

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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

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

**Wednesday, the 5th May, 2010**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 134, 185 and 186 were set down for answer during the 20th Session)*

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)*

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that super banaspati rice is being exported to India at cheaper rate; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that India sells the said rice to other countries by using its own trade mark; if so, the steps taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) No Super Basmati rice has been exported to India.

(b) As no Super Basmati rice was exported to India, the question of marketing Pakistani rice under Indian brand names does not arise. However, Government of India vide a notification by its Ministry allowed export of rice variety named Super Basmati from India. Government of Pakistan considering it an unfair trade practice has sponsored filing of a suit against the said notification by Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan & Trading Corporation of Pakistan, in Delhi High Court.

21. **\*Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

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

- (a) *the quantum of bilateral trade made with Afghanistan at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to enhance the export to Afghanistan?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) The total bilateral trade between Pakistan and Afghanistan during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 (July-September) is given below:—

| Value US million \$ |         |          |                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|----------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 2008-09             |         |          | 2009-10 (July-Sep.) |         |         |
| Exports             | Imports | Total    | Exports             | Imports | Total   |
| 1397.518            | 92.959  | 1490.477 | 353.287             | 20.134  | 373.421 |

*Source: FBS*

(b) **Steps taken to enhance exports to Afghanistan:**

- (i) Product specific exhibitions are being held in Afghanistan to promote Pakistan's exports. Such exhibitions have already been organized in the areas of construction material, food products, pharmaceuticals and light engineering products.
- (ii) The Afghan importers are facilitated to visit the main industrial cities of Pakistan for business interactions with Pakistani traders.
- (iii) The Pakistan Mission at Kabul regularly surveys the marketing trends and sends useful information about the consumers' preferences and the marketing strategies of other countries in Afghanistan.
- (iv) The Mission has also a continuous liaison with the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Afghan Chamber of Commerce.
- (v) The Pak-Afghan Joint Chamber of Commerce & Industry has also been established to further deepen business to business cooperation between the two countries.

- (vi) Pakistan and Afghanistan are also the Contracting Parties of the SAFTA and the ECO Trade Agreement. These Agreements will further promote Pakistan's exports to Afghanistan
- (vii) The Pakistan's Mission at Kabul has also started a magazine titled "Pakistan Today" to boost the image of the country.

22. **\*Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an amount of more than 7 billion rupees were allocated under development package for Balochistan during the years, 2008-09; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that only 70 million rupees were utilized from the said fund during the period from April, 2008 to 30th June, 2009; if so, the reasons for not utilizing the entire amount of said fund so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) No funds were allocated under development package for Balochistan during year 2008-2009 by the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

However, an amount of Rs 8.762 billion was allocated to the parliamentarians of Balochistan for various development schemes in their constituencies under PWP-II during the same period.

(b) Rs 6.838 billion out of the allocated amount of Rs 8.762 billion were utilized upto 30.6.2009.

23. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the year-wise total quantity of drinks, cosmetics and sports items imported from abroad during the last two years till date alongwith the value and names of those countries from where imported?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) A statement showing year-wise total quantity of drinks, cosmetics and sports items imported from abroad during the last two years till to date along with the value and the name of those countries from where imported is Annexed.

*(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.

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

27. **\*Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the names of the countries to whom fruits have been exported during the year 2008-09 till date alongwith the names of fruits and total value thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** The names of the countries to whom fruits have been exported during the year 2008-09 till date alongwith the names of fruits and total value thereof is annexed.

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

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that gem and jewellery of 40 million dollars were exported during the year 2008-09; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that target of 1.5 billion dollars for exporting gem and jewellery by the year 2017 has been set down; if so, the steps being taken to achieve the said target?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) The actual export of gem & jewellery during 2008-09 was of 289.1 million US dollars and not of 40 million US dollar.

(b) Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has informed that they have set the target of US\$ 450 million for the year 2009-10. However, Gem and Jewellery Development Company has conveyed that target of US\$ 1.5 billion has been set down for exporting Gem & Jewellery by the years 2017. Gem and Jewellery Development Company have informed that following steps are being taken to achieve the targets:—

- i. International exhibitions on gems and Jewellery are attended with the trade delegates of the sectors.
- ii. Skill development is being under taken in the training institutes established in 5 big cities in the country *i.e* Karachi, Lahore, Gilgit, Peshawar and Quetta.
- iii. Training is being given to the sector's manpower.
- iv. Hallmarking centers are being established in Karachi and Lahore.
- v. Gem bazars are being conducted in Peshawar and Quetta.
- vi. Gems laboratories are established in the 5 big cities of the country Karachi, Lahore, Gilgit, Peshawar and Quetta.
- vii. International show is planned in August, 2010 at Karachi.

29. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) whether the work permits are being issued to foreigners in the country;*
- (b) if so, the total number of foreigners whom the said permits have been issued since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (c) the prescribed procedure to issue the said permit?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) As per decision of the Cabinet Committee on Investment dated 01.03.1999 the issuance of work permits to foreigners was replaced by work visa. Now, the foreigners working in Pakistan are issued work visas.

(b) In total 6526 foreigners have been issued work visas from March, 2008 to till date (January-March 2010).

(c) The prescribed procedure to issue work visa is **Annexed**.

**Annexure**

**PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING WORK VISA CASES**

As per Work Visas Policy of the Government of Pakistan, cases of grant or extension and conversion of Business Visas to Work Visa are processed within four weeks.

- The sponsor apply on the prescribed work visa application form alongwith the other documents to BOI for grant, extension and conversion of Business visa into work visa.
- BOI refer cases to Security Agencies (ISI & IB) and relevant Ministries in addition to the Ministry of Interior for views / clearances.
- After a period of 4 weeks from the date of processing of the application, BOI recommends the cases to the Ministry of Interior.
- Ministry of Interior subsequently authorizes Pakistan Diplomatic Mission abroad to endorse the work visa and for the cases of extension / conversion of Business Visa into Work Visa, authorize Regional

Passports Offices of the city where the expatriates are working to endorse the work visas.

- Each month meeting of the Visa Committee is held to ratification of the work visa cases.

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?*

Reply not received.

31. **\*Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

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

*(a) the total quantity of rice, mutton, beef and all sea foods exported during the last two years till-date alongwith the value thereof; and*

*(b) the number at which Pakistan stands amongst other countries for exporting those items*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) The total quantity of rice, mutton, beef and seafood exported during the last two years till October 2009 along with the values thereof is as under:—

|        | 2007-08 (Jul-June) |                       | 2008-09 (July-June) |                       | 2009-10 (July-Oct.) |                       |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|        | MT                 | Value<br>US\$ million | MT                  | Value<br>US\$ million | MT                  | Value<br>US\$ million |
| Rice   | 2809148            | 1836.1                | 2729360             | 1983.3                | 940838              | 534.1                 |
| Mutton | 5832               | 20.3                  | 7917                | 29.3                  | 38.73               | 13.9                  |
| Beef   | 11801              | 28.3                  | 18151               | 41.5                  | 7827                | 17.3                  |
| Fish   | 132278             | 211.6                 | 127393              | 233.7                 | 26423               | 59.1                  |

Source F.B.S

(b) As per International Trade Center's Trade Map, the position at which Pakistan stands for exporting those items is as under:—

- |                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| (i) Rice                       | 4th position         |
| (ii) Meat & meat preparations  | 16th & 28th position |
| (iii) Fish & fish preparations | 50th position        |

32. **\*Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken since 1st April, 2009 till date to control the incidents of sectarian and lingual terrorism in the country; and*
- (b) *the total number of those incidents occurred during the year 2009-10 till-date?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) The Provincial Governments/local areas administrations have taken the following steps to control the incidents of sectarian and lingual terrorism in the country. Detail is as under:—

**Punjab**

- (i) 1940 activists of different banned organization have been placed on 4th Schedule of Anti Terrorism Act 1997 and their activities are being monitored closely.
- (ii) Advance information is regularly issued to the Government authorities indicating the trends and future plans of sectarian organizations.
- (iii) Activities of Afghan Trained Boys, returnees from Afghan prisons/ Guantanamo Bay, Sectarian prisoners released from jails, Madaris involved in militancy, Lal Masjid elements, firebrand speakers of different sectarian organizations, and publication and distribution of hate material are being closely watched/monitored.
- (iv) Red Book has been issued regarding arrest of most wanted terrorists. Joint Task teams have been formulated at regional and up to Police Station level.

- (v) During the period of April 2009 till date, CID Punjab has detected suicide bombing cases and arrested **45** terrorists involved in attacks at Police Post Qudratabad, Mianwali, , DG Khan, Hamza Bus suicide, Rawalpindi, POF Wah suicide case, R. A Bazar, Rawalpindi, Mian Channu Blast, HQ Rawalpindi, Attack Blast, cases, Pir Wadahi Mor Rawalpindi, Rescue 15 Building Lahore, Sargodha accused arrest case, Moon Market, Lahore Khosa House, DG Khan.

**Sindh.**

- (i) Security arrangements have been upgraded at all the sensitive areas including public places, buildings situated in High Security Zones, Hotels and Restaurants. Roadside parking has been minimize to prevent terrorist/subversive activities.
- (ii) Vigilance/surveillance of persons place on 4th Schedule of Anti Terrorism Act and on all Afghan Refugees and those involved in terrorist cases/activities is also carried out.
- (iii) Foot patrolling, intelligence network, mobile, coordination with sister agencies, investigation, establishment of CCTV cameras, equipments to Police Force and engagement of informers is also being carried out to meet the requisite targets.

**Khyber Pakhtoonkhaw.**

- (i) Sensitization and gravity of the situation, level of threat and nature of response is being made by utilizing Police Force, Foreign and Local Media, Public Representatives, Government functionaries, youths, setting of FM Channels, Mobile friends of Police, SMS service.
- (ii) To mobilize the general public, special Police Force has been established and the communities have been given incentives to form Peace Committees, Musalihati Committees, Quota in recruitment in Police and gallantry awards/medals for bravery are also given to the civilians.
- (iii) Capacity building of Police through trainings and provision of automatic weapons and by providing bullet proof Jackets is being enhanced.

**Balochistan.**

- (i) All necessary security arrangements have been made by the CCPO Quetta and all RPOs to avert untoward incidents of sectarian and lingual terrorism.

- (ii) Foolproof security is provided by DPOs as and when required for religious festivals and other important events.
- (iii) The network of Special Branch has been developed to control the incidents of sectarian and terrorism in the province. Special Branch is trying to break the network of terrorism through advance information and source report. Technical training is being imparted to Police Personnel to deal with the terrorism. Combined monitoring and coordination of Police and FC is carried out to reduce the incidents of terrorism. The Special Branch personnel are deployed in Quetta city to provide information and assistance to the local Police.

#### **Islamabad Capital Territory.**

- (i) Islamabad has been divided into 05 security rings. Security check posts and pickets have been established. Extensive motorcycle patrolling is carried out.
- (ii) Rescue 15 has been provided 14 vehicles to work as Quick Response Force (QRF). Continues surveillance and monitoring of rented houses and property dealers is being conducted. Terrorists/suspects released from prisons are also being monitored including those persons who are on 4th Schedule of Anti-Terrorism Act.
- (iii) Survey of Madaris is being conducted. CID and Special Branch have been re-activated to improve Intelligence gathering. Police Stations have been provided manpower and equipments.
- (iv) Publication/dissemination of hate material or speeches inciting sectarianism/lingual intolerance is being checked out. Special Branch is making efforts through intelligence gathering in plain clothes to prevent target killings.

#### **Gilgit Baltistan.**

- (i) Anti Terrorist Force (ATF) and Quick Reaction Force (QRF) in collaboration with other Law Enforcement Agencies, have been established to control the menace of sectarian terrorism effectively.
- (ii) 24 Police/Rangers/NA Scouts pickets have also been established at the vulnerable/trouble spots to check the movement of un-desirable elements in Gilgit city.

**FATA.**

- (i) A large Jirga has been formed for thrashing out all the issues, including the displaced persons and losses to life and property to find out a lasting solution to the issue. The situation in the Kurram and Orakzai Agency is still tense due to prevailing mistrust between Shias and Sunnis sects and fatal incidents occurred in the past and element of sabotaging peace process still can not be ruled out. Political Administration is holding Jirga with the elders for peace and harmony in the Agency. They are convinced to honour the Murree Accord of 2009.
- (ii) Air service has been provided to the inhabitants of Parachinar for the stranded people to lessen the chance of sectarian conflict. The FC authorities are providing security to the convoys on Main Thall and Parachinar Road.

(b) The total number of incidents (sectarian and lingual) occurred during the year 2009-2010 are as under:—

| Province/area       | Incidents | Killed     | Injured    |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Punjab              | 02        | 00         | 11         |
| Sindh               | 12        | 15         | 33         |
| Khyber Pakhtoonkhaw | 15        | 45         | 70         |
| Balochistan         | 04        | 06         | 00         |
| ICT                 | 02        | 00         | 06         |
| Gilgit Baltistan    | 04        | 16         | 11         |
| FATA                | 36        | 175        | 318        |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>75</b> | <b>257</b> | <b>449</b> |

33. **\*Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the details of surgical equipments imported during the year 2008-09 alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** Various types of surgical instruments of a cumulative value of US\$ 170.2 million were imported in 2008-09; item wise quantities and values are annexed.

Surgical equipment is imported to meet the local demand.

Annexure

IMPORTS OF SURGICAL EQUIPMENTS

| H.S. CODE | EQUIPMENT   | 2008-2009 |              |
|-----------|---|-----------|--------------|
|           |   | NO        | THOUSAND RS. |
| 90183110  | SYRINGES WITH NEEDLES                               | 142768872 | 495542       |
| 90183120  | SYRINGES WITHOUT NEEDLES                            | 6828229   | 19564        |
| 90183200  | TUBULAR METAL NEEDLE/NEEDLE SET                     | 37957391  | 197049       |
| 90183910  | DEXTR/SALINE INFUSION SET W-N-TOXIC BAG             | 1127557   | 22076        |
| 90183920  | DEXTR/SALINE INFUSION GIVING SET                    | 6339078   | 225260       |
| 90183931  | SUCTION CATHETER                                    | 390409    | 20033        |
| 90183932  | PULMONARY ARTERY CATHETER                           | 24659     | 725          |
| 90183933  | FOLY'S CATHETER                                     | 684428    | 30003        |
| 90183939  | OTHER CATHETER                                      | 3023226   | 277157       |
| 90183940  | CANNULA   | 11794250  | 292539       |
| 90183950  | SURGICAL NEEDLES                                    | 1671336   | 64716        |
| 90183960  | ENDO TRACHEAL TUBE CATHETER                         | 769258    | 26826        |
| 90183970  | BALLOONS CATHETER                                   | 866653    | 49790        |
| 90183990  | OTHER NEEDLES, CATHETERS, CANNULA ETC               | 9178529   | 951706       |
| 90184100  | DENTAL DRILL ENGINES, W/C-D-EQUIPMENT               | 634       | 41481        |
| 90184900  | OTHER INSTRUMENTS/APPLIANCE, DENTAL SCIENCE         | 353798    | 159564       |
| 90185000  | OTHER, OPHTHALMIC INSTRUMENTS & APPLIANCE           | 438299    | 383890       |
| 90189010  | ANESTHESIA APPARATUS                                | 9530      | 132500       |
| 90189020  | STETHOSCOPES  | 128291    | 32594        |
| 90189030  | SURGICAL SCISSORS                                   | 138566    | 10571        |
| 90189040  | SURGICAL KNIVES                                     | 51094     | 12368        |
| 90189050  | SPHYGMOMANOMETERS                                   | 368072    | 126356       |
| 90189060  | INFANT INCUBATORS                                   | 1397      | 69873        |
| 90189070  | FIBRE DIALYZERS                                     | 141638    | 79594        |
| 90189090  | OTHER INSTRUMENTS, APPARATUS MEDICAL/SUR/VETERINARY | 9801275   | 4375010      |
| 90191000  | MECHANOTHERAPY, MASSAGE/PSYCHOLOGICAL APPARATUS     | 40222     | 65627        |
| 90192010  | OXYGENATOR WITH ACCESSORIES                         | 55620     | 229085       |
| 90192020  | OZONE THERAPY APPARATUS                             | 584       | 401          |
| 90192030  | ARSENOL THERAPY APPARATUS                           | 151692    | 121153       |
| 90192090  | OTHER THERAPEUTIC RESPIRATORY APPARATUS             | 83078     | 245398       |
| 90200000  | OTHER BREATHING APPLIANCE & GAS MASK                | 65        | 33           |
| 90200010  | GAS MASKS   | 13183     | 11552        |

|             |                            |                  |                 |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 90200020    | OTHER BREATHING APPLIANCES | 47218            | 92551           |
|             | <b>Total:</b>              | <b>235259770</b> | <b>12293024</b> |
| SOURCE: FBS |                            | Million          | 170.2           |
|             |                            | US\$             |                 |

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that with the collaboration of other countries NADRA has launched an On Line System for issuance of CNIC in the country; if so, the name of those countries; and*
- (b) *the total amount earned on launching the said system during the current financial year 2009-10 till date?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) NADRA has not initiated/launched any online system/project for issuance of CNIC in collaboration with other countries.

(b) Nil

35. **\*Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to privatize the Pakistan Post;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented alongwith the criteria to be adopted thereof?*

**Minister for Privatization (Mr. Waqar Ahmad Khan):** (a) and (b) There is no proposal to privatise Pakistan Post.

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 it 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.

37. **\*Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

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

- (a) *whether there is a proposal under consideration to import fire extinguisher in order to meet the shortage of said equipments;*
- (b) *if so, the detail thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Fire extinguishers, in new condition, are freely importable from worldwide sources except Israel. Ministry of Commerce is not considering any proposal to import the item itself.

- (b) N.A

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<br>Hundred Cubic<br>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)*

40. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the year-wise total quantity of bilateral trade made with the Islamic countries during the last two years atongwith the value and names of countries thereof*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** 1. Pakistan's total bilateral trade with Islamic countries was **US\$ 23.184 billion** in 2007-08 and **US\$ 21.078 billion** during 2008-09. Out of which Pakistan's exports during 2007-08 were **US\$ 6.06 billion** and **US\$ 6.189 billion** in 2008-09. Whereas. Pakistan's imports from Islamic countries during 2007-08 were **US\$ 17.123 billion** and **US\$ 14.889 billion** in 2008-09.

2. The exports increased by 2.1% in 2008-09 as compared to 2007-08 whereas imports decreased by (-) 13.04% during the same period.

3. There are at present two groupings of Islamic countries *i.e.* OIC having all the 57 Islamic countries and ECOTA with 9 Asian Islamic countries.

4. Detail of Pakistan's trade with OIC member countries is as under:-

| Country    | (value in US\$ million) |                     |         |                     |                     |          |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
|            | 2007-08<br>(Export)     | 2007-08<br>(Import) | Total   | 2008-09<br>(Export) | 2008-09<br>(Import) | Total    |
| Iran       | 213.800                 | 555.588             | 769.388 | 399.619             | 921.703             | 1321.322 |
| Turkey     | 435.981                 | 155.679             | 591.66  | 403.198             | 128.508             | 531.506  |
| Azerbaijan | 6.512                   | 0.371               | 6.883   | 7.774               | 0.240               | 8.014    |
| Kazakhstan | 8.250                   | 47.688              | 55.938  | 2.888               | 2.313               | 5.201    |

| Country                   | 2007-08<br>(Export) | 2007-08<br>(Import) | Total    | 2008-09<br>(Export) | 2008-09<br>(Import) | Total    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Kyrgyzstan                | 1.738               | 0.626               | 2.364    | 1.195               | 0.018               | 1.213    |
| Tajikistan                | 0.171               | 11.759              | 11.93    | 0.359               | 4.908               | 5.267    |
| Turkmenistan              | 1.005               | 22.259              | 23.264   | 0.698               | 9.853               | 10.551   |
| Uzbekistan                | 2.788               | 18.115              | 20.903   | 2.113               | 12.969              | 15.082   |
| Afghanistan               | 1143.7              | 91.4                | 1235.1   | 1397.5              | 93.0                | 1490.5   |
| Bangladesh                | 342.0               | 69.5                | 411.5    | 383.4               | 78.7                | 462.1    |
| Maldives                  | 4.5                 | 0.0                 | 4.5      | 5.6                 | 0.0                 | 5.6      |
| Indonesia                 | 61.092              | 1170.309            | 1231.401 | 48.273              | 842.664             | 890.937  |
| Brunei<br>Darussalam      | 0.267               | 0.287               | 0.554    | 0.300               | 0.291               | 0.591    |
| Malaysia                  | 94.388              | 1539.811            | 1634.199 | 124.378             | 1599.203            | 1723.581 |
| Bahrain                   | 76.8                | 92.1                | 168.9    | 76.3                | 87.2                | 163.5    |
| Iraq                      | 23.9                | 1.5                 | 25.4     | 71.7                | 0.7                 | 72.4     |
| Jordan                    | 26.7                | 26.6                | 53.3     | 30.1                | 9.4                 | 39.5     |
| Kuwait                    | 120.2               | 2973.9              | 3094.1   | 104.2               | 2327.7              | 2431.9   |
| Lebanon                   | 15.6                | 28.6                | 44.2     | 19.3                | 19.2                | 38.5     |
| Oman                      | 223.7               | 95.5                | 319.2    | 187.5               | 143.4               | 330.9    |
| Qatar                     | 137.2               | 710.7               | 847.9    | 172.1               | 435.5               | 607.6    |
| Saudi Arabia              | 380.1               | 5330.4              | 5710.5   | 455.6               | 4288.5              | 4744.1   |
| Syrian Arab<br>Republic   | 16.0                | 2.9                 | 18.9     | 19.5                | 5.5                 | 25.00    |
| UAE                       | 2071.0              | 3413.6              | 5484.6   | 1470.0              | 3192.3              | 4662.3   |
| Yemen                     | 113.3               | 7.0                 | 120.3    | 76.1                | 7.2                 | 83.3     |
| Algeria                   | 24.8                | 3.8                 | 28.6     | 23.4                | 13.6                | 37.00    |
| Benin                     | 48.7                | 8.8                 | 57.5     | 58.3                | 12.6                | 70.9     |
| Burkina Faso<br>(FR.UP.V) | 0.0                 | 33.6                | 33.6     | 0.0                 | 20.3                | 20.3     |
| Cameron                   | 28.4                | 6.3                 | 34.7     | 26.3                | 2.1                 | 28.4     |
| Chad                      | 2.0                 | 1.1                 | 3.1      | 0.1                 | 0.5                 | 0.6      |
| Cote d. Ivory<br>(Fr. IV) | 55.6                | 6.3                 | 61.9     | 55.8                | 5.5                 | 61.3     |
| Comoros                   | 7.6                 | 0.1                 | 7.7      | 20.7                | 0.1                 | 20.8     |
| Djibouti                  | 50.3                | 0.9                 | 51.2     | 91.6                | 3.0                 | 94.6     |
| Egypt                     | 87.9                | 225.4               | 313.3    | 101.7               | 129.8               | 231.5    |
| Gabon                     | 0.5                 | 0.0                 | 0.5      | 0.9                 | 0.0                 | 0.9      |
| Gambia                    | 19.6                | 0.0                 | 19.6     | 9.4                 | 0.1                 | 9.5      |

|                        |                |                 |                  |               |                |                  |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Guinea                 | 10.8           | 0.4             | 11.2             | 41.2          | 0.1            | 41.3             |
| Guinea-Bissau          | 0.8            | 0.0             | 0.8              | 4.3           | 0.0            | 4.3              |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 4.9            | 0.7             | 5.6              | 9.0           | 0.4            | 9.4              |
| Mali                   | 0.0            | 16.9            | 16.9             | 0.1           | 16.2           | 16.3             |
| Mauritania             | 1.8            | 0.3             | 2.1              | 1.1           | 0.2            | 1.3              |
| Morocco                | 12.8           | 272.3           | 285.1            | 10.7          | 411.3          | 422.00           |
| Nigeria                | 25.3           | 28.3            | 53.6             | 23.8          | 26.8           | 50.6             |
| Senegal                | 17.6           | 0.9             | 18.5             | 15.7          | 2.0            | 17.7             |
| Sierra Leone           | 8.3            | 0.7             | 9.0              | 10.6          | 0.1            | 10.7             |
| Somalia                | 5.8            | 9.9             | 15.7             | 50.7          | 9.3            | 60.00            |
| Sudan                  | 51.3           | 61.9            | 112.9            | 60.6          | 6.9            | 67.5             |
| Togo                   | 19.2           | 5.6             | 24.8             | 21.3          | 2.8            | 24.1             |
| Tunisia                | 13.9           | 59.4            | 73.3             | 14.4          | 1.2            | 15.6             |
| Uganda                 | 4.1            | 11.6            | 15.7             | 16.7          | 13.1           | 29.8             |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>6061.29</b> | <b>17123.69</b> | <b>23184.884</b> | <b>6189.4</b> | <b>14889.5</b> | <b>21078.365</b> |

## 5. Pakistan's bilateral trade with ECOTA countries:

(value in US\$ million)

| Country      | 2007-08<br>(Export) | 2007-08<br>(Import) | Total          | 2008-09<br>(Export) | 2008-09<br>(Import) | Total           |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Afghanistan  | 1143.7              | 91.4                | 1235.1         | 1397.5              | 93.0                | 1490.5          |
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| Turkmenistan | 1.005               | 22.259              | 23.264         | .698                | 9.853               | 10.551          |
| Uzbekistan   | 2.788               | 18.115              | 20.903         | 2.113               | 12.969              | 15.082          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1813.945</b>     | <b>903.485</b>      | <b>2717.43</b> | <b>2215.344</b>     | <b>1173.312</b>     | <b>3388.656</b> |

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.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that government released Rs.10 billion to TCP during the year 2009-10 for import of sugar and opening of LCs; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that TCP suffered Rs.40 billion loss on import of wheat, urea and sugar during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10; if so, the reason thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Ministry of Finance has issued letter of comfort for Rs. 10 billion to State Bank of Pakistan for import of Sugar and opening of LCs by Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP). The funds clearance from Finance Division is awaited.

(b) TCP has not suffered any loss on account of import of wheat, urea and sugar. However, Government of Pakistan (Finance Division) had to pick up price differential between import price and subsidized sale price for these commodities during the year 2008-09 and 2009-10. The subsidy for 2008-09 amounting to Rs. 49.775 billion is being paid by the Finance Division to TCP in parts. TCP has so far received Rs. 17.650 billion while balance amount is under process. For 2009-10 the accounts will be finalized by end of October, 2010 as per Companies Ordinance, 1984.

43. **\*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 e.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.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 4th May, 2010.*

SAFDAR HUSSAIN MALIK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT****“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Wednesday, the 5th May, 2010***(Originally Unstarred Question Nos.153, 76, 199, 200, 203 and 209 were set down for answer during the 20th Session)***153. Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:***Will the Minister for Interior be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that illegal prohibited bore arms were recovered from foreigners in the country during the year, 2008-09;*
- (b) *if so, the names of those foreigners along with the origins of their countries; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to control the possession of said arms by foreigners in the country?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) Yes, the provincial government of NWFP have recovered the following illegal prohibited bore weapons during 2008- 2009:—

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| In 2008 | 0.5 SMGs.      |
| In 2009 | 02 Kalashnikov |

| (b) | Name                     | Nationality  |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1.  | Zia-Ail-Haq              | Afghanistan  |
| 2.  | Haji Amir Ullah          |              |
| 3.  | Ahmed                    |              |
| 4.  | Saeed (Killed)           | } Tajikistan |
| 5.  | Muhammad Younas (Killed) |              |
| 6.  | Hussain (Killed)         |              |
| 7.  | Hikmat Ullah (Killed)    | Afghanistan  |

(c) No body is allowed to carryout the weapons. Moreover Internal and external Nakabandi Points have been established to check and control arms.

The following steps have been taken:—

- The Federal Capital has been divided in 44 beats and experienced officers have been deputed in each beat to watch the activities of suspects. There is one Falcon (vehicle) for patrolling duty in each beat.
- Total 93 Nakabandi points have been established on the key points of ICT which are functioning round the clock. Proper Nakabandi of all exit and entry points of Islamabad are also being held randomly alongwith other places at different venues and times.
- Arms Ordinance 1965 is fully operative. The violators are being dealt with in accordance with the law, irrespective of their status. Furthermore, to deface the criminals involved in trafficking of illicit arms and ammunition general hold ups at outgoing / incoming roads are being conducted.
- Citizen security and vigilance committees have been established at police station level to keep vigilance at the activities of the foreigners roaming in the area of police station and a probationer ASI has also been deputed with each committee as liaison officer.
- Exchange of secret information / intelligence is being done with sister agencies to provent and combat the criminals involved in the illicit transaction of weapons.

76. **Mr. Laiq Muhammad Khan:**

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

- (a) *the district-wise total number of persons whom licences for Kalashnikov were issued by the Ministry since March, 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the persons who recommended for issuance of those licences?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) Ministry of Interior has issued 23836 PB Arms licenses since March 2008 to 31-12-2009. However, District-wise information is being compiled and will be placed on the table of the House shortly.

(b) List of the persons who recommended the issuance of Arms licenses is enclosed at Annex-‘A’.

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

199. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and 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?*

Reply not received.

200. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that financial packages have been provided to NWFP, Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan during recent past; and*
- (b) the steps taken for implementation of those packages alongwith the achievements gained therefrom?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that financial packages have been provided to NWFP, Balochistan and Gilgit - Baltistan during recent past. The details are at Annex-I.

(b) Federal Government’s role is restricted to release of funds. The implementation is the concern of respective Provincial Government. The detail/ position with regard to implementation is indicated in the above annexure.

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

203. **Mr. Sher Mohammad Baloch:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to simplify the present procedure of preparation of arm license for its timely issuance to the general public;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) Yes, a proposal to simplify the present procedure of preparation of arm licences is under active consideration of Ministry of Interior.

(b) The following steps have been taken in this regard:—

- The overall task of issuance of fool proof Computerized Arms Licence Cards has been assigned to NADRA in order to ensure transparency and timely delivery of arm licenses, as per SOPs already approved by the Prime Minister;
- NADRA will launch this project at its Headquarter, Islamabad, in the first phase. After successful operation of this project at its Headquarter, Islamabad, the same facility will be extended by NADRA at its four Provincial Headquarters;
- NADRA will also establish a Facilitation Counter in the National Assembly Secretariat, exclusively for the Parliamentarians.
- At present, there is a ban on issuance of fresh arms licences till 30th April 2010, imposed by the Prime Minister. NADRA will start issuing Computerized Arms License Cards after lifting of the ban.

209. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Malitia and FC Check Posts established in Balochistan/NWFP Provinces alongwith average distance between each post, in miles; and*
- (b) *the purpose of those check posts?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) No check post is established by FC in NWFP. As regards the Check posts are established by FC Balochistan province they are within range from 2.5 to 8 miles depending upon border, internal security and security of important installations/projects. The number of check posts vary according to the requirement and importance of security situation. As regards Malitia (s) in Balochistan these do not come under the administrative control of Ministry of interior.

(b) The purpose of establishment of check posts is border control and maintaining internal security.

17. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the land sliding hit area of Hunza has been declared as calamity hit area; if so, the total area thereof; and*
- (b) *the facilities being provided to the people of said area at present?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) According to Notification issued by Government of Gilgit Baltistan *vide* No.SOH-64/2010 (DDMA-H-N) dated 13th April, 2010(copy enclosed), following villages of District Hunza-Nagar are declared as "Calamity hit" area:—

1. Attabad Bala
2. Attabad Paeen
3. Sarat Bala
4. Sarat Paeen
5. Tehsil Gojal

- (b) Facilities provided to the affectees are as following:
- i. Camps have been established at upper and lower Hunza for completely dislocated persons.
  - ii. Relief items *i.e.* edibles. tents, blankets, medicines, firewood etc. are ensured in the camps.

- iii. Heli service is continued till date since 6th January 2010 for evacuation of standard populace, however, since the introduction of boats as a means of transport, heli services are only used in case of extreme emergencies.
- iv. PSO authorities and Utility Stores Corporation have been directed to ensure relevant commodities at the affected area adequately.
- v. A committee has been established under the chairmanship of the Speaker GBLA to submit recommendations for relocation of IDPs.
- vi. A contingency plan has been prepared by the Gilgit Baltistan as required by the Civil Administration.

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

18. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 90% of public transport in Islamabad is plying on CNG;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Regional Transport Authority, Islamabad has increased the fare of public transport on the basis of increase made in the prices of petrol and diesel by the OGRA;*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that transporters of Islamabad have also increased the fare of the public transport which is plying on CNG;*
- (d) if the answer to part (c) above is in the affirmative, the action taken against the transporters who have increased the fare unauthorized?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) It is not correct. A survey conducted in March, 2010 revealed that about 62% wagons are plying on CNG on the routes created by Islamabad Transport Authority (ITA) in Islamabad and 100% buses are plying on diesel.

(b) Government of the Punjab allows increase in the fare of public transport with increase in the cost of POL.

Since constitution of Islamabad Transport Authority (in 1985), the fares notified by the Transport Department, Government of the Punjab, are adopted by ICT Administration and the same are applicable to the intra-city routes, created by the Islamabad Transport Authority, in order to maintain uniformity in the fares of public transport plying in the twin-cities, Rawalpindi — Islamabad.

The increase in fares in Islamabad has been allowed by ITA on the analogy of Government of the Punjab. This is for the first time that Islamabad Administration has persuaded the Punjab Government and transport fares have been decreased on Islamabad Rawalpindi routes.

(c) As in part (b) above.

(d) As in part (b) above

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?*

Reply not received.

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?*

Reply not received.

21. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the facility of two advance increment for additional educational ,qualification was dis-continued during the year 2001-02;*
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to restore the said facility for all employees in BPS-1 to BPS-22;*
- (c) if so, when it will be implemented?*

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

(b), (c) Pay & Pension Commission - 2009 constituted by the Government to review salary structure of civil servants has received various proposals including the restoration of advance increments for additional educational qualifications. The recommendations of the Commission are expected to be received shortly. These recommendations will be considered by the Government for implementation on receipt.

22. **Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no representation from Balochistan, Sindh and FATA in Planning Commission at present;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Mr. Ashraf M. Hayat, Secretary / Member Coordination Planning Commission belongs to Sindh (U) however there is no member from Balochistan and FATA at present.

(b) The Prime Minister, being the Chairman of the planning Commission has the prerogative to ppoint its Members. The only criteria required for selection based on professional background nd competence of the individuals in specific field. On the direction of Honourable Prime linister, re-structuring of Planning Commission

is under consideration in which representation of all Provinces is being thoroughly examined.

23. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to revamp the Central Directorate of National Savings; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to make the CDNS a corporation; if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) The revamping of the CDNS is in progress. A project of automation of CDNS was approved and is being implemented. Computerization of transactions at National Savings Centers have started.

(b) The proposal for conversion of the CDNS into an autonomous body is under consideration, subject to the condition that the Cabinet approves draft bill in this regard, which is under process.

24. **Sardar Shahjehan Yousaf:**

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the present status of supply of electricity to Village Lasspatian, Union Council Talhata and Sukian, Mandagocha and Sariallah, Union Council Jabbar Develi (NA-20), Mansehra by ERRA?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** Supply of electricity to the village Lasspatian in Union Council Talhata and Sukian, Mandagocha and Sariallah villages in Union Council Jabbar Develi are not covered under ERRA's Power Sector Strategy. However, PESCO from its own resources is carrying out this work as given below:—

1. The supply of electricity to Lasspatian in Union Council Talhata is in progress.
2. Electricity has been supplied to the Mandagocha and Sariallah villages in Union Council Jabbar Develi while electricity supply to Sukian will be restored within a week's time.

25. **Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

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

- (a) *the total number of cases of dacoity, murder, rape and kidnapping for ransom registered in all the Police Stations, Islamabad during the period from 1st January, 2006 to 1st July, 2009 alongwith the accused arrested thereof; and*
- (b) *the action taken against the culprits and stolen goods recovered from them so far?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A Rehman Malik):** (a) Detail of number of cases registered in Police Stations at Islamabad is attached as **Annexure "A"**.

(b) All the accused persons have been arrested and sent to jail. Challans of the cases have been sent to the courts for trial. Stolen property amounting to Rs.213,462,700/- has been recovered.

**Annexure "A"**

DETAIL OF CASES REGISTERED SINCE 01-01-2006 TO 01-07-2009

| S. No. | Head wise crimer      | Total Cases Registered | Challaned | Untraced | Cancelled | Under Investigation | Total accused arrested |
|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1.     | Dacoity               | 92                     | 77        | 09       | —         | 5                   | 231                    |
| 2.     | Murder                | 365                    | 267       | 73       | 03        | 22                  | 608                    |
| 3.     | Rape                  | 43                     | 37        | 01       | 05        | —                   | 78                     |
| 4.     | Kidnapping for ransom | 43                     | 29        | 07       | 07        | —                   | 99                     |

26. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

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

- (a) *the names and qualifications of the Deputy Chairman and Members of the Planning Commission alongwith the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the members of the said Commission have resigned recently; if so, the reasons of resignation of each member; and*

(c) *the procedure adopted for appointments of those members?*

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

(1) Names & Qualification of Members, Planning Commission (Annex-I).

(2) Details of Pay, Allowances and other Fringe Benefits (Annex-II).

(b) No member resigned recently.

(c) The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the Planning Commission and appointing authority for Members. The main criteria is competence, experience and qualification in the relevant field.

ANNEX-I

NAMES & QUALIFICATION OF THE MEMBERS, PLANNING COMMISSION

| S.# | Names of Members                                     | Qualification-   |
|-----|--|--|
| 1.  | Dr. Ishtaq Ahmad, Deputy Chairman                    | Ph.D in Physics and Globally acknowledged (N.L. H.L. S.I. Scientist of Pakistan  |
| 2.  | Dr. M.E. Tasneem, Member (Food & Agriculture)        | - M.S (Soils), University of Philippines<br>- Ph. D. (Agronomy), Louisiana State University, USA   |
| 3.  | Dr. Sabu Gul Khattak, Member (Social Sector)         | - Ph. D. (Political Science) University of Hawaii<br>- M.A. (Political Science) University of Hawaii<br>- M.A. (International Relations), University of Peshawar, Pakistan.<br>- Development Consultant and visiting Fellow at SDPI. |
| 4.  | Dr. Pervez Butt, Member (Energy)                     | - M.Sc. (Mechanical / Nuclear Engineering), University of Toronto, Canada<br>- B.Sc., (Mechanical Engineering)   |
| 5.  | Dr. Samar Mubarakmand, Member (Science & Technology) | - M.Sc (Ph. D.Phil (Oxon)  |
| 6.  | 1. Gen (Retd.) Muhammad Zubair, Member (I&M)         | - M.Sc. Defence & Strategic Studies, NDC<br>- M.Sc. Joint War Studies<br>- B.Sc. Engineering (Civil) M.I.E. Pakistan   |

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| 7  | Mr. M. Akram Malik, Member (Infrastructure)          | - Formerly Secretary EAD, Secretary Planning, Chairman P & D and Finance Secretary (Punjab) and Executive Director Asian Development Bank. A former DMG officer - B.Sc. Post Graduate Diploma in Development Administration, Birmingham University, UK |
| 8. | Dr. Rashid Anjad, Member/VC PIDE                     | Ph.D (Economics) from Queen's College, University of Cambridge, UK   |
| 9. | Mr. Ashraf M. Hayat, Secretary/Member (Coordination) | - M.Sc. in Management, ADI-MEI Cambridge, MA, USA  |

## ANNEX-II

## DETAILS OF PAY, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS

| S.# | Name & Designation of Officer                        | Basic Pay  | House Rent | Utility Allowance | Fringe Benefits   |
|-----|--|------------|------------|-------------------|---|
| 1.  | Dr. Ishfaq Ahmad, Deputy Chairman                    | 210,000.00 | 75,000.00  | 9,750.00          | (1)1800 CC Car with One Chauffeur.<br>(2) Petrol 340 Liter per month limit<br>(3)Reimbursement of medical and hospitalization charges for self, spouse and children |
| 2.  | Dr. M.E. Tusneem, Member (Food & Agriculture)        | 240,000.00 | 105,000.00 | 12,000.00         | (1)1600 CC Car with One Chauffeur.<br>(2) Petrol 340 Liter per month limit<br>(3)Reimbursement of medical and hospitalization charges for self, spouse and children |
| 3.  | Dr. Saba Gul Khattak, Member (Social Sector)         | 240,000.00 | 105,000.00 | 12,000.00         | -do-  |
| 4.  | Dr. Pervez Buti, Member (Energy)                     | 195,000.00 | 75,000.00  | 9,750.00          | -do-  |
| 5.  | Dr. Samar Mubarakmand, Member (Science & Technology) | 240,000.00 | 105,000.00 | -                 | -do-  |
| 6.  | Lt. Gen.(Retd.) Muhammad Zubair, Member (I&M)        | 240,000.00 | 105,000.00 | 12,000.00         | -do-  |
| 7.  | Mr. M. Akram Malik, Member (Infrastructure)          | 195,000.00 | 75,000.00  | 9,750.00          | -do-  |
| 8.  | Dr. Rashid Anjad, Member/VC PIDE                     | 240,000.00 | 105,000.00 | 12,000.00         | -do-  |
| 9.  | Mr. Ashraf M. Hayat, Secretary/Member (Coordination) |            |            |                   | As admissible to BPS-22 Officers  |

27. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the competition Commission of Pakistan has imposed penalty of Rs.25 million on Pakistan Steel Mills, Karachi during the recent past for violating competitive practice;*
- (b) *if so, the action taken against the responsible of the said Mill for the said violation?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) The Competition Commission found Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM) as violating the Competition Ordinance by abusing its dominant position in violation of Section (3) of the Competition Ordinance, in the low-carbon steel market by refusing to deal with its customers. The Commission imposed a penalty of Rs.25 million.

(b) The Order imposing said penalty was passed by the Commission on March 22nd, 2010. The penalty was not paid nor was an appeal filed against the Order.

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

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and 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?*

Reply not received.

29. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that medical allowance for government employees in BPS-1 to BPS-9 is being revised under new pay scales at different rates;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal to uniform the said allowance for those employees?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) No.

(b) It is already being allowed at a uniform rate of Rs. 500/- per month to all employees in BPS 1—15.

30. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistani Hujjaj were arrested at Airports in the country on their departure and arrival during Hajj 2009; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of Hujjaj amongst them who were released?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) Four (04) Hujjaj were off loaded during Hajj Operation 2009 at JIAP, Karachi. The reasons were following:—

Four (04) Hujjaj were off loaded during Hajj Operation 2009 at JIAP, Karachi. Out of 4 Hujjaj 2 female Hujjaj namely Gul Bibi w/o Haji Adam Khan holding Passport No.HD3090941 and Gul Bibi w/o Molvi Amaldar holding Passport No.HC3095231 were released as one of the off loadees got affixed visa on his Passport issued in the name of the second lady and vice-versa. The remaining two Hujjaj were referred to Anti-Human Trafficking Circle Karachi as one of the ladies was traveling on the Passport of other woman and the passport of the other Hajji was Hit on Stoplist persons of PISCES.

(b) Out of 4 Hujjaj 2 were released as both the off loadees had mutually changed visas affixed on their passports.

31. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that conveyance allowance is admissible to the Federal Government employees from Grade 1-16 at different rates;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to uniform the said allowance;*
- (c) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

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

(b) and (c) In order to review the pay structure as well as allowances of civil servants, Pay and Pension Commission has already been constituted by the Government. The recommendations of the Commission are expected to be received shortly. Therefore, any revision in the rates of allowances including conveyance allowance will be considered by the Government in the light of the recommendation of the Commission.

32. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *the names, designations and domiciles of those employees of the Ministry who have been posted abroad since March, 2008 till-date alongwith the name of countries thereof; and*
- (b) *the procedure and criteria adopted for posting of those employees abroad?*

**Minister for Commerce (Makhdoom Amin Fahim):** (a) Ministry of Commerce administers 60 commercial / trade officers abroad in 45 countries. Employees of Ministry of Commerce posted abroad consists of officers and officials. The names, designations and domiciles of officers are at Annex-A and of officials is at Annex-B.

(b) The procedure and criteria adopted for posting of officers is at Annex-C and of officials at Annex-D.

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

33. **Sardar Muhammad Mushtaq Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to allow the re-reimbursement of medical charges to the Government employees in BS-1 to B-16 as is admissible to the Officers in B-17 and above;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Finance, Revenue and Planning and Development:** (a) Currently, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) No.

34. **Ch. Abid Sher Ali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the FIA will re-investigate the case against Zarco Exchange Company for its involvement in an alleged scam of 700 million rupees; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Officials of FIA were involved in the said scam; if so, whether any action has been taken against them; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Interior (Mr. A. Rehman Malik):** (a) FIA has no intention to re-investigate the case FIR No.09/2009 of FIA Crime Circle, Lahore registered against ZARCO Exchange Company (Pvt) Ltd. for its alleged involvement in illegal business of foreign exchange and flight of capital. After completion of investigation, final Charge Sheet was submitted in the Special Court (Offences in Banks) Lahore on 25-01- 2010. The case is presently pending trial.

It is however pointed out that during pendency of trial, Mst.Kousar Bano, wife of accused Lakh-e-Husnain submitted an application alleging therein that the investigation conducted was not on merit. The allegations leveled in the complaint were argued and debated in the Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore as well as in the Apex Court. However an enquiry is being conducted by FIA, Lahore after preliminary probe carried out by FIA Special Investigation Unit (SIU), Islamabad to determine the factual position. Further action, if required would be taken as per law.

(b) No official of FIA was involved in ZARCO scam.

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

*Will the Minister for Finance, Revenue and 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?*

Reply not received.

SAFDAR HUSSAIN MALIK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 4th May, 2010.*