

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 4th June, 2010

(Originally Starred Question Nos. 8, 89, 95 and 96 were set down for answer during the 22nd Session)

8. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number and name of gifts presented to the foreign Presidents/Prime Ministers on their official visits to Pakistan during the last five years till date?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

From the period from February 2005 to date, 41 incoming visits of Kings, Presidents and Prime Ministers took place. The total number of gifts presented from the stock of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is 71. Details are attached as Annex ‘A’.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

89. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the steps taken by Ministry for the rehabilitation of the disabled persons during the current financial year 2009-10 in the country?

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): Ministry has taken the following steps for the rehabilitation of the disabled persons during the current financial year;

- Launching of issuance of special CNICs by President of Pakistan on 10th August, 2009.
- 50% concession in air, rail and road is granted to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

- Facility for visually handicapped persons is extended to open individual bank accounts.
- Provision of free medical treatment in all Federal Government hospitals/ dispensaries.
- Provision of free of cost rehabilitative aids i.e. wheel chairs, artificial limbs, white canes & hearing devices for PWDs.
- Provision of duty free import of disabled friendly vehicles for PWDs.
- Awareness raising campaign in Print Media regarding facilities provided by the Government to PWDs.
- 10 years age relaxation in the upper age limit of persons with disabilities for entering into government service.

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) working under Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education has also taken the following steps for the rehabilitation of disabled during the current financial year 2009-10:

- (i) An amount of Rs.48.909 million has been provided to 4,658 disabled persons as financial assistance.
- (ii) 212 disabled persons have been provided hearing aids worth Rs.2.695 million.
- (iii) No. of wheel chairs provided 6000.
- (iv) No. of tricycles provided 1000.
- (v) No. of white canes provided 93.
- (vi) Rs. 10,000/- to families having one disabled person.
- (vii) Rs. 25,000/- to families having two disabled persons.

95. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Medical Centers are being established by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall in the country for treatment of Hepatitis disease;*

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

(c) *the total expenditure involved therein alongwith the source thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) No centre is being established by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) in the country for treatment of Hepatitis disease.

(b) Nil.

(c) Nil.

96. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the total amount of community welfare funds collected by Pakistani Missions in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Behrain, Kuwait, Spain and Masqat during the last five years alongwith the utilization; and*

(b) *the total number of said fund?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi): The total amount of community welfare funds collected/utilized by Pakistani Mission in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Spain and Masqat is attached as Annex "A".

(b) The total number of said fund in rupees of the above missions is as under:

S. No.	Mission	Available Fund
1.	Doha	31,850,868
2.	Bahrain	5,511,166
3.	Madrid	155,896.57 (Euros)
4.	Barcelona	3,778,679.13
5.	Muscat	30,228,919.77
6.	Abu Dhabi	78,993,238
7.	Kuwait	59,000,000 (approx.)

Annexure-A					
S/ No.	Mission	Year	Income (in Rupee)	Expenditure (in Rupee)	Remarks
1	Dubai	2004-09	124,566,715.04	57,353,702.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary of Consular Assistants. • Financial assistance of destitute Pakistanis. • Purchase of new chairs for the consular Hall.
2	Abu Dhabi	2005-09	69,208,727	95,116,028	
3	Doha	2005-09	16,695,736	11,489,189	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rs.2,146,270 were sent to Parep Dakar. • Purchased a bus for PEC.
4	Bahrain	2005-09	3,292,454	24,620,383	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Pakistan Embassy Complex. • Salary of 2x Consular Assistants. • Financial assistance of destitute Pakistanis.
5	Kuwait	2005-09	31,739,979.55	58,373,618.79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee of Lawyer hired for Pakistan Community • Pay of consular clerk. • Repatriation of destitute Pakistanis.
6	Madrid	2004-09	23,382,757.65	25,764,242.58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation of dead bodies. • Pay of consular clerks. • Pay of security guards. • TA/DA for consular visits • Purchase of computers/ Printing of consular receipts.
a)	Barcelona	2007-todate	8,277,839.28	4,608,137.33	Mission was established in 2007
7	Muscat	2005-09	44,172,540.73	35,800,217.07	Loan given/ refunded from Parep Bahrain/ Imprest.

21. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of maize in the country at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to enhance the production of maize to meet the said shortage?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):

(a) The target for maize crop 2009-10 was fixed at 3.414 million tons. Against the target, the production of maize is estimated at 3.477 million tons, showing an increase of 2% over the set target.

(000 Tons)

Province	Target	Estimate
Punjab	2530	2717.0
Sindh	2	1.9
NWFP	876	752.2
Balochistan	6	5.9
Pakistan	3414	3476.9

- (b) The following steps are being taken to enhance the production of maize.
- (i) To increase maize production hybrid seed varieties are promoted which on average gives about 7 tons per hectare yield compared to 2 tons per hectare yield from conventional varieties.
- (ii) Provincial Agriculture Extension Departments educate the farmers at local level as well as through electronic and print media regarding good agricultural practices for increasing production of maize.
- (iii) Ensure timely availability of inputs like seed, fertilizer and pesticides / herbicides. The supply of agriculture credit is also ensured.
- (iv) The farmers are also advised for judicious use of water and micro management of irrigation water at local level by Irrigation and Agriculture Departments.

22. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that a USA delegate visited Pakistan during March, 2010 for developing mutual cooperation to curb terrorism and to assist Pakistan to overcome energy crises in the country;*

(b) *if so, salient features of the said cooperation agreed to?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) and (b) A number of US delegations visited Islamabad in March, 2010 including US officials as well as Congressional delegations. During the visits a broad range of issues of bilateral interest came under discussion. However, no formal agreement on energy or cooperation to curb terrorism was signed between the two countries.

23. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to manufacture railway engines and coaches in the country during the current calendar year, 2010;*

(b) *if so, the time by which the production of those engines and coaches will be started?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) There is no proposal to manufacture railway engines and coaches in the country during the calendar year 2010.

(b) -do-.

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

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state the total amount spent on Population Control Programmes during the last two years alongwith the results achieved therefrom?

Minister for Population Welfare (Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan): The detail of amount spent for the last two years i.e. 2007-2009 is given below:—

(Rupees in Billion)

Years	Allocation	Release	Expenditure
2007-08	4.33	3.53	3.60*
2008-09	4.32	2.61	3.26
Total	8.65	6.14	6.86*

The Physical targets and achievements of the Ministry for the financial years 2007-08 & 2008-09 are at **Annexure-I**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

*the expenditure over and above releases/allocations was incurred from the unspent balances available with the provinces.

25. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India has been included in the Afghan Transit Trade Agreement recently; if so, the justification thereof?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi): Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement currently under negotiation is a bilateral agreement between Afghanistan and Pakistan. India or no other country is a party to this agreement.

26. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken to highlight the Pakistan stance on the human rights violation committed by Indian forces in India occupied Kashmir during the year 2008 till date?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi): Pakistan remains concerned at the widespread human rights violations in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoK) and has persistently called for the revocation of the draconian laws applied in the state. Pakistan continues to raise its voice at international fora such as at the United Nations, OIC as well as at bilateral levels, for the Kashmir cause and highlight the human rights violations by Indian forces there. Following are some of the events where Pakistan highlighted the Human Rights violations since 2008.

Efforts/activities in 2008

- Kashmir Solidarity Day was commemorated throughout Pakistan and by our Missions abroad on 5 February 2008 to express our solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and to highlight their plight under Indian occupation.
- 35th Session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) was held in Kampala, Uganda in June 2008. The Foreign Minister, addressing the session, said that Pakistan remains deeply concerned over the widespread and continued human rights violations in IoK.
- The OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir met on the sidelines of the 35th session of CFM held in Kampala, Uganda on 18 June 2008. The OIC Secretary General reaffirmed OIC's commitment to the Kashmir struggle and stressed the need to achieve a just and peaceful resolution of the long standing issue.
- Pakistan's Permanent Mission in Geneva participated in the deliberations of United Nations Human Rights Council sessions held in Geneva in March, June & September 2008. Through statements on relevant agenda points, Pakistan's Permanent Representative highlighted the continued human rights violations by Indian security forces in IoK in all these sessions.
- An indigenous uprising started in IoK in September 2008 because of the Amarnath Shrine land dispute. Pakistan expressed its deep concern over the human rights violations and excessive use of force by the Indian forces against the unarmed civilians in an effort to quell the indigenous uprising in IoK.
- The OIC Contact Group met in New York in September 2008 on the sidelines of 63rd session of UNGA. Pakistan condemned the use of force by Indian forces in IoK and reiterated its call for cessation of all human rights violations there.
- The Kashmir Black Day was commemorated on 27 October 2008 inside Pakistan and abroad, to protest on the landing of Indian soldiers on Srinagar airport this day in 1947. Various activities were organized, inter alia, highlighting human rights violations by the Indian forces in IoK.

Efforts/Activities in 2009

- Kashmir Solidarity Day was commemorated throughout Pakistan and by our Missions abroad on 5 February 2009 to express solidarity with the Kashmiri people and to highlight the plight of the people under Indian occupation.
- Pakistan's Permanent Mission in Geneva participated in the deliberations of United Nations Human Rights Council sessions held in Geneva in March 2009. Through statements on relevant agenda points, Pakistan's Permanent Representative highlighted the human rights violations by Indian security forces in IoK.
- At the 36th Session of CFM in Damascus from 23-25 May 2009 our delegation was led by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs where a resolution was passed expressing the concern of OIC at the "indiscriminate use" of force and "gross violation" of human rights committed in Indian Occupied Kashmir.
- The OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir met on the sidelines of the 36th session of Council of Foreign Ministers wherein we highlighted the atrocities committed by Indian Forces in Indian Occupied Kashmir.
- Pakistan's Permanent Mission in Geneva participated in the deliberations of United Nations Human Rights Council sessions held in Geneva in June and September 2009. Through statements on relevant agenda points and the reports, the Permanent Representative highlighted the human rights violations by Indian security forces in these sessions.
- The OIC Contact Group on Kashmir again met in New York on 28 September 2009 on the sidelines of 64th session of UNGA. As in the past, Pakistan condemned the use of force by Indian security forces in Indian Occupied Kashmir. In this regard, the Foreign Minister referred to the brutal murder of two innocent women in Shopian in May 2009. In his statement, Chairman APHC Mirwaiz Muhammad Umer Farooq, as True Representative of the Kashmiri People, briefed the meeting of the latest situation in IoK.
- The Government of Pakistan commemorated Kashmir Black Day on 27 October 2009. Various activities were planned to commemorate the day abroad by our missions.

- This Ministry facilitated the visits of the Parliamentary Special Committee on Kashmir to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar, UK and Bahrain. The Parliamentarians, during their interaction apprised the leadership of the host governments the need to resolve Kashmir issue in accordance with the UN Resolutions and as per the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

Efforts/Activities in 2010

- Kashmir Solidarity Day was commemorated on 5 February 2010 throughout Pakistan and abroad. In their activities our Missions abroad highlighted the atrocities committed by Indian security forces against the innocent Kashmiris.
- In the United Nations, during the general debate in the 4th Committee (Special Political and Decolonization), Pakistan's Permanent Mission highlighted that a peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute was imperative for durable peace, stability and progress in the South Asia.
- Pakistan's Permanent Mission in Geneva participated in the deliberations of United Nations Human Rights Council sessions held in Geneva in March 2010.
- At Dushanbe, on 18-20 May 2010 during the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers, the Pakistan sponsored resolution was adopted on Jammu and Kashmir.
- The OIC Secretary General in his Report, to 37th session of CFM, on 'Political issues' highlighted the Kashmir issue. Among other things, he said "I have followed with concern the situation in Indian occupied Kashmir and consistently expressed my disappointment at the use of the force against Kashmiri people by the Indian forces".
- The OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir met on the sidelines of the 37 session of CFM in Dushanbe on 19 May 2010. The meeting was chaired by the OIC Secretary General. The meeting was attended by the Ministers of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia; and Advisor to the Government of Niger. In his statement, the Secretary General OIC once again reiterated the traditional support of the OIC for the Kashmiri cause.
- In his address to the Contact Group, our Minister of State for Foreign Affairs underscored the commitment of the people and the Government

of Pakistan to the Kashmir cause. He stressed that human rights violations in IoK are continuing and there is need to impress upon India to stop the violations.

- The leader of the True Representatives of the Kashmiri People apprised the above meeting on the situation in IoK. He highlighted the protests in IoK and use of force by Indian occupation forces against the innocent Kashmiris seeking their right to self determination.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that research is being carried out for introduction of new seed for increase of sugarcane crop; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the new seed of said crop will be introduced in the market?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):

(a) Research on sugarcane varieties development is being carried out both at Federal and Provincial level. Varieties in Pakistan are being developed by two ways i.e. direct introduction of the varieties under cultivation in different countries in the world or importing the fuzzi and developing varieties through a plant breeding process.

In this regard varieties CP-77-40, CP-44-33 which are currently being cultivated in Pakistan have been introduced from Florida, USA. While varieties Thatta-10, SPF-234, SPF-213, HSF-240, NSF-242, SPSG-26 etc have been developed from the imported fuzzi seeds. Recently seven (07) promising varieties of sugarcane have been imported from China and are being tested at National Sugarcane Research Institute (NSCRI), Thatta. These varieties includes salt tolerance and drought tolerance lines and a variety (ROC-22) which is under cultivation on 70% areas under sugarcane in China details is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) With the normal procedure it takes 5-8 years to develop a variety from fuzzi seeds but it is continuous process. PARC varieties HOTH-300, HOTH-127, HOTH-326 and variety CPF-246 from the provincial set up is ready to be released during 2010.

The seed multiplication of these varieties at research centers is already in progress and after their approval it will be given to the farmers for more multiplication of the seeds.

Annexure-I

Following seven sugarcane varieties have been introduced from Guangzhou Sugarcane Industry Research Institute, China.

- i. ROC-16 (high yield (120 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery 11.5%))
- ii. ROC-20 (high yield (140 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery 11.5%))
- iii. ROC-22 (high yield (150 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery = 12.0%))

This variety is being cultivated on 70% area under sugarcane in China.

- iv. YT-236 (high yield (170 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery = 13.0%))
- v. YT-53 (high yield (150 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery = 12.5%))
- vi. YT-55 (drought tolerant, high yield (150 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery — 12.0%))
- vii. ROC-1 (salt tolerant, high yield (110 t/ha), high sugar content (sugar recovery = 11.0%))

These varieties have been planted at National Sugar Crops Research Institute, Thatta for seed multiplication and testing.

28. ***Dr. Araish Kumar:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to conduct survey to assess the total number of drug addicts in the country;*
- (b) *whether rehabilitation centres will be established for those addicts in the light of said survey; and*
- (c) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Narcotics Control: (a) A proposal to conduct survey on drug addicts in the country is planned during FY 2010/2011.

(b) and (c) The treatment and rehabilitation is primarily a Provincial subject. However, Rehabilitation facilities are being extended by Ministry of Narcotics Control. Two Model Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers (MATRCs) at Islamabad and Quetta are already functional providing free treatment, food, boarding to drug addicts. Each is a 45 bedded facility. Till 31st March, 2010, MATRC Islamabad has treated 1802 drug addicts and MATRC Quetta 2495 drug addicts. ANF has also acquired a hospital building at Kalri, Karachi from the City district Government. This centre will be a State of the Art facility with 120 beds. Two Model Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation 'Centers (MATRC) are being proposed to be established in Peshawar and Lahore.

29. ***Dr. Araish Kumar:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to control child labour in the country;*
- (b) the total number of rehabilitation centres established for those children at present; and*
- (c) the total number of children presently living in those centres?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Under the Rules of Business 1973, the subject of child labour and legislation there about is the concern of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower. The Child labour is controlled under the Child Labour Employment Act, 1991. However the Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has made a significant contribution towards eradication of Child Labour and established National Centres for Rehabilitation of Child Labour (NCRCL) throughout the country since 1995 to:

- Wean away children from the hazardous child labour environment
- Impart primary education to them in conducive class room environment
- Afford opportunities for secondary and higher education to bring them into the mainstream of social milieu.

(b) PBM has established **159** Rehabilitation Centres for those children.

(c) Children are not living in these centres. These centres are school type without boarding. However, at present 16,819 children are studying in these centres.

30. ***Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the countries with whom Pakistan has passenger and commercial railway link at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to link railway services with other countries during the current calendar year; if so, the name of those countries?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) Pakistan has passenger and commercial rail links with India on the eastern and Iran on the western border.

(b) The inaugural run of the ECO container train Ex-Islamabad to Istanbul via Tehran on 14th August 2009 has provided an opportunity to establish rail links with Iran, Turkey and other ECO Member States.

Turkey would be starting the return train ex-Istanbul to Islamabad on 2nd August, 2010, to be followed by the regular freight train services from all the three countries.

31. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to formulate a uniform system for providing medical treatment in the Federal Government Hospitals in the country on the pattern of armed forces hospitals specially regarding checking the patients privately in the evening using infrastructure of the hospital;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) There is no proposal at present under consideration to formulate a uniform system for providing private medical treatment in the hospitals in the evening on the pattern of armed forces hospitals.

- (b) Not Applicable.

32. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish a Water Cell in the Ministry to take up the water dispute with India; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) *whether those regional countries of the area will also be taken on board in tackling the said issue through the Cell?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Water and Power is the focal Ministry on Water issue. That Ministry coordinates its actions with Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes an overview of the situation and takes action whenever required. For instance, action is taken on a relevant issue when approached by the Ministry of Water and Power, Indus Waters Commissioner or by the Indian side.

Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the South Asia Division deals with the Water issue.

As and when required, this Ministry can take up the Water issue with neighbouring countries bilaterally or through established mechanisms in consultation with Ministry of Water & Power.

33. ***Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Saudi Arabia will reconcile for resolving the disputed issues amongst India and Pakistan; if so, the names of those issues; and*
- (b) *the number of visits made by present Minister for Foreign Affairs to Saudi Arabia and the objects of each visit alongwith the expenditures incurred thereon, separately?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) On 1st March 2010, Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Shashi Tharoor, told reporters in Riyadh that “we feel Saudi Arabia has long and close relationship with Pakistan and that makes Saudis a more valuable interlocutor to us”. He was accompanying Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on a state visit to Saudi Arabia

(first in 28 years). Later, Tharoor clarified after criticism back home that he did not mean that Riyadh should be a mediator between India and Pakistan. “What I said was that Saudi Arabia was a valuable interlocutor for India. Any other interpretation was neither meant nor warranted”, he was quoted by media as stating (on 18 April 2010, Mr. Tharoor had a resign when his links with IPL scandal surfaced). It is important to note that India, as a matter of policy, is opposed to any international mediation on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pakistan enjoys friendly, fraternal and strategic relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The country enjoys respect in the comity of nations. It enjoys an important position in the region and is capable of playing a role in resolving disputes in the region. We will welcome role of Saudi Arabia in resolving the disputes between Pakistan and India. On the other hand, India has always expressed unwillingness to accept mediation of any third party in resolution of its bilateral disputes with Pakistan. It is premature to list the bilateral issues with India which Saudi Arabia can facilitate to resolving them.

(b) The details regarding visits to Saudi Arabia by Minister for Foreign Affairs along-with expenditure are as under:—

Date	Country	Purpose of visit	DA	Air Passage	Total Expenditure
			In Rs.	In Rs.	In Rs.
25-08-08	Saudi Arabia	Bilateral Visit	10,494	88,046	98,540
03-11-08	Saudi Arabia	Part of President's Entourage	8,533	51,540	60,073
April, 2010	Saudi Arabia	Bilateral Visit	The final bill has not been adjusted so far.		

The Foreign Minister paid the first ever visit to Saudi Arabia in August, 2008 after assuming office. The objective of the visit was to comprehensively review bilateral relations, exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. The Foreign Minister also had fruitful discussions with the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia His Royal Highness. This visit has helped to further advance our existing friendly and brotherly relations.

34. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the head-wise total amount incurred on “AIDs Control Programme” during the last two years in the country; and*
- (b) *the total number of patients who were given medical treatment under said Programme during the said period?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The head wise expenditure of AIDS Control Programme for the last two years is as under:

HEADS AS PER DFA	FOR THE YEAR 2007-2008					
	Federal	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	B/tan	AJK
Purchase of office equipment etc.	4 561	0	2 250	0	0	0.065
Drugs and Supplies.	42 169	0.743	0.042	0.019	4 089	0 150
Screening and diagnostic kits.	0	32.078	0	0.262	0	0.544
Consultant Services.	137.518	194 386	44 769	14 678	11 428	0
Training	4.932	0.02	0.707	0 707	0	6 298
Incremental staff and operating costs.	94.930	10.465	7.899	9 228	1.442	2 800
Total:	284.270	237.692	55.667	24.884	16.959	9.657

HEADS AS PER DFA	FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009					
	Federal	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	B/tan	AJK
Purchase of office equipment etc.	0.395	0.541	0	0.022	0	0
Drugs and Supplies.	3.650	1 577	0.358	0	0	0.119
Screening and diagnostic kits.	26 755	65 545	0	2.646	0	0
Consultant Services.	27.329	226 899	71 702	9 404	3 00	6 346
Training	1 325	0.235	1 251	0 458	0	0 116
Incremental staff and operating costs.	55.027	12.353	14 784	10 919	3 00	3 419
Total:	116.481	307.15	88.095	23.449	6.00	10.00

(b) One thousand three hundred eighty nine (1389) number of patients were given medical treatment in the last two years as per following details:

Year	Federal	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	B/tan	AJK
2007-08	123	151	21	112	19	0
2008-09	188	358	255	153	9	0
Total:	311	509	276	265	28	0

(b) One thousand three hundred eighty nine (1389) number of patients were given medical treatment in the last two years as per following details:

35. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise hospitals/centres where the medical treatment is provided to the patients under AIDs Control Programme; and*
- (b) *the total number of Doctors and staff presently working in those hospitals/centres under the said Programme alongwith the location of the postings?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The location wise hospitals/centres where the medical treatment is provided is as under:—

1. HIV Treatment and Care Centre, PIMS.
Islamabad
2. Mayo Hospital, Lahore
3. Services Hospital, Lahore
4. Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore
5. Jinnah Hospital, Lahore
6. DHQ Hospital, Sargodha
7. Civil Hospital, Karachi
8. Indus Hospital, Karachi
9. Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi
10. Larkana Hospital, Karachi
11. HIV Treatment Centre HIVIC, Peshawar
12. HIV Treatment Centre, Kohat
13. Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta

(b) Presently the following staff is working in the HIV Treatment Centres, Details are as under:—

S.#	Name of Centre	Presently Working	
		Doctors	Staff
1.	HIV Treatment and Care Centre, PIMS	03	06
2.	Mayo Hospital, Lahore	01	02
3.	Services Hospital, Lahore	02	02
4.	Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore	01	01
5.	Jinnah Hospital, Lahore	01	02
6.	DHQ Hospital, Sargodha	01	01
7.	Civil Hospital, Karachi	01	02
8.	Indus Hospital, Karachi	01	01
9.	Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi	03	01
10.	Larkana Hospital, Karachi	02	01
11.	HIV Treatment Centre HMC, Peshawar.	02	03
12.	HIV Treatment Centre, Kohat	01	01
13.	Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta.	02	02

36. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that shortage of food items in the agriculture sector has been registered for the last three years;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken since March, 2008 till date for promotion of agriculture sector in the country to enhance the food production adequately alongwith the incentives provided to the farmers for the said purpose?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):

There was shortage of wheat (the main staple food) during 2007-08 and 2008-9. However, during this period country had surplus of major food grains like rice and maize. Similarly, we had surplus supply of major pulses namely gram and mung during 2007-08 and 2008-09. In 2009-10 Country had surplus of wheat as a result of record production of 24.03 million tons in 2008-09. The production of other grains and major pulses also remained stable to cater for domestic requirements during 2009-10.

(b) The steps taken to promote agriculture sector in the country for enhancing food production alongwith incentives provided to farmers are summarized as follows:—

- (1) An attractive wheat crop Guaranteed Minimum Price (GMP) of Rs. 950/- per 40 k.g. was announced for 2008-09 crop which is also maintained for 2009-10 crop. The support price/indicative/reference mechanism has been extended to other major crops like rice, sugarcane, pulses and oil seeds crops.
- (2) In order to rationalized fertilizer prices in 2008-09 a support (subsidy) to the tune of Rs.27 billion was extended to farmers on DAP and Urea fertilizer. In 2009-10 on both urea and potassic fertilizer Government support is estimated about Rs.14.5 billion.
- (3) Small farmers' assistance by the launch of Benazir Tractor Scheme costing over Rs.4 billion during 2009-10. During this year (2009-10) framers were provided 10,000 tractors on reduced price. of Rs.200,000/- per tractor.
- (4) Implementation of agriculture credit loan insurance scheme to improve access of farmers to agricultural loans and to protect their investment.
- (5) For water conservation and efficient water use 64,578 water courses (out of total 86,000 water coerces) has been brick lined through National on Farm Water Management Programme.
- (6) Implementation of Crop Maxmization-(II) Programme in 1012 villages. This programme enables small farmers in adoption of tested techniques for boosting productivity and facilitate in starting income generating schemes through a revolving fund under Small Farmers Association at the village level.

37. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) the location-wise seed processing companies functioning in the country at present;*
- (b) the total quantity of seeds procured by those companies during the year, 2008-09 alongwith the name of crops thereof; and*
- (c) the requirement of seeds for the present season alongwith the name of crops thereof?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):

(a) Total seed companies public, private and multinational registered in Pakistan are 611 which comprises 518 Punjab, 59 Sindh, 18 NWFP and 07 in Balochistan. 04 Public sector and 05 multinational seed organizations are producing seed in the country. (Detail is at **Annex-I**).

(b) These seed agencies produced 368746.24 M.T. seed of wheat, cotton, paddy, maize, Barley, pulses, oilseeds, fodders, vegetables and potato during the year 2008-09. (Detail is at **Annex-II**).

(c) At present, the total seed requirement for cotton, paddy, maize, mung-bean, mash bean and vegetables is 114,460 MT. (Detail is at **Annex-III**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

38. ***Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

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

- (a) the target fixed by the Ministry for the procurement of wheat during the current season; and*
- (b) whether procurement has been started; if so, the province-wise detail thereof?*

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal):

(a) The ECC of the Cabinet in its meeting held on 06.10.2009 fixed the Public sector wheat procurement target 7.5 million tons for crop 2009-10.

Accordingly, following targets were fixed by MINFA in consultation with the Provincial Governments and PASSCO:—

PASSCO	:	1.6 million tons
Punjab	:	4.0 million tons
Sindh	:	1.5 million tons
NWFP	:	0.3 million tons
Baluchistan	:	0.1 million tons
Total	:	7.5 million tons

(b) Yes. Up to 30.05.2010 the procurement position is as follows:—

Punjab	3,700,629 ton.
Sindh	1,469,343 ton.
NWFP	84,400 ton.
Balochistan	48,802 ton.
PASSCO	1,092,550 ton.
Total	6,395,724 ton.

39. ***Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state;

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Liver, Heart and Kidney transplantation facilities are not available in the Federal Government Hospitals at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to provide the said facility in those Hospitals?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The Kidney transplant facility is available in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Islamabad and Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) Karachi. Heart transplant facility is not available in National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) Karachi. In so far it relates to liver and heart transplant, this facility is not available in any Federal Government Hospital.

(b) A proposal to start liver transplant in PIMS, Islamabad is under process.

40. ***Mr. Sher Mohammad Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a high speed/bullet train service from Peshawar to Karachi;*
- (b) if so, the present status of the said project alongwith the date when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): At present, there is no any proposal to introduce a high speed bullet train service from Peshawar to Karachi. However, a feasibility study was undertaken for high speed track for 250 km P.H from Lahore to Rawalpindi but case has not been processed further due to financial constraint.

(b) Nil.

ISLAMABAD:
The 3rd June, 2010.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Friday, the 4th June, 2010

(Originally Unstarred Question No.94, was set down for answer during the 22nd Session)

94. **Mr. Laiq Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of patients died in PIMS, Islamabad during the last five years alongwith their names and the names of the conducting Doctors/Professors of those patients;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that certain patients amongst them died due to the negligence of the Doctors of the said Hospital; if so, whether any inquiry was conducted in this regard; if so, the detail thereof; and*
- (c) whether any case against those Doctors has been sent up to the Court; if so, the name of those Doctors?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the notices have been issued to the persons who have the possession of railway land in the country;*
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide those persons alternate land; if not, the reason thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) Notices to all illegal occupants/encroachers have been issued by the respective Divisions of Pakistan Railways.

(b) There is no provision in the law to give alternate lands to the encroachers.

25. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the quantity of charas, opium, heroin and wine confiscated since March, 2008 till date alongwith the names of the places of recovery of the said narcotics; and*
- (b) *whether those narcotics have been destroyed; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Narcotics Control: (a) Details is attached as Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

(b) Durgs destroyed by burning on 25 June 2009:—

Heroin	=	210.510 Kgs.
Hashish	=	5981.000 Kgs.
Opium	=	227.710 Kgs.

26. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the locations of Anti Narcotics Offices in the country at present;*
- (b) *the designation-wise total number of employees presently working in the Ministry and its attached departments separately; and*
- (c) *the steps taken for control of narcotics during the last two fiscal years to date alongwith the results achieved thereof?*

Minister for Narcotics Control: (a) Detail of ANF offices in the country is as under:—

Sr. No.	Office	Location
1.	Headquarters Anti Narcotics Force.	Rawalpindi
2.	Regional Directorate Anti Narcotics Force(Northern Zone)	Rawalpindi
	Police Station(RD)	Rawalpindi
	Police Station -1	Rawalpindi
	Police Station	Attock
	Police Station	Gilgit
3.	Regional Directorate Anti Narcotics Force	Lahore
	Police Station	Lahore
	Police Station	Multan
	Police Station	Faisalabad
	Police Station	Sialkot
	Police Station	Mianwali
4.	Regional Directorate Anti Narcotics Force	Peshawar
	Police Station-I	Peshawar
	Police Station	Haripur
	Police Station	Kohat
	Police Station	D. I. Khan
5.	Regional Directorate Anti Narcotics Force	Karachi
	Police Station	Clifton Karachi
	Police Station-I	Gulshan-e-Iqbal Karachi
	Police Station-II	M A society Karachi
	Police Station	Hyderabad
	Police Station	Sukkur
	ANF Detachment	Port Qasim Karachi
	ANF Detachment	Kemari Port Karachi

Sr. No.	Office	Location
6.	Regional Directorate Anti Narcotics Force	Quetta
	Police Station	Quetta
	Police Station	Dalbandins
	Police Station	Turbat
	Police Station	Panjgur
	Police Station	Gawadar
	Police Station	Hub
	ANF Detachment	Chaman

(b) Detail is attached as Annex-A & B.

(c) Pakistan is a transit as well as victim country of Afghan opiates. Some of the steps taken to effectively counter narco-trade are highlighted as under:—

- a. *Establishment of Police Stations.*—ANF has established 25 police stations in the country, whereas 5 new police stations have been notified and will be established on availability of strength/ manpower.
- b. *Increase in Strength for ANF.*—Considering the acute shortage of manpower in ANF, Government has approved increase in strength of ANF to 3000. Induction is under process. In order to enhance the capacity of ANF personnel for effective narcotics checking, capacity-building courses at National and International level are being imparted.
- c. *Drug Supply and Demand Reduction.*—Drug Supply, Reduction and Drug Demand Reduction are the two strategies. In case of Drug Supply Reduction; every effort is made to stop the flow of Drugs in the country. Moreover, assets of drug traffickers (moveable and immovable) are seized, frozen, confiscated and then auctioned. Special measures are being taken to interdict the drug trafficking from Afghanistan to Pakistan.
- d. *Exceptional Interdiction Results.*—Pakistan is contributing significantly in international counter narcotics efforts and have achieved outstanding interdiction results over the last few years which is clear manifestation of country's commitment and resolve against the crime linked with international drug trafficking.

- e. *Seizures of Precursor.*—ANF is playing a vital role to interdict supply of Acetic Anhydride. From year 2008 till to-date, ANF made significant seizures of precursors in the world. A total of 41578 kgs have been seized including the biggest seizure of 15800 kg of Acetic Anhydride at Karachi on 21st March 2010. This is the biggest seizure ever made in the world.
- f. *Poppy Destruction Campaign.*—At present ANF troops have been tasked with assistance of FC and DCO to carry out destruction of poppy in cultivated areas in NWFP, Balochistan and Sindh.
- g. *Installation of Scanning Machines.*—Four IONSCAN Machines have been installed at Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and Karachi Airports to detect drugs. Additionally, two scanners for luggage checking one at Islamabad and other at Karachi Airports have been installed. Moreover, four x-ray machines have been procured from China, which are installed at Karachi, Lahore. Peshawar and Islamabad Airports to detect the passengers moving with ingested capsules.
- h. *Procurement of Canine Unit.*—Sniffing dogs are very useful aid for detection of drugs. Besides existing canine units with 29x dogs, five more sniffing dogs, especially trained from China have been distributed in all ANF Regional Directorates.
- i. *Enhancement in Reward Money.*—Mostly Narcotics seizures are carried out on the basis of information/intelligence. Informant's life is always endangered from drug mafia. Moreover the lives of raiding party are also on the risks during operations. In order to appreciate and encourage the informant as well as raiding party, reward money has been enhanced. Informants share has been raised from 1/3 to 50% of entitled reward money. Remaining 50% is given to raiding party and organization.
- j. *Mass Awareness Campaign.*—The usage is being controlled through Mass Awareness Programmes throughout the country and as well as through treatment and Rehabilitation. Three such centers at Rawalpindi, Quetta and Karachi are being run by ANF.
- k. *Establishment of IATF.*—Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) has been established for coordinated efforts recently to curb narco trade in the country. First meeting is scheduled in 2nd week of June 2010.
- l. *Inter Agency Cooperation.*—Coordination Meetings and Joint Training courses are being arranged to strengthen inter-agency cooperation in joint investigations, sharing of information, intelligence and evidence. In this regard, National Interdiction Committee (NIC) Meetings are regularly held under the chairmanship of Secretary MNC to discuss drugs related issues.

- m. *Preparation of ANF Policy.*—Draft of new Anti Narcotics Policy has been prepared which will be announced shortly after the approval of the Cabinet. The new policy envisages number of measures including for controlling the menace of the drug in the country, making drug free cities in each province and education institutions in each city.
- n. *Results Achieved.*—Detail of results achieved during two years is attached at Annex-C.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

27. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Ambassadors appointed in foreign missions during the year 2009-10 till-date alongwith the procedure and criteria adopted thereof; and*
- (b) *the present status of those Ambassadors?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) In the year 2009-10 till-date, 32 Career/ Non-career Ambassadors/High Commissioners have been appointed in Pakistan Missions abroad. The criteria followed in the appointment of career Ambassadors/ High Commissioners includes merit, seniority and professional competence.

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

(b) The detail of Career/ Non-career Ambassadors/High Commissioners appointed during the year 2009-2010 till-date are as follows:—

Appointment of Career Ambassador/High Commissioner

Sl. No.	Name of Ambassador	Country	Date of Posting	Date of Continuous posting
1.	Fauzia Nasreen (1973)	Canberra	28.11.2009	28.11.2009
2.	Noor M. Jadmani (1980)	Tokyo	26.01.2009	26.01.2009

Sl. No.	Name of Ambassador	Country	Date of Posting	Date of Continuous posting
3.	Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (1980)	The Hague	30.01.2009	30.01.2009
4.	Miangul Akbar Zeb (1979)	Ottawa	01.05.2009	01.05.2009
5.	Raana Rahim(1978)	Beirut	22.08.2009	22.08.2009
6.	Kausar Ahsan Iqbal (1976)	Sofia	22.08.2009	22.08.2009
7.	Khurshid Anwar (1978)	Vienna	01.09.2009	01.09.2009
8.	Shahid M.G. Kiani (1980)	Hanoi	08.10.2009	08.10.2009
9.	Masroor A. Junejo(1981)	Nairobi	01.12.2009	01.12.2009
10.	Iftekhhar Aziz (1984)	Kuwait	05.07.2009	05.07.2009
11.	Akhtar Ali Sulehri (1982)	Male	24.07.2009	24.07.2009
12.	Abdul Mateen Khan (1980)	Dakar	23.08.2009	23.08.2009
13.	M. Waheed-ul-Hasan (1982)	Tashkent	12.09.2009	12.09.2009
14.	Qasim Raza Muttaqi (1984)	Budapest	02.10.2009	02.10.2009
15.	Sohail Mahmood (1985)	Bangkok	20.10.2009	20.10.2009
16.	Mohsin Razi (1982)	Manila	28.10.2009	28.10.2009
17.	Syed Ibne Abbas (1983)	Wellington	16.01.2010	16.01.2010

Non-Career Ambassador/High Commissioner

Sl. No.	Name of Ambassador	Place of Posting	Date of Joining/ Further Extension	Date of Expiry of Contract/Remarks
1.	Nawabzada Amin Ullah Khan Raisani	Beirut Damascus (Syria)	08.08.2007 22.08.2009	21.08.2011

Sl. No.	Name of Ambassador	Place of Posting	Date of Joining/ Further Extension	Date of Expiry of Contract/Remarks
2.	Shaheen A. Gillani	Colombo (Sri Lanka)	15.01.2009	14.01.2010*
3.	M. Asghar Afridi	Doha (Qatar)	13.03.2010	12.03.2011*
4.	Maj. Gen. ® Ali Baz Khan	Jakarta (Indonesia)	21.03.2006 21.03.2008 21.03.2009	30.06.2009*
5.	Maj. Gen. ® Tahir Mehmood Qazi	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	09.01.2007 09.01.2009	08.01.2010
6.	Maj. Gen. ® Ghazanfar Ali Khan	Kyiv (Ukraine)	30.04.2007 30.04.2009 01.01.2010	31.05.2010
7.	Shahid Malik	New Delhi (India)	09.07.2007 09.07.2009 09.07.2010	08.07.2011
8.	Jamil Ahmed Khan	Tripoli (Libya)	17.04.2009 01.06.2009	16.04.2011 30.09.2010
9.	Shafkat Saeed	Paris (France)	01.10.2009	
10.	Gul Haneef	Lisbon (Portugal)	18.04.2009	17.04.2011
11.	Umar Khan Alisherzai	Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)	12.08.2009	24.10.2010
12.	Lt. Gen. (Retd) Sallah ud Din	Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam)	16.09.2009	15.09.2011
13.	Prof. Dr. Syed Khawaja Alqama	Sana'a (Yemen)	14.09.2009	13.09.2011
14.	Maj. Gen. (Retd) Asif Duraiz Akhtar	Abuja (Nigeria)	01.12.2009	30.11.2011
15.	Maj. Gen. (Retd) M. Siddique, High Commissioner	Port Louis (Mauritius)	21.03.2010	20.03.2012

* Relinquished charge at the expiry of the contract.

28. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that proper arrangements have not been made for the safe disposal of hospital waste in the Federal Government Hospitals at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) All Federal Government Hospitals in the country have arrangements for safe disposal of the hospital waste.

- (b) Not applicable.

29. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *the total amount of financial assistance granted to each registered local NGOs by the Ministry during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that plots have been allotted to those NGOs in the country;*
- (c) *the criteria adopted to conduct the audit of funds granted to those NGOs; and*
- (d) *whether registration of any NGO has been cancelled during the year 2009-10 till date; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) List of registered local NGOs to whom financial assistant was granted by the Ministry during the last three years is placed at Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

(b) This Ministry has no knowledge but has never recommended any NGO for allotment of plot.

(c) In term of para-206 (3) OF GFR Vol-I accounts of NGO's are not subjected to internal/external audit. Audit of the accounts of NGO's are conducted by chartered accountant and on the bases of audited statement and prior to release of next installment.

(d) Yes. The registration of Al-Muslim Welfare Association of Pakistan, Islamabad has been cancelled on the recommendation of National Assembly Standing Committee on Social Welfare and Special Education as the President of the society was the employ of National Council of Social Welfare working under Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education.

30. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a short fall of employees hailing from Sindh Rural in the Ministry and its attached departments, autonomous bodies and semi autonomous bodies at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to remove the said deficiency?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) There is no shortfall of employees from Sindh(R) in the Ministry of Health, its attached departments and autonomous bodies. Certain vacant posts from Sindh(R), and other provinces, do exist in PIMS, Islamabad, PMRC, Islamabad and JPMC, Karachi which is due to the fact that at one given time, 100% posts are seldom occupied or filled-in.

(b) There is a continuous process of employees leaving the jobs for one reason or the other and subsequently, these posts are advertised and filled-in according to the prescribed regional quota.

31. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees in Pakistan Railways at present; and*
- (b) *the traveling facilities admissible to railway employees at present?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) At present 85628 employees are working in Pakistan Railways.

(b) The travelling facilities admissible to Railway employees during service and after retirement are as under:—

(i) Officers in BS-17 and above and in service = Six sets of passes and equal number of Privilege Ticket Order per annum.

(ii) Officers Retired in BPS-17 and above.

S. No.	Length of Service	Set of passes	Set of PTOs.
1.	20 years service and less than 25 years.	2	2
2.	25 years service and less than 30 years	3	3
3.	30 years service and above.	4	4

(iii) Staff Serving in BS-01 to 16

S. No.	Length of Service	Set of passes	Set of PTOs.
1.	During 1st year of service.	Nil	Nil
2.	2nd to 5th year of service.	1	6
3.	6th to 15 years of service	2	6
4.	16th year of service and above.;	3	6

(iv) Staff Retired in BS-01 to 16

S. No.	Length of Service	Set of passes	Set of PTOs.
1.	20 years service if declared medically unfit	1	1
2.	25 years service and less than 30 years.	1	1
3.	30 years service and less than 35 years	2	2
4.	35 years service and above.	3	3
5.	Widows of deceased railway employees	1	Nil

It is further pointed out that 1/3rd of fare with full fuel adjustment is recovered from the families members of the Railway employees on Privilege Ticket Orders (PTOS). Moreover 10% of fare is also recovered from officers and retired employees on the each additional family member exceeding four.

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

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any propose, to enhance the medical facilities for patients in PIMS, FGSH, NIH and NIRM, Islamabad; if so, the detail thereof?

Reply not received.

33. **Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount incurred for provision of free of cost medical treatment to the kidney patients in the Government Hospitals during the last two years?

Reply not received.

34. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a school was established by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall at Naoshahro Feroze, Sindh; if so, the total number of students presently studying therein;*
- (b) *the total number of teachers and staff presently working in said school; and*
- (c) *the total amount of TA/DA granted to the present District Officer Bait-ul-Mall since his posting in Naeshahro Feroze?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Yes, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal established a school in Naoshahro Feroze, Sindh. 120 children (ex-child Labour) are presently studying therein.

(b) 2 teachers and 6 staff members are presently working in the said school.

(c) Rs.80,706/- as TA/DA has been granted to the present District Officer, Bait-ul-Mal since his posting in Naoshehro Feroze.

35. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the year-wise total expenditure incurred on local purchase of medicines P.O.L and telephone incurred by the Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad during the last three years?

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The total expenditure incurred during the last three years is as under:—

Year	LP of Medicines	P.O.L	T.Phone
2006-07	33.950M	4.125M	4.100 M
2007-08	43.280 M	4.365 M	5.000 M
2008-09	42.596 M	4.665 M	4.500 M

36. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the head-wise tote; amount incurred on the maintenance, beautification and repair of railway bogies and locomotives since March, 2008 till date?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): The amounts incurred on the maintenance, beautification and repair of railways bogies and locomotives from March, 2008 to March, 2010 were as under:—

(Rs. in Million)

S. No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Bogies (Carriages)	2,609.386
2.	Locomotives	5,221.609
	Total	7,830.995

This expenditure also includes pay and allowances of concerned employees.

37. Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total amount of rent paid for those Pakistani embassies during the last three years till-date which are functioning in hired buildings abroad?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

The requisite information is as under:—

Major Head	2006-07 (Rs)	2007-08 (Rs)	2008-09 (Rs)
“A034- Occupancy Cost” (Office and Residential Buildings Rented)	1,306,927,384/-	1,473,466,341/-	1,863,421,442/-
G. Total	4,643,815,167/-		

* The expenditure includes Brokerage Charges, Insurance Charges VAT and Security Deposit (Refundable)

38. Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of Federal Government Hospitals in Islamabad at present; and*

- (b) *the names of the hospitals amongst them where proper equipments for the disposal of hospital waste are available at present?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) The names of Federal Government hospitals in Islamabad are as under:—

- (i) Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS).
(ii) *Federal Government Polyclinic, Islamabad.*
(iii) *National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad.*

(b) Federal Government Polyclinic and National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine have their own incinerators for disposal of hospital waste. Whereas the installation of incinerators in PIMS, Islamabad is in process at present. This hospital disposes of its waste through the incinerators at National Cleaner Production Centre Foundation, Morgah, Rawalpindi.

39. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the total number of official vehicles allowed to the present Secretary, Additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries of the Ministry;*
(b) *the names, model and horse power of each engine capacity of vehicle separately; and*
(c) *the head-wise total amount incurred on maintenance and repair of each vehicle during the last two years?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) One vehicle each is allowed to Secretary, Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary in the Ministry.

(b) S. No.	Name of Vehicle Model Officer No	Capacity		
1.	Secretary	GE-776	Toyota Corolla 2006	1300 CC
2.	Additional Secretary	IDN-4202	Toyota Corolla 2003	1300 CC
3.	Joint Secretary	IDG-3618	Toyota Corolla 1994	1300 CC *

* The Officer was allowed 1300cc car due to non-availability of 1000cc car as per his entitlement. Any how presently 1000cc car is in officer's use.

(c) Vehicle No.	Expenditure (amount in Rs.)			
	Fuel		Maintenance	
	2007-08	2008-09	2007-08	2008-09
GE-776	233,002	265,832	133,422	160,206
IDN-4202	189,224	315,788	279,079	128,594
IDG-3618	61,423	220,156	166,962	145,527
Total	483,649	801,776	579,463	434,327

40. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the year-wise total quantity of alcohol/liquor and opium seized by ANF in the country during the last five years?

Minister for Narcotics Control: The ANF does not interdict liquor as it does not fall under CNS Act. However, sometimes during the search for narcotics, liquor is also found in that case liquor is handed over to the police/customs for investigation/registration of the case. If liquor is found with other narcotics then the case is registered by the ANF under CNS Act for narcotics and Prohibition Order 1979 for liquor. Total quantity of liquor and opium seized by ANF during last five years is as follows:—

Year	Quantity of Opium Seized	Quantity of Liquor Seized
2005	3654.810	17047 Bottles
2006	6331.430	3458 Bottles
2007	10219.165	296 Bottles and 8xTin Beer
2008	14783.680	315 Bottles, 455 liters and 16x canes Beer.
2009	7129.437	387 Bottles, 28.370 liters and 189x cuppies

41. **Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Railway Section from Narowal to Chak Amro has been closed; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said route will be restored?*

Reply not received.

42. **Mr. Sher Mohammad Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Parliamentarians and their dependants are entitled to get medical treatment in government hospitals and from abroad;*
- (b) *if so, the prescribed procedure for availing of said facility?*

Minister for Health (Makhdoom Shahab-ud-Din): (a) Whereas, the sitting parliamentarians and their dependents are entitled to get medical treatment in government hospitals; they are not entitled for medical treatment abroad as a right.

(b) All the sitting parliamentarians and their dependents can directly approach the indoor / out door medical treatment facilities of all Federal Government hospitals and avail free medical treatment, medicines and test etc. available there.

ISLAMABAD:
The 3rd June, 2010.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.