii) For import purposes, the animal quarantine fee to the tune of Rs.100/ animal and test fee 75/ animal is waived off;
- (iii) Provincial Governments have been requested to check unauthorized movement of live animals across Pak. Afghanistan and Iran borders.
- (iv) A project titled "Livestock Production and Development for Meat Production" (2005-06-2011) is under implementation. The project is

providing full technical and partial financial assistance (max. 15%) for the infrastructure development at livestock farm level. The project has completed more than 9000 feed-lot fattening operation in which more than 8000 tons of quality beef and more than 2000 tons of mutton have been produced.

- (v) In order to improve the production potential of local livestock breeds, a project “Improving Reproductive Efficiency of Cattle and Buffaloes in smallholder’s production system” has been initiated. The project has carried out 10,834 artificial inseminations in animals, and Provided training to artificial insemination Technicians.
- (vi) Government is considering measures to make Price Control Committees more effective.

38. **\*Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Value Added Tax is being introduced in the country;*
- (b) *if so, whether the suggestions of the trading agencies and general public have been sought for implementing the said Tax; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) For replacing the existing sales tax lay, with new VAT Law, Government has introduced Federal VAT Bill, 2010 for goods and Federal list services in the National Assembly as a money bill. The Provincial Governments have introduced the Provincial VAT Bills for the remaining services in the respective Provincial Assemblies. VAT will be introduced after National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies approve VAT laws.

(b) After introduction of VAT Bills in National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies, different seminars and meetings have been held with the representatives of trade and industry through the good offices of various Chambers of Commerce & Industry (including FPCCI) and trade bodies/ associations (including professional associations). Senate’s Standing Committee on Finance & Revenue held hearings on 17-03-2010 and 18-03-2010 on Federal VAT Bill where representatives of various Chambers participated and gave their feed back. Major reservations of trade and

industry against the introduction of VAT are severe provisions against taxpayers for non-compliance, inflationary effects of broadening of tax base and insufficient preparedness on the part of FBR. National Assembly's Standing Committee on Finance & Revenue is holding hearings on Federal VAT Bill on 28-04-2010 and 29-04-2010 where trade and industry representatives will give their input. FBR will present its view point before the Committee.

39. **\*Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the head-wise taxes that have been levied on indigenous LPG for the last 5 years till date;*
- (b) the total amount of taxes collected during the said period; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that various taxes, have been levied on said LPG; if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a)

## **DIRECT TAXES**

Under the provisions of Sub-Section (1)(c) of section 100 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (**Annex-A**), the tax payable on profit and gains from the manufacturer and sale of liquefied petroleum gas or compressed natural gas is computed in accordance with the rules in Part I of the Fifth Schedule of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (**Annex-B**).

The profit and gains of such undertaking are computed separately from the income, profit and gains from other business, if any. These profit and gains are chargeable under the head of "Income from Business" under section 18 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

The rate of tax is provided in Division I of Part I of the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, in case of individual and Association of Persons (AOPs), and Division-II of Part I of the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, in the case of companies as provided in Annex-C & D.

**SALES TAX/FEDERAL EXCISE**

Rates of sales tax and federal excise levied on domestic LPG for the last five years are as under:—

Year	Sales Tax	Federal Excise
2009-10	16%	Rs. 17.18 Per Hundred Cubic Meter
2008-09	16%	-do-
2007-08	16%	-do-
2006-07	15%	-do-
2005-06	15%	-do-

(b) The amount of tax collected during the said period is as under:—

(Rs. In Millions)

Year	Income Tax	Sales Tax	FED	Total
2009-10 (upto Feb, 2010)	842.1	587.491	7.1	1436.691
2008-09	52.2	895.4	9.4	957.0
2007-08	74.3	736.112	7.8	818.212
2006-07	89.5	786.08	4.7	880.28
2005-06	112.8	726.349	3.0	842.149

Large Taxpayers Unit/Regional Tax Offices-wise details of collection are placed as **Annex-E**.

**(c) DIRECT TAXES**

As explained in a above

**SALES TAX/FEDERAL EXCISE**

Indirect Tax Policy Wing has not levied any tax on domestic LPG other than sales tax and excise duty.

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

41. **\*Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount of revenue collected from large scale manufacturing sector in the country under the head of sales tax during the year 2009-10;*
- (b) *the expected amount of said revenue to be collected by 30-6-2010; and*
- (c) *the impact of said revenue on control of inflation in the country?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Total amount of revenue collected from large scale manufacturing sector in the country under the head of sales tax during 2009-10 (upto March, 10) is Rs. 139.6 billion.

(b) The expected amount of revenue from large scale manufacturing sector upto 30th June, 2010 is Rs. 204 billion.

(c) Indirect taxes are inflationary in nature. However, rise in large scale manufacturing results in lower consumer prices due to lower cost of production, hence, the impact is anti-inflationary in nature.

43. **\*Mr. Khurram Jehangir Wattoo:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps being taken to integrate the present system of tax collection?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** A considerable achievement has been made in integration of present system of tax collection. The main purpose of integration is to facilitate taxpayers through a one window operation besides achieving the objective of broadening of tax base and raise the tax to GDP ratio from 9.3% to 15% in the next three to five years: various steps being taken are annexed as Annex-A.

**Annex-A**

STEPS TAKEN / BEING TAKEN FOR INTEGRATION OF THE PRESENT  
SYSTEM OF THE TAX COLLECTION

1. The three large taxpayers units Karachi, Lahore & Islamabad, Income tax, Sales tax, Federal Excise have been placed under a unified administrative structure to facilitate the big taxpayers since 2001.
2. The thirteen Regional Tax Offices at Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Abbotabad, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Sukkur, Hyderabad, Quetta, Karachi, Income tax, Sales tax & Federal Excise have been integrated under a unified administrative control of a Chief Commissioner.
3. Income tax, Sales tax & Federal Excise have been developed on functional basis keeping in view the business processes of Enforcement, Audit and Collection.
4. Implementation of tax harmonization has been effected through finance amendment ordinance 2009, dated 28th October 2001, Sales Tax Act 1990 & Federal Excise Act 2005 have been suitably amended for achieving harmony amongst the statutes.
5. A new occupational group (IRS) has been created by the Government *vide* office Memorandum (OM) dated 12-09-2009 issued by Establishment Division.
6. Lot of work has been done to develop information technology system in connection with harmonization of three taxes. Following tasks have been completed with assistance of Pakistan Revenue Automation Pvt. Ltd;
  - (a) Processing of applications and issuance of National Tax Number, Free Tax Number and Sales Tax Registration Number.
  - (b) Online verification of payments of taxes made by taxpayers.
  - (c) E-payments made by withholding tax agents in National Bank of Pakistan and State Bank of Pakistan.
  - (d) Establishment of data bank of all the taxpayers and their related matters.
  - (e) Assistance in issuance of notices to non-filers, stop filers and short filers.

- (f) E-filing of returns of Sales tax and Income tax for those taxpayer registered under both the taxes.
- (g) An expeditious electronic Sales tax refund program is being piloted in RTO, Lahore.

128. **\*Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

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

- (a) *the total number and names of subsidiary organizations of the Ministry presently working in the country; and*
- (b) *the budget allocated for those organization during the last three years alongwith the amount utilized therefor during the said period separately; and*
- (c) *the total number of trade missions of the Ministry working abroad at present alongwith the budget allocated for those missions during the last three years?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Total six subsidiary organizations are working under Ministry of Commerce as per details at **Annex-I.**

(b) The details of allocated budget to the subsidiary organizations for the last 03 years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 and utilized amount is at **Annex-II.**

(c) The details of total number of Trade Missions of the Ministry working abroad alongwith budget allocation is at **Annex-III.**

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

129. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *the name of the countries with whom Pakistan has bilateral trade agreement at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to make such agreement with other countries;*
- (c) *if so, the name of those countries alongwith the nature of trade?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Pakistan has signed/operationalized Bilateral Trade Agreements with the following countries:

Sri Lanka, China, Malaysia (Free Trade Agreement), Iran, Mauritius (Preferential Trade Agreement), Turkey, Yemen and Mercosur (Framework Agreement).

(b) Besides the above stated Agreements some of the Agreements are in process such as:

- Pakistan-Nepal Free Trade Agreement.
- Pakistan-Bangladesh FTA and Pakistan-Mauritius PTA.
- Mauritius (two rounds of negotiations have been held so far)
- GCC (two rounds of talks have been held so far)
- Jordan (one exploratory meeting has been held so far)
- There are proposals for concluding Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) with Mercosur. Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and Syria and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Libya. Negotiations have not yet started with these countries

130. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of countries from where spices, pulses, cashew nut, almond, pistachio nut and dry milk imported during the last two financial years alongwith the varieties and quantity thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** The name of countries, from where spices, pulses, cashew nut, almond, pistachio nut and dry milk imported during the last two financial years alongwith the varieties and quantity thereof is Annexed.

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

131. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *the names of companies/individual, whom licences have been issued to export the petroleum products to Afghanistan at present;*

- (b) *the year-wise annual quantity and value of petroleum products, exported to Afghanistan during last five years till-date;*
- (c) *the rate of each petroleum product imported during the said period;*
- (d) *the rate of each petroleum product, exported to Afghanistan during the said period; and*
- (e) *the prescribed criteria to determine the exporting rate of each petroleum product?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) the system of issuance of licenses/permits has been dispensed *w.e.f.* 13th July 1993 with the abolition of the Office of Chief Controller of Imports & Exports. As per existing Export Policy Order, export of petroleum products to Afghanistan is subject to the procedure/ conditions notified vide para 7 of EPO 2009-10.

(b) the year-wise total quantity and value of petroleum products exported to Afghanistan during last five years is at Annex-I.

(c) the rate of each petroleum product imported during the said period is at Annex-II.

(d) the rate of each petroleum products exported to Afghanistan during the said period is at Annex-III.

(e) Ministry of Commerce does not determine the exporting rate.

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

132. **\*Ms Shaheen Ishfaq:**

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

- (a) *the total quantity of sugar available with Trading Corporation of Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to import sugar; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Trading Corporation of Pakistan has a stock of 80,948 Metric Ton of sugar as on May 10, 2010.

(b) The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has directed TCP to import a total of 1.2 million MT of sugar.

The decision is already under implementation. Import orders for 0.575 million tons have already been placed and balance quantity (0.625 million tons) procurement will complete by end of June 2010.

So far 68,948 MT of sugar has already arrived against these orders and another 97,175 MT is expected to arrive by end of May and around 75.000 MT per month will continue to reach Karachi till complete ordered quantity is met.

133. **\*Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that National Logistic Cell (NLC) invested huge amount in stock Exchange during recent past in violation of standing orders/instruction; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the amount of investment; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken in the matter; if so, the detail thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning Development:** (a) NLC has not invested in the stock exchange since April, 2008.

(b) Earlier NLC had invested in stocks and bonds amounting to Rs.4.2 billion. Consequent to PAC instructions, a high level committee has conducted an inquiry and submitted its report including recommendations to the Public Accounts Committee.

134. **\*Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

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

- (a) *the name of the countries with whom Pakistan has trade relations at present;*
- (b) *the total value of trade made with each country since March, 2008 till date; and*

(c) *the performance of the Ministry in enhancing the Pakistani export to those countries during the said period?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) At present Pakistan has official Trade Commercial relations with all countries except Israel and Taiwan.

(b) The trade data with these countries at **Annex-I**.

- Ministry of Commerce is making active efforts in enhancing the exports with its trading partners through various means. Some of them are listed below:
- Participation in trade exhibitions
- Sending trade delegations
- Concluding Bilateral Trade Agreement (PTAs and FTAs)
- Apart from the above mentioned initiatives Ministry has established Commercial Sections in 62 countries, where the Trade Officers are actively working to boost our exports. They also facilitate our exporters in developing direct contacts with their customers.

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

135. **\*Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish National Disaster Management Authority at provincial level in order to provide timely relief to the affectees of natural calamity; if so, the funds allocated during the year 2009-10 for the said purpose; and*
- (b) *the funds allocated in the budget 2009-10 for the National Disaster Management Authority for enhancing its performance alongwith the total amount expended from it so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) There is no proposal under consideration to establish NDMA, at the Provincial level. Under the NDMA, disaster management is to be dealt with by the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) at the provincial level while the NDMA is a Federal entity.

(b) The amount . allocated for the National Disaster Management Authority in the current budget (2009-10) is:

- i. Non-Development Budget: Rs.66.641 million
- ii. Development Budget: Rs.158.00 million.
- iii. Total amount expended out of Non Development Budget by 31st March 2010 is Rs.51,303,346/-, whereas Rs.136 million have so far been utilized under this year's development budget.

@136. **\*Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of re-conditioned wagons/trucks imported during the year 2009-10 till-date alongwith the names of importers;*
- (b) *the procedure adopted in the said import; and*
- (c) *the total foreign exchange incurred alongwith the excise duty imposed thereon?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** The total number of re-conditioned wagons and trucks imported during the year 2009-10 till April 2010 is as under:—

<u>No of Wagons</u>	<u>No of Trucks</u>
532	09

536 persons imported these vehicles and importer-wise list is given in Annex- A.

(b) Imports were made under Personal Baggage, Gift and Transfer of Residence Schemes and as per procedure provided in the Import Policy Order, 2009.

**(c) Foreign Exchange Incurred.**

Imports under Personal Baggage, Gift and Transfer of Residence schemes are made by overseas Pakistanis out of their own resources and hence no foreign exchange from official sources is involved.

**Excise Duty.**

Federal Excise Duty is not leviable on import of wagons and trucks. However, Special Federal Excise Duty @ 1% is leviable on import of said vehicles and Rs.5,209,598/- (5,198,881/- against wagons and Rs. 10,717/- against trucks) has been collected during the FY 2009-10 till April, 2010.

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

137. **\*Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

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

- (a) whether any compensation has been granted to the victims of terrorism of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA regions during the last two years till-date;*
- (b) if so, the amount thereof?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) and (b) The Home and Tribal Affairs Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has informed that during the last two years the following compensation has been paid to the civilian victims of terrorism in the province:—

- (i) During the Year 2008-2009 Rs.152,783,880/- has been paid @ Rs. 1 lac per head to the civilian, victims of terrorism prior to 27-06-2009 (dead).
- (ii) During the year 2009-2010 Rs. 696,220,000/- has been paid @Rs. 3 lac per head after 27-06-2009 to the civilian victims (dead) per head.
- (iii) During the year 2008-2009 Rs. 73,500,000/- has been paid to the victim of terrorism in case of Police personnel (dead).
- (iv) During the year 2009-2010 Rs. 314,500,000/- has been paid to the victim of terrorism in case of Police personnel (dead). No case. of payment of compensation to the Police victims of terrorism is pending as reported by Provincial Police Department.

Compensation paid by the FATA Administration to the victims of terrorism is being collected from all the Agencies of FATA region and will be tabled on the Floor of the House on receipt shortly.

138. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechohu:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state the steps being taken to reduce the trade deficit of the country?*

Transferred to Commerce Division for answer on next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of funds with TCP to open a Letter of Credit for importing sugar from abroad at present;*
- (b) if so, the steps taken to provide funds to TCP for the said purpose?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim)** (a) Yes, earlier there was shortage of funds with TCP to open Letters of Credit for importing sugar from abroad. However, the Finance Division was requested for provision of funds to meet shortage of funds and at present there is no shortage of funds with TCP to open Letters of Credit.

(b) Finance Division has already allocated cash credit limit of Rs. 495700.000 billions from April 10 to end of June 2010.

140. **\*Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that the target of 15 billion rupees of revenue was fixed to be collected from cigarette industries during the year, 2009-10;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said target could not be achieved so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) An amount of Rs. 15 billion of extra revenue was fixed for the current financial year over and above the revenue collected during 2008-09, viz. sales tax Rs. 9.643 billion and FED Rs. 37.066 billion from the cigarette industry.

(b) Rs. 41.974 billion have been collected from cigarette industry during July, 2009 to March, 2010 against Rs. 35.509 billion collected during the same period in 2008-09. Due to various factors, consumption of cigarettes in the country is reportedly declining, however, administrative efforts are underway to achieve the aforesaid target by end of current financial year.

141. **\*Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Privatization be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to sell the share of the Roosevelt Hotel in New York city; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Privatization (Mr. Waqar Ahmad Khan):** At present there is no proposal to sell the shares of Roosevelt Hotel, New York.

142. **\*Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that at present there is no branch of Pakistani bank working at Pakistan House Jeddah, Saudi Arabia;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal to establish a branch of any Pakistani bank at Pakistan House Jeddah; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Yes, currently no branch of Pakistani bank is working at Pakistan House, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

(b) National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) has obtained Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA)'s approval for opening of its branch in Saudi Arabia. After completing necessary requirements of SAMA, NBP is waiting for certification from Saudi Arabian Riyal Interbank Express (SARIE) before going into operation.

143. **\*Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

*Will the Minister for Economic Affairs and Statistics be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the date on which the last Population and Housing Census was conducted in the country alongwith the total amount expended thereon; and*
- (b) *the benefits accrued from the said Census?*

**Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Statistics (Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar):** (a) The last Population and Housing Census was conducted in March, 1998. An amount of Rs. 1070.00 million was incurred on the entire operation.

(b) Census is an important National activity which not only provides bench mark data for all Socio-Economic Development Plans and Administrative activities but also provides basis for Political Representations to National Assembly, distribution of funds to the Federating Units and Quota to all Civil Posts in Federal Government Departments being the Constitutional requirement.

144. **\*Mr. Abdul Rashid Godil:**

*Will the Minister for Economic Affairs and Statistics be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of foreign NGOs functioning in the country at present;*
- (b) *the total amount of funds provided from abroad to those NGOs during the last three years till date alongwith the head-wise total funds expended therefrom during the said period; and*
- (c) *whether the funds received from abroad by those NGOs are monitored?*

**Minister of State for Economic Affairs and Statistics (Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar):** (a) At present 90 foreign INGOs have signed MOUs with GOP and functioning in Pakistan.

(b) The INGOs get funds directly from the donors.

(c) In view of response at (b) above, EAD is not in the loop of fund flows to INGOs and as such is not in the monitoring mode of these resources.

145. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *the names of government units privatized during the year 2009-10 till date;*
- (b) *the price at which those units were sold separately; and*
- (c) *the names of firms to whom those units were sold?*

**Minister for Privatization (Mr. Waqar Ahmad Khan):** (a) Nil.

- (b) Not applicable in view of reply against (a) above.
- (c) Not applicable in view of reply against (a) above.

146. **\*Khurram Jehangir Wattoo:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Zari Taraqati Bank has been facing financial crises at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to avert the said crises?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) No. ZTBL is not in financial crisis. Rather there has been substantial improvement in its financial results in the past two years. ZTBL's profit before tax has been increased from Rs.1.8 billion in 2007 to Rs. 3.9 billion in 2008 and Rs 5.1 billion in 2009 (provisional).

(b) To avert any financial crisis in future, ZTBL., has taken many initiatives particularly to improve its performance, outreach and developmental role by introducing new lending/deposit schemes and products. Moreover, ZTBL's revamping plan is also underway.

147. **\*Rana Mahmood -ul- Hassan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that value added tax (VAT) will be levied/ introduced from next financial year 2010-11;*

- (b) *if so, whether any assessment/study has been made to evaluate the impact of said tax upon consumers;*
- (c) *the impact of the said tax on the inflation rate in the country; and*
- (d) *the expected total amount to be collected from said tax during the year 2010-11?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) For replacing the existing sales tax law with new VAT law, Government has introduced Federal VAT Bill, 2010 for goods and Federal list services in the National Assembly as a money bill. The Provincial Governments have introduced the Provincial VAT Bills for the remaining services in the respective Provincial Assemblies. VAT will be introduced after National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies approve VAT laws.

(b) No studies to evaluate the impact of VAT on consumer has been conducted so far. However, the following two research-based studies have been commissioned to the Institute of the Public Policy, Beaconhouse University Lahore and Social Policy Development Center, IBA, Karachi respectively:

- (i) assessment of the potential tax revenue impact of broad-basing the VAT to services beyond those already taxed; and
- (ii) estimation of the tax expenditure of current exemptions.

(c) The effect of proposed 15% VAT on goods and service presently in tax net liable to sales tax or FED in sales tax mode @ 16% or at higher rate will be deflationary. Levy of VAT @ 15% on presently exempt goods/services will be one time inflationary. Over all effect on inflation is likely to be zero or near zero.

(d) Revenue effect during 2010-11 will depend on number of additional goods/services approved by National and Provincial Assemblies respectively for taxation while passing VAT laws.

148. **\*Dr. Nelson Azeem:**

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

- (a) *whether any quota has been allocated for export of cotton cloth and garments abroad;*
- (b) *if so, the annual quota of said export of those products at present?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) There is no quota on export of cotton cloth or garments. All textile and garments quotas stand abolished from January 2005 under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Textile and Clothing.

(b) Nil.

149. **\*Ms. Bushra Gohar:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the steps taken during the period from July-October, 2009 to control the non development expenditures of the Government departments; and*
- (b) *whether any amount has been curtailed from development funds to meet the non-development expenditure during the said period; if so, the percentage thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) To control the current expenditure Finance Division issued the ways and means clearance orders 2009-10. The current expenditure July-October were 36.2% of the Budget Estimates.

(b) No development funds were curtailed to meet the non-development expenditure during July-October 2009-10.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 12th May, 2010.*

SAFDAR HUSSAIN MALIK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Thursday, the 13th May, 2010***(Originally Unstarred Question Nos.199, 19, 20, 28, and 35 were set down for answer on 5-5-2010)***199. Miss Marvi Memon:***Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the province-wise total number of development projects started during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 under PSDP; and*
- (b) *the province and date-wise total amount released during the said period?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development: (a)**

**NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
STARTED DURING THE YEARS 2007-08,  
2008-09 AND 2009-10 UNDER PSDP.**

Provinces	Financial Year		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Punjab	87	60	170
Sindh	66	50	112
NWFP	46	47	83
Baloch	48	30	86

The detail has been shown *vide* **Annex-I.**

*(Annexure has been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

19. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) *the date of commencement of the first phase to collect finger prints of criminals under FIA in the country;*
- (b) *the district-wise total number of persons whose finger prints were collected under the said phase alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which the second phase will be started thereof?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) The date of commencement for Phase-I of Pakistan Automated Finger print Identification System is September, 2006.

(b) The total number of finger prints in the system are 982,627. District wise finger print report is at Annex-I.

(c) It depends upon the provision of necessary funding by the Govt. of Pakistan. The Phase-II of the PC-I was approved by the CDWP on November, 19 2009. According to financial outlay given in the PC-I Phase-I allocation of funds were required to be made as under:-

Years	Rupees (Million)	FEC Rupees (Million)
2009-10 (Year-1)	272.428	198.475
2010-11 (Year-2)	211.888	—
Sub Total	484.316	198.475
Total Cost in Million		682.791

So far the Govt. has not provided any funds. In this connection FIA have approached Planning Commission through Ministry of Interior and they are also contacting the relevant authorities at personal level for provision of funds. As soon as, the funds are provided work will be started.

*(Annexure has been plased in the national Assembly Library).*

20. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that arms licences of prohibited and non-prohibited bore have been issued to the foreigners since March 2008 till date;*
- (b) *if so, the name of the recommenders for those licenses?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) No Arms licence of prohibited and Non-Prohibited weapons have been issued to any foreigner since march, 2008 to date by Ministry of Interior.

- (b) Nil.

28. **Mr. Mian Khadim Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the posts of Accounts Officers and Assistant Account Officers, Controller General Office have been up-graded to B-17 and B-18 respectively;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the officers of those posts have not been given correspondence designation in Audit Wing of Pakistan Audit and Accounts Services;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that posts of Deputy Accountant General and Accounts Officers exist in same BS-18;*
- (d) *if so, the steps taken to resolve the said anomaly?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a) Yes, the posts of Assistant Accounts Officers and Accounts Officers have been upgraded to BPS-17 and BPS-18 respectively.

- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.

(d) A Committee has been constituted in the Department of Auditor General of Pakistan under the chairmanship of Deputy Auditor General to examine the matter so as to remove the anomaly arisen as a result of upgradation of the posts of Accounts Officers.

35. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state;*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the in service and retired federal government employees have been exempted from service charges for the accounts maintained in the National Bank of Pakistan;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the services charges are deducted from the accounts of retired government employees on the available amount of less than 10,000/- in their accounts; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to exempt the retired government employees from the said deduction of services charges; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a) National Bank of Pakistan has exempted the salary and pension accounts of both in service as well as retired Federal Government employee from levy of service charges.

(b) The accounts, other than the salary and pension accounts, maintained by in service and retired Federal Government employees are liable for service charges if minimum monthly average balance is less than Rs. 5,000/- for maintaining the said accounts. Services charges are charged for provision of statement of accounts regularly on half yearly basis as well as whenever required, collection of cheques, Automated Teller Machine (ATM) cards, collection of utility bills through customers account, etc.

(c) Pension accounts of retired government employees are already exempted from service charges.

@101. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state;*

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\*Transferred for Establishment Division.

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to reduce the total number of per month admissible LFP to government employees;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to increase the total number of per annum holidays for government employees on Eid occasions;*
- (c) *if so, the time by which those proposals will be implemented?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Not related with Ministry of interior

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal.

132. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *the names and designations of those employees who have been appointed on deputation in Islamabad Police since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the procedure and criteria adopted therein?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Lists of officers/officials of Executive and Ministerial Staff working on deputation in ICT Police since March, 2008 are at Annex-A & B.

(b) The officers/officials posted on deputation in ICT Police are selected on the basis of their experience / satisfactory service record and professional expertise after getting NOC from their parent department.

*(Annexures have been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

133. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the location-wise offices of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish those offices in District and Tehsil Head quarters level in the country; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister Secretariat:** (a) The offices of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) are located in the Prime Minister's Secretariat, Islamabad.

(b) The NDMA is a federal entity and there is no proposal under consideration to establish NDMA's offices at District and Tehsil head quarters level in the country. Under the National Disaster Management Ordinance (NDMO), disaster management is to be dealt with by the respective Provincial Governments through dedicated disaster management entities at the provincial and District levels. For this purpose, the Provincial Governments are required to establish the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) and District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) at the provincial and district levels respectively.

134. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) *the total number of hotels/motels which were checked during the last five years for their sub-standard food items; and*
- (b) *the total number of those hotels/motels which were penalized for their sub-standard food alongwith the names of proprietors?*

Transferred to the Toursim Division for next Rota Day.

135. **Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount received by ERRA in various heads since October, 2005 till date;*
- (b) *the details of total expenditure alongwith the present balance thereof;*
- (c) *whether said amount is being used through annual budget of ERRA; and*
- (d) *whether above details are available on the web site of ERRA?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister Secretariat:** (a) Total amount received in ERRA Fund account up to 30th April, 2010 is Rs. 98,514,436,464. Source wise Detail is at annex 'A'.

(b) Total expenditure up to 30th April, 2010 is Rs. 96,966,430,209. 'Source Wise' and 'Sector Wise' detail is placed at annex 'B' & annex 'C' respectively. Source wise balances are at annex 'D'.

(c) It is confirmed that all ERRA spending are through annual Budgetary mechanism. Foreign Aid is disbursed through \*direct withdrawals and designated imprest accounts.

(d) ERRA website at its bottom end shows an icon titled "**Important Links**" which gives a link to Development Assistance Database (DAD) website which shows all financial details.

*(Annexure has been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

136. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the total number of physically handicapped persons to whom duty free imported special vehicles have been allowed by the Ministry?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** During the current financial year no permission has been issued yet to physically handicapped persons for import of duty free vehicles under Disabled Persons Scheme.

137. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether it is a fact that Statistical Assistants (BPS-11) presently working in the Ministries/Divisions have not been upgraded so far;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken to up grade the post of those Statistical Assistants?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a) Yes.

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\*Expenditure through direct withdrawal application by ERRA from ADB Loan and Grant account is Rs. 7,650,373,169. (Annexure E).

(b) Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 constituted by the Government to review salary structure of civil servants has received various proposals including the proposal for upgradation of post of Statistical Assistants. The recommendation of the Commission are expected to be received shortly. These recommendations will be considered by the Government for implementation on receipt.

138. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for interior be pleased to state the location-wise total number of registered/un-registered Guest Houses in Islamabad at present?*

Reply not received.

139. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the month-wise total quantity of medicines and pesticides imported during the last three years till date alongwith the names of those countries?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** Month wise total quantity of medicine/pesticides imported during the last three years till November, 2009 and names of those countries is at Annex-I and Annex-II, respecting.

*(Annexures have been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

140. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Developments be pleased to state:*

*(a) the total value of movable and immovable assets of each nationalized bank and financial institution as on April 1st, 2010; and*

*(b) the total amount of deposits of those banks and financial intuitions as on April 1st, 2010?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a) There are three categories of financial institutions in the Public Sector *viz* Public Sector Commercial Banks, Specialized Banks and Development Financial Institutions. Total

value of moveable and immoveable assets of these banks and financial institutions as on 1st April, 2010 are as follows:—

(Rupees in Million)

Banks / DFIs	Total Assets	Fixed Assets
<b>Public Sector Commercial Banks:</b>	1,202,055	29,898
<b>Specialized Banks</b>	135,670	5,046
<b>Development Finance Institution</b>	130,329	2,980

Detailed break up is at Annex-A

(b) The total amount of deposits of public sector commercial banks/ DFIs are as under:-

(Rupees in Million)

Banks / DFIs	Deposits
<b>Public Sector Commercial Banks:</b>	940,115
<b>Specialized Banks</b>	14,095
<b>Development Financial Institutions</b>	16,411

### Annex-A

#### Selected Variables of Public Sector Banks and Development Finance Institutions

Position As of March 31, 2010

(Information Based on Unaudited Quarterly Report of Condition)

(Amount Rs in Million)

S No.	Banks/ DFI	Assets		Deposits
		III Total Assets	IV of which Fixed Assets	V
	<b>Public Sector Commercial Banks:</b>			
1	National Bank of Pakistan	917,846	25,415	713,840
2	First Women Bank Limited	10,937	205	9,488
3	The Bank of Punjab	286,676	3,228	191,211
4	The Bank of Khyber	36,576	1,050	25,576
	<b>Specialized Banks</b>			
1	The Punjab Provincial Cooperative Bank Ltd	12,985	3,701	1,589

2	Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan (IDBP)	4,525	126	3,502
3	Zari Tarqati Bank Limited (ZTBL)	112,471	1,113	6,938
4	SME Bank Limited	5,689	105	1,966
<b>Development Finance Institutions (DFIs)</b>				
1	Pakistan Kuwait Investment Company Limited	20,138	111	2,892
2	Pak Libya Holding Company Limited	15,004	81	5,324
3	Pak Oman Investment Company Limited	20,656	63	5,798
4	Saudi Pak Industrial & Agricultural Investment Company Limited	20,751	2,257	1,617
5	House Building Finance Corporation Limited	18,719	218	-
6	Pak Brunei Investment Company Limited	13,350	35	780
7	Pak-China Investment Company Limited	12,705	186	-
8	Pak Iran Joint Investment Company Limited	8,936	29	-

141. **Mr. Mohammad Usman Advocate:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state the district-wise total number of persons hailing from Balochistan, appointed in the Zari Tarqati Bank Ltd during the current financial year 2009-10 till date?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** No person hailing from Baluchistan has been appointed during current financial year because against allocated quota of 327 persons for Balochistan, presently 364 persons are already working in the Bank which is in excess by 37 persons.

142. **Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

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

- (a) *the species of animals exported during the year 2008-09; and*  
 (b) *the name of the countries to whom those animals were exported?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):**(a) Following animal species were exported in fiscal year 2008-09:—

- horses
- breeding buffaloes, bulls & cows
- goats
- poultry
- reptiles (inclusive snakes & turtles)
- birds of prey
- psittaciformes (inclusive parrots) Export data for the year 2008-09 of animals is at Annex-I.

(b) the animals were exported mainly to:

- Afghanistan
- United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Japan
- Bahrain
- Germany
- Kyrgyzstan
- Kuwait
- Qatar
- UK
- Netherlands
- Austria

*(Annexure has been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

143. **Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

*Will the Minister In-charge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount of funds provided by ERRA for electrification of Village Hungrahe Saver Ganaila and Maken Moree, Tehsil Balakot; and*
- (b) *the present status of those schemes?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister Secretariat:** (a) The villages Hungrahe Saver Ganaila and Maken Moree Tehsil Balakot had no electricity prior to Oct 8, 2005 earthquake. ERRA's mandate is only to rehabilitate / reconstruct electricity supply system damaged during the earthquake of October 8, 2005 and as such the said work is not covered under ERRA's Programme and hence no funds have been provided by ERRA.

(b) ERRA is not in a position to comment on the present status of the schemes as it is not dealing with it.

144. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechohu:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total amount of explosive material recovered from terrorists in Islamabad since March, 2008 till date?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** During the period March, 2008 till date 793kg explosive, 05 Hand Grenades, 04 Suicide Jackets, 10 Pistols, 145 bullets, 07 feet Dynamite, 02 Detonators and 04 Rifles were recovered from the terrorists. The challans of these cases have been sent to the courts for trial.

145. **Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the issues of curricula and administrative matters of Deeni Madaris between the Wafaq-ul-Madaris and the Ministry have not been settled so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken to prescribe uniform curricula for all Deeni Madaris?*

Reply not received.

146. **Mr. Sher Mohammad Baloch:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state the province-wise number of employees working in the Security Printing Press, Karachi at present?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** Presently 1304 employees are working in Pakistan Security Printing Corporation, Karachi. Detail as on 30-4-2010 is as under:-

Punjab	Sindh	Khyber Pukhtunkhwa	Balochistan	NA./ FATA	Azad Kashmir	Total
530	625	123	3	2	21	1304
	U	R				
	587	38				

147. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state the total number of official vehicles available with NADRA, Headquarters, Islamabad at present alongwith the utilization of those vehicles separately?*

Reply not received.

148. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) *the total number of cases of human trafficking and off loading of passengers from planes registered in the passport cell of FIA in Islamabad and Rawalpindi during the last five years alongwith the names of passengers thereof;*
- (b) *the present status of those cases; and*
- (c) *whether any action has been taken against the officers/officials of FIA who registered false cases during the said period; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Total number of cases of human trafficking/smuggling registered by FIA for violation of relevant laws on the schedule of FIA is as indicated at Annexure-I

(b) The present status of such cases has also been indicated in the above mentioned Annex-I.

(c) Tough strict and stringent departmental action) are taken against the officers/officials for having involved in misuse of powers however no such instance of registering false and fabricated cases against any innocent citizen from the officers of this Circle has been reported during the period under review.

**Annex-I**

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		Grand Total
	P&CHTO 2002	EO 1979	P&CHTO 2002	EO 1979	P&CHTO 2002	EO 1979	P&CHTO 2002	EO 1979	P&CHTO 2002	EO 1979	
Registered	109	676	27	740	12	840	05	859	09	702	3979
Convicted	20	269	15	231	17	226	12	589	05	297	1681
Acquitted	01	76	06	49	-	55	04	128	02	59	380
Consigned to record room	03	147	20	98	05	37	02	77	03	228	620

149. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that chemical materials and explosives have been stored in Islamabad illegally at present; and*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to control the said storage?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) No chemical materials and explosives have been stored in Islamabad illegally.

(b) Arms ordinance, 1965 is fully operative. The violators are being dealt with in accordance with the law, irrespective of their status. However, the following steps have been taken to control the illegal storage of explosive materials:-

- i. To deface the criminals involved in trafficking of illicit arms, ammunition and explosive material, general hold ups at outgoing/ incoming roads are being conducted.
- ii. Citizen and vigilance committees have been established at police station level and an ASI has been deputed as Liaison Officer.
- iii. Previous convicts are also being checked frequently by the ICT Police.
- iv. Information regarding the criminals involved in such offences is being shared with the adjoining districts/ provinces and sister Intelligence Agencies.
- v. The Federal Capital has been divided into 44 beats and experienced officers have been deputed in each beat to watch the activities of suspects.
- vi. General public is being educated through pamphlets.

150. **Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

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

- (a) *the names of the persons alongwith their addresses who posses double passports at present; and*

(b) *the action taken against the delinquents for issuing double passports?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) The introduction of Machine Readable Passports was started w.e.f 24th October, 2004. Some of the individuals succeeded in obtaining more than one Machine Readable Passport on the basis of multiple Computerized National Identity Cards (CNIC's) issued by NADRA during the period when Automated Finger Identification System (AFIS) was not operational. AFIS system was made functional in November, 2006. 1604 individuals are in possession of more than one Machine Readable Passport. List of these individuals is enclosed at **Annex-“A”**.

(b) There is no fault of passport issuing authorities of the Directorate General, Immigration & Passports as the passport seekers dogged the system of NADRA to obtain more than one CNIC with different identity as that time Automated Finger Identification System (AFIS) was not active in NADRA. It is however stated that these double passports were fed into Border Security System (BSS) to avoid their misuse and the individuals were also blacklisted for future passport facilities.

*(Annexure has been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

151. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether it is a fact that injurious to health drinking water is being sold in Islamabad; if so, the steps being taken to control the sale of said water?*

Reply not received.

152. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *the total amount incurred on advertisements of the National Savings Programmes on electronic and print media since 15th March, 2008 till date; and*

(b) *the name of advertising agency thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a)

An amount of Rs.64,969,547/- has been incurred on advertisements of National Savings Programmes on electronic and print media since 15th March, 2008 till date, and

(b) The name of advertising agencies and payment made to them as under:-

S.No.	Name of Agency	Press	Electronic
1.	M. Communication	Rs.17,638,358	Rs.2,566,848
2.	M/S. MPL	Rs.12,526,082	—
3.	M/S. Adgroup	Rs.387,151	—
4.	M/S. Midas	Rs.17,361,589	—
5.	M/S. Orient	Rs.7,401,394	Rs.4,960,962
6.	M/S. Interflow	Rs.1,690,323	Rs.385,000
7.	M/S. Thoughts	Rs.51,940/-	—
Total:-		Rs.57,056,737	Rs.7,912,810

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

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state the year-wise total amount of funds provided to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under the head of royalty of gas and oil during the last five years?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** The detail of funds provided to Khyber pakhtunkhwa on account of Royalty on oil and Gas during the last five years is as under:-

(Rs. in million)

Year	Funds provided
<b><u>2004-05</u></b>	
(i) Royalty on Crude Oil	263.793
(ii) Royalty on N/Gas	<u>122.545</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>386.338</b>

Year	Funds provided
<b><u>2005-06</u></b>	
(i) Royalty on Crude Oil	492.009
(ii) Royalty on N/Gas	<u>351.05</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843.059</b>
<b><u>2006-07</u></b>	
(i) Royalty on Crude Oil	1090.718
(ii) Royalty on N/Gas	<u>462.418</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1553.136</b>
<b><u>2007-08</u></b>	
(i) Royalty on Crude Oil	3027.076
(ii) Royalty on N/Gas	<u>537.988</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3565.064</b>
<b><u>2008-09</u></b>	
(i) Royalty on Crude Oil	3111.402
(ii) Royalty on N/Gas	<u>733.212</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3844.614</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10192.211</b>

154. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *the names, designations and domiciles of the employees of National Bank of Pakistan who have been posted in foreign branches since March, 2008 till-date; and*

(b) *the procedure and criteria adopted thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** The list of employees of National Bank of Pakistan posted abroad since March, 2008 indicating their designation and domicile is at Annex-A

(b) The "Overseas Posting Policy-2008", approved by the Board of Directors of NBP which contains the criteria and procedure adopted for foreign posting is at Annex-B.

*(Annexures have been placed in the national Assembly Library).*

155. **Mr. Laiq Muhammad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the agriculture loan of the earthquake affectees of 8th October, 2005 of District Mansehra were written off;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the formal orders of the said concession has not so far been notified; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said orders will be issued?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** (a)

Yes, as per the directive of Federal Government 100% write off of outstanding loans upto Rs 50.000/- and entire loans outstanding against widows having minor children have been written off as on 8.10.2005 in the entire earthquake affected areas including Manshera District. Further, as per Government directives the total relief allowed in earthquake affected area was Rs 625.232 million.

(b) No. The said orders were received by ZTBL., in November, 2006 which were circulated and implemented accordingly.

(c) As mentioned at (b), orders stand implemented.

156. **Mr. Laiq Muhammad Khan:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government Primary School, Nikka Pani, Tehsil Ogi, District Mansehra which was damaged during earthquake of 8th October, 2005 has not been re-constructed by ERRA so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the time by which the said school will be re-constructed by ERRA; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that Middle Schools of said area has been included in third phase by ERRA for re-construction; if so, the present status of construction of those Schools?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister Secretariat:** (a) Government Primary School, Nikka Pani, Tehsil Oghi, District Mansehra is a non-strategy school. As per ERRA policy, only strategy schools are reconstructed by ERRA

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) There is one Boys Middle School in Union Council Nikka Pani that is Govt. Middle School (GMS) Nikka Pani which is in designing process. In order to complete reconstruction of middle school of the area ERRA is employing all available resources/means for early completion of the facilities.

**Additional Information about Tehsil Oghi:**

13 Middle Schools (09-Boys Schools + 04-Girls Schools) of Tehsil Oghi, District Mansehra are included in third phase of ERRA strategy. Out of 13 Middle Schools, 03 Middle Schools (02-Girls + 01 Boys) are completed, 06 Middle Schools (5-Boys + 01-Girls) are under construction and 04 Middle Schools (03-Boys + 01-Girls) are in designing process.

157. **Khurram Jehangir Wattoo:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the branches of Zari Taraqiati Bank Ltd in the country; if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:** The case of opening of 39 new branches of ZTBL in the country has been taken up with the State Bank of Pakistan. The said branches will be opened as and when the permission from SBP is received.

158. **Sardar Muhammad Mushtaq Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to re-establish the NADRA Swift. Centre in Parliament House, Islamabad; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** NADRA Registration Centre (NRC) in Parliament House was closed on the verbal directive of Honourable Speaker National Assembly on 19th May 2008 and Secretary National Assembly was informed HQ NADRA accordingly. However, NADRA Registration Centre at Parliament House will be established if suitable accommodation is provided.

159. **Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the date-wise total number of meetings of Pay and Pension Committee held to review the salary structure of the Federal Government employees since July, 2009 till date alongwith the recommendations presented to the government; and*
- (b) *the time by which those recommendations will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:(a)**

Pay & Pensions Commission -2009 held eleven meetings from July, 2009 till 5th May, 2010, with one meeting held in May 2009, making a total of twelve meetings. Date-wise details are as under:

Date of meeting	Venue
15th—16th July, 2009	Islamabad
12th—13th August, 2009	Islamabad
4th— 5th September, 2009	Quetta
9th—10th September, 2009	Karachi
25th—26th September, 2009	Lahore
29th—30th September, 2009	Peshawar
1st —2nd January, 2010	Islamabad
25th—26th January, 2010	Islamabad
8th—9th February, 2010	Islamabad
20th February, 2010	Muzaffarabad
4th —5th March, 2010	Islamabad

The Commission submitted its report to the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and its various recommendations relating to increase in pay and pension, rationalization of various allowances and monetization of housing, transport and medical facilities etc. are presently under consideration of the Government.

(b) The Pay & Pension Commission — 2009 submitted its report to the Government on 12th April, 2010. The recommendations of the Commission are likely to be implemented after approval of the Cabinet with effect from 1st July, 2010.

160. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state;*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that pills of electricity, natural gas and telephone can be paid in any Bank in Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that particular Banks have been authorized to receive the bills of water charges from the consumers of Islamabad; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to allow the consumers of Islamabad to pay their bills of water charges in any Bank in Islamabad; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:(a)**

Yes, utility bills can be paid in any bank branch in Islamabad.

(b) To facilitate the consumers of water and allied charges residing in Islamabad, 75 branches of different banks including NBP, HBL, ABL, UBL, FWBL, MCB, NIB, BOK, Citi Bank and Askari Bank located in all sectors have been authorized to receive water bills from the consumers.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration because 75 authorized branches of different banks are already serving the consumers satisfactory and properly.

**161. Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the posts of Medical Assistant/Para Medical Staff of Health Department, ICT, Islamabad have not been up-graded since long like identical Staff of CDA, PIMS and FGSH, Islamabad; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to up-grade the said posts of Health Department of ICT, Islamabad; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

**162. Ms. Bushra Gohar:**

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

- (a) *the total number of licences of prohibited and non-prohibited bore issued since February, 2008 till date on the recommendation of Parliamentarians; and*

(b) *the name of those Parliamentarians alongwith the type of those licences?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) No Arms licence of prohibited and non-prohibited weapons have been issued to any foreigner since March, 2008 to date the Ministry of Interior.

(b) Nil.

163. **Dr. Darshan:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether it is fact that ATMs of ABL and NBP have not been installed in Hafizabad city so far;*

(b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(c) *the time by which those ATMs will be installed in the said city?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue, Planning and Development:**(a) Yes, NBP and ABL have not installed ATM in Hafizabad city so far.

(b) The reasons submitted by both the Banks are as under:—

NBP:

Automated Machine Tellers (ATMs) are installed at Online branches of the Bank and require necessary communication infrastructure and related vendor support. Currently, ATMs are installed at major cities and NBP is expanding Online branch network to other cities of the country through PTCL, which is pre-requisite of ATM installation.

ABL:

Presently, ABL has only one branch at Gujranwala Road, Hafizabad, which is a small category branch. Therefore, ATM has not been installed so far.

(c) Response of the both the banks is as under:—

NBP:

The Bank is in the process of launching an ATM project. Vendor selection and identification of new ATM locations are in progress. After conversion

of NBP branches to Online, installation of ATM at Hafizabad is expected by 1st Quarter of 2011.

**ABL:**

ATM will be installed in due course of time as per policy.

SAFDAR HUSSAIN MALIK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 12th May, 2010.*