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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Monday, the 10th November, 2008

*(Originally Starred Question No. 256 was set down for Answer during
6th Session)*

256. ***Engineer Khuram Dastgir Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay at present alongwith their names addresses and detention period;*
- (b) the steps taken for provision of legal assistance to those detainees; and*
- (c) the total number of detainees amongst them whose cases are under legal trial at present?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) As per the U.S. authorities, following 6 Pakistanis are presently detained at Guantanamo Bay:

1. Hafez Qari Mohammed Saad Iqbal Madni
at Guantanamo Bay since July 2002.
2. Saifullah A. Paracha
Arrived in Guantanamo Bay in September 2004.
3. Abdul Rabbani Abd Al Rahim Abu Rahman
Arrived in Guantanamo Bay in September 2004.
4. Mohammad Ahmad Ghulam Rabbani
Arrived in Guantanamo Bay in September 2004.

5. Majid Khan

The State Department could not give a date as to when he was brought to Guantanamo Bay.

6. Ammar Al Baluchi

Arrived at Guantanamo Bay in September 2006.

(b) The Government has been and remains engaged in efforts at the political and diplomatic levels to seek early repatriation of all Pakistani detainees at Guantanamo Bay as well as to ensure that the detainees are well looked after, are provided with necessary facilities including medical treatment and are not mistreated.

- The matter is regularly taken up with the U.S. side both at the political and diplomatic levels.
- The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Yousaf Raza Gillani, during his visit to the United States from 28-30 July 2008 conveyed to the U.S. side our concerns regarding delay in the return of the remaining Pakistani detainees at the Guantanamo Bay.
- Our inter-Ministerial teams have undertaken 3 visits in August 2002, April 2004 and August 2006 in connection with efforts to secure the repatriation of Pakistani detainees at Guantanamo Bay.
- During two consular visits to Guantanamo Bay in 2002 and 2006, our relevant officials also met Pakistani detainees.
- As a result of these efforts, 67 detainees have so far been repatriated to Pakistan from the Guantanamo Bay.
- According to the procedure devised by U.S. authorities, once a person is brought to Guantanamo Bay, a CSRT (Combatant Status Review Tribunal) is held to determine his status. If he is found to be an Enemy Combatant, he is detained in Guantanamo Bay.
- The U.S. Department of State approves detainees for transfer or release based on a system of Administrative Review Boards (ARB) which assess each detainee's threat level and intelligence value.
- Our Embassy in Washington has maintained regular contact with the Office of War Crimes issues, Department of State for seeking repatriation of the six Pakistani detainees.

- The Embassy has been told that all the six Pakistanis presently in Guantanamo Bay have gone through the CSRT process. None has been approved for transfer or release as yet.
- The U.S. Department of State has further conveyed to the Embassy that it keeps the Government of Pakistan’s requests for repatriation of the remaining Pakistani nationals detained at Guantanamo Bay under review and shares the desire of the Government of Pakistan for the transfer of the detainees promptly and does not wish to hold any one longer than necessary.

(c) According to the information provided to our Mission by the State Department, so far only Ammar Al Baluchi is put up for trial by the Military Commission.

1. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

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

- (a) *the total number of water management schemes launched in the country during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08; and*
- (b) *whether foreign technical/financial assistance was provided for those schemes; if so, the country-wise details thereof?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) 34,874 schemes for lining of watercourses under the project titled “National, Programme for improvement of Watercourses in Pakistan” were launched in the country during 2006-07 and 2007-08.

(b) Nil.

2. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of the official visits abroad made by the former Prime Minister during the period from 27-8-04 to 15-11-07 alongwith the countries visited;*
- (b) *the total amount incurred on each such visit; and*

- (c) *the names of the entourage of the visits alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a-c) The detail of visits made by the former prime Minister of Pakistan from 27th August, 2004 to 15th November, 2007 and expenditure incurred on each visit is attached as Annexure-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

3. *Deferred for answer an next Rota Day.*

4. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to starred Question No.51, replied on 13-8-08 and to state:

- (a) *the present status of the establishment of the said Commission;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that UNO has demanded fee for conducting investigation on the assassination of shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto; if so, the amount thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said investigation will be conducted?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) The Government of Pakistan has requested the UN Secretary General to establish an Independent Commission to investigate the assassination of shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. The mandate of the Commission is currently being worked out by our Permanent Representative in new York.

(b) The issue of funding has not yet been discussed between the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations Secretariat.

(c) The investigation will commence as soon as the Commission has been established.

5. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that every train is running late at present;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons for such delays; and*

(c) *the action taken against the responsible?*

Ministe for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) It may not be correct to suggest that trains are running late at present. During October 2008 the punctuality of intercity trains averaged 89% and the mail/express trains 67% respectively.

The punctuality of long lead express trains has seriously been affected due to the devastation caused in Karachi and Sukkur Divisions during post 27th December 07 riots.

(b) The following factors contribute to the late running of trains.

- (i) Closing down of 20 stations on the main line on Karachi and Sukkur Divisions due to severe damage caused during riots.
- (ii) 35 locomotives and 139 passenger coaches burnt/damaged.
- (iii) Complete destruction of the telecommunication system over the two divisions.
- (iv) Damage caused to track and bridges.
- (v) Besides, the infrastructure up-gradation *i.e* the track rehabilitation between Karachi – Kotri and doubling of track between Khanewal – Raiwind also affects train movement.

(c) The railway staff held responsible for causing avoidable delay or detention to trains is suitably taken up.

6. *Deferred for answer an next Rota Day.*

7. ***Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

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

- (a) *the amount of subsidy given on oil seeds crops to the farmers at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to enhance the said subsidy; if so, the detail thereof?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) At present, there is no direct subsidy given on oilseeds crops to the farmers. However, import of high yielding oilseed varieties that are resistant to biotec/abiotec stresses is free from any import duty.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration.

8. ***Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of land of Pakistan Railways presently held by illegal occupants;*

(b) *the steps taken to recover the said land; and*

(c) *location-wise total land of Pakistan Railways sold or given on lease during the year 2007-08 alongwith the rates thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) The Division-wise detail of land of Pakistan Railways presently held by illegal occupants is as under:—

Division	Commercial (Acres)	Agricultural (Acres)	Residential (Acres)	Total (Acres)
Peshawar	13.500	124.340	21.900	159.740
Rawalpindi	4.491	0	22.298	26.789
Lahore	30.910	901.880	192.200	1124.990
Workshop	1.341	0	36.533	37.874
Multan	1.57	137.67	30.03	169.270
Sukkur	6.362	5.914	247.175	259.450
Karachi	75.717	139,049	40.000	254.766
Quetta	30.966	31.290	337.992	400.248
CFi	3.756	0	0	3.756
Total	168.613	1340.143	928.128	2436,883

(b) Efforts are being made at Divisional as well as Headquarters level to vacate the encroachments/illegal occupation. The jurisdiction of Railway Police

has been extended on all the Railway lands for the purpose of removal of encroachment vide Ministry of Railways Notification dated 04-01-2008. Recently, after the notification, a vigorous campaign was launched and more than 384.619 Acres of land has been retrieved during the year 2007-08. To facilitate the anti-encroachments campaigns, deputation of a dedicated anti-encroachment Squad, fully equipped with necessary T&P at each Divisional Headquarter, is also being arranged.

(c) No Railway land sold out during the year 2007-08. However, the location-wise detail of total land of Pakistan Railways given on lease during the year 2007-08 along with rates thereof is enclosed as annexure-A, B & C.

Five Railway sites leased out by Marketing Directorate at different locations with a total area of land 17823 Sq. Yd. alongwith the rates during the year 2007-08 is attached as Annexure-D.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

9. ***Mrs. Fauzia Wahab:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to install line tracking system in the trains;*
- (b) if so, the benefits to be accrued therefrom; and*
- (c) the time by which the said project will be completed alongwith the total expenditures involved therein?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Yes Pakistan Railways is acquiring “On line Tracking” system sponsored by the Electronic Government Directorate (EGD) of Ministry of Information Technology Islamabad.

(b) **Benefits**

1. Upgrading manual train controlling into computerized form of monitoring.
2. Effective planning and plotting of “Path” of trains.
3. Increasing Line Capacity due to effective time management.

4. Tracking of all moving trains, Passenger & Freight.
5. Efficient train operation.
6. Reducing Locomotive detention at Terminals & Transit time.
7. Improving punctuality.
8. Provide timely information facilitating effective planning of operations.
9. Reduce excessive running time of freight trains, reduce operational cost and control fuel consumption.
10. System wise connectivity. The system would be extended at a later stage for Cargo Handling and Freight wagons.
11. Optimum Locomotive Utilization.
12. Improving Turn Round of wagons.

(c) The project will be completed during the current fiscal year 2008-09. Cost of project is Rs. 40 Million, which will be born by the Electronic Government Directorate (EGD) of the Ministry of Information Technology Islamabad.

10. ***Begum Ishrat Ashraf:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of meetings held between Pakistan and India during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 on construction of Wullar Barrage; and*
- (b) *the out come of those meetings?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) Wullar Barrage issue is one of the eight agenda items of Pakistan-India composite Dialogue. since 2004, the issue has been discussed in four meetings: 30 July 2004, 28-29 June 2005, 22-23 June 2006 and 30-31 August 2007 at the level of Secretary Water and Power.

(b) Both sides are continuing discussion with a view to finding a solution to the issue consistent with the provisions of Indus Water Treaty. Meanwhile, the construction activity on the barrage remains suspended.

11. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to lay new railway tracks alongside the neighbouring countries for passengers and for trade purposes;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Yes , there are two proposals under consideration for providing transit rail links, one with Afghanistan at Chaman-Spinbuldak border to connect Kandhar and the other is Pak-China rail link from Havelian to China border *via* Khunjrab or Mintaka Pass.

(b) (i) For Chaman Spinbuldak (Afghanistan bordering town) rail link PC-I at a cost of Rs. 417 million was sanctioned in June 2004 and the project was to be executed by M/s. Railcop. However, work could not be started due to non-issuance of NOC by Afghanistan Government. The revised cost of PC-I is now assessed as Rs. 943.00 million.

(ii) For Pak China Rail link Pre-feasibility Study has been completed through two consulting firms M/s. I.L.F of German- Austria and M/s. Donfang Electric Corporation (DEC) of China and following route has been recommended for detailed feasibility study.

Havelian-Abbotabad – Batagram-Thakot – Bridge- Besham – Pattan - Dasu-Chilas -Gilgit -Karimabad – Sost -Mintaka Pass. The length of this route is 662 km and tentative cost is US\$ 10.237 billion with construction period for 15 years.

12. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the production of cotton and maize has been decreased in the country during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the production of wheat has been increased during the said period;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons of shortage of wheat and flour in the country at present?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) During the last three years viz 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, total Cotton production in the country was 13.00, 12.85 and 11.66 Million Bales, respectively. It shows that cotton production in 2007-08 declined by 1.34 Million Bale (10.31%) compared to 2005-06.

(b) In case of Maize total country production during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 was 3.11, 3.12 and 3.30 Million Tons, respectively. It shows that maize production in 2007-08 increased by 0.19 Million Tons (6.11%) compared to 2005-06.

(c) Wheat production during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 was 21.3, 23.3 and 21.7 Million Tons, respectively. It shows that wheat production in 2007-08 increased by 0.40 Million Tons (1.88%) compared to 2005-06.

(d) There is no shortage of wheat and wheat flour in the country. However, wheat and flour prices in some areas are relatively higher.

13. ***Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of fertilizer in the country at present;*
- (b) *the impact of said shortage on the next crop of rice; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to combat the situation?*

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

(a) **DAP Fertilizer**

Sufficient quantity of DAP fertilizer is available to meet the requirement of Rabi season-2008. The detail is as under:—

- Requirement for October 2008- March. 2009- 820.000 tons Stock position on 1-10-2008- 650,000 tons
- Local production during October, 2008 to March. 2009- 330,000 tons

Total availability- 960.000 tons

Urea Fertilizer

- Requirement from October,08-January, 09- 2,350,000 tons
- Stock position on 1-10-2008- 72,000 tons
- Local production October. 08-January, 09 1,6117,000 ton.

(b) The rice crop is being harvested this year. Efforts will be made to ensure adequate supply of fertilizer at the time of sowing of rice crop next year.

(c) Steps taken to meet the shortfall of urea fertilize

- (a) A quantity of 92,000 tons was imported from Saudi Arabia during October, 2008.
- (b) Government has sanctioned US\$ 100 million for the import of urea. Approximately. 300,000 tons urea is expected to be imported by the end of November, 08 through TCP.
- (c) Still there would be a shortfall of approximately 3 Lacs tons up to January, 2009, of urea.
- (d) There is a visible stress on the availability of urea. This Ministry is striving hard to line up funds for 300,000 to 400,000 tons of urea to be imported in December.

14. *Mohammad Afzal Khokhar:

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

- (a) *the total production of cherry, blue berries and pineapple during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the year-wise, total area under cultivation of those fruits during the said period alongwith location thereof?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) Cherry, blue berries and pineapple are being grown on very small scale. The area and production data have not been reported by any province and hence is not published in any official books of statistics.

(b) The cultivation of cherry is confined to Balochistan and also being cultivated in Swat (NWFP) and Murree (Punjab) on very small scale.

- In NWFP, blue berries and pineapple are not cultivated hence the province has not reported any data in this regard. However, cherry plantation has been recently introduced by the Adaptive Research Programme in Upper Swat with farmers on about 05 acres. Similarly, cherry orchard in small pockets has been laid out at Kurram Agency on 20 acres which have come into bearing stage.
- In Sindh cherry, blue berries and pineapple are not cultivated hence no official statistical data is available in respect of crop area and production.

15. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to replace/repair those railway tracks, wagons and railway bridges which have expired their life period at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Yes, Pakistan Railways has proposals to replace/repair those Railway tracks wagons and bridges which have out lived their useful life.

- (b) Pakistan Railways has taken the following steps in this regard;

A. Track Rehabilitation

PC-I, for track rehabilitation on Karachi Khanpur, Hyderabad-Mirpurkhas, Rohri-Sibi, Lodhran-Kasur and Sangla Hill-Wazirabad-sections amounting to Rs. 9405 Million has been sanctioned and the work is in progress on these sections. The following PC-Is are under process:—

- (i) PC-I for track rehabilitation by replacing 87 Kms metal sleepers on Lodhran-Shandara section amounting to Rs.1531.29 million.
- (ii) PC-I for track rehabilitation of Lodhran-Shahdara Bagh section other than 87 Kms of metal sleepers amounting to Rs. 10335 million.
- (iii) PC-I for rehabilitation of track on Shahdara-Lalamusa section amounting to Rs.3828.749 million.

- (iv) PC-I for track rehabilitaiton on Khanpur-Lodhran for an amount of Rs. 6603 million

B. Wagons

- (i) A PC-I amounting to Rs. 5870 million for procurement / manufacturing of 1300 High Capacity Wagons was approved by ECNEC on 27-09-2003 and manufacturing of these wagons has already been started. Manufacturing of 1200 wagons has been completed and remaining 100 are well in progress.
- (ii) A PC-I amounting to Rs. 1918 million for procurement of 300 wagons has been approved by ECNEC on 06-02-2008 and procurement is under process.
- (iii) A PC-I amounting to Rs. 4589 million for procurement/manufacturing of 530 High Capacity wagons has also been prepared and under consideration in the Planning Commission, However, tender for procurement/ manufacturing of these wagons has been processed to minimize the time.

C. Railway Bridge

Project for rehabilitation of 159 bridges at the cost of Rs. 412.00 million is in progress which will be completed on 2010-11 and comprehensive plan is being prepared for rehabilitation of 4412 Nos. overage bridges to be rehabilitated during next 10 years at an approximate cost of Rs.17,373 million.

16. *Mr. Javed Iqbal Warriach:

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the increase made in the prices of life saving drugs during the year 2007-08; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government to control the increase in the prices of medicines in the country?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): Prices of drugs are controlled by the Federal Government under Section 12 of the Drugs Act 1976.

(a) Since December 2001, no across the board price increase has been allowed to Pharmaceutical Industry. However justified hardships cases were considered during this period in 2007-08 are as under:—

Polyfax Eye Ointment: Rs. 10.00/4gm and Rs. 15.00/6gm

Woodward Gripe Water: Rs. 22.00/150ml Syrup.

Disprin Tablets: Rs. 0.70/1's

Disprol Tablets: Rs. 0.70/1's

Rhinosone Nasal Spray: Rs. 32.00/15ml

Jetepar: Rs. 20.00/10ml (Injection) and Rs. 90.00/112ml (Syrup)

Remisole Expectorant: Rs. 15.00/60ml, Rs. 23.00/120ml and Rs. 50.00/450ml.

Morphine : Rs. 15.00/1's (15mg Injection)

Morphine : Rs. 20.00/1's (30mg SR tablets)

Pethidine 100mg Injection: Rs. 15.00/1's

The above price increase has been allowed on the basis of following reasons:

- (i) Costs of inputs such as prices of raw materials has increased.
- (ii) The drugs were continuously reported to be in short supply.
- (iii) The prices of these drugs are higher in neighbouring countries than the increased prices.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Federal Government to control the increase in prices of the drugs.

(i) To discourage discrimination in the prices of drugs, the Federal Government has adopted a uniform price mechanism for both imported/locally produced products to encourage the local industry to increase production of the said drugs. Accordingly, since April, 2004 uniform prices of all drugs registered in the country are fixed after considering all the facts and figure through an eight (8) member committee comprising of representation from all the Provinces, Ministry of finance and Pakistan Medical Association, etc. Pharma Industry, both national

and multinational has also representations in the said committee through their respective association *i.e.* PPMA and Pharma Bureau.

(ii) Ministry of Health keeps continuous watch on prices of drugs in the market to ensure the no Pharma company is selling its products above their fixed prices. In case any firm (manufacturer/ sale establishment) is found contravening the provisions of Drug Act, 1976 and the rules framed there under, is dealt accordingly as per codal provisions.

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

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that NIH has imported vaccine for rabies from Brazil;*
- (b) *whether the said vaccine has not been approved by WHO;*
- (c) *if so, the authority who approved the import of said vaccine?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) No bulk rabies vaccine for commercial purpose has been imported by NIH. However, a sample of 200 vials was received through import license to routinely test the vaccine.

(b) True.

(c) The above said vials were received through Drug Control Organization, Ministry of Health according to the prescribed procedure.

18. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Institutions established during the year, 2007-08 for the welfare of special children in the country;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to grant monthly scholarship/grant to those children; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to establish new institutions during the year, 2008-09 for the Welfare of special children; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) During 2007-08, the Ministry could not establish any special Education Center/Institution for the special children in the country.

(b) No proposal of grant of monthly scholarship/grant to the special children is under consideration.

(c) The Ministry, however, plans to establish new institutions through an umbrella project “National Programme on special Education”, during 2008-09. The project has not yet been approved by the appropriate forum.

19. ***Mr. Tariq Mehmood Bajwa:**

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

(a) *the year-wise production of potato and tomato registered in the country during the last three years; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the government to increase the production of the said vegetables and its storage capacity?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) The year-wise production of potato and tomato are as under;

Potato Production in Pakistan ('000' Ton)

Year	Punjab	Sindh	NWFP	Balochistan	Pakistan
2005-06	1389.6	2.6	134.2	41.5	1567.9
2006-07	2407.5	2.7	129.6	41.8	2581.6
2007-08	2766.7	2.5	118.3	31.7	2919.2

Tomato Production in Pakistan ('000' Ton)

2004-05	63.7	34.0	146.9	181.7	426.2
2005-06	64.6	48.3	161.6	193.6	468.1
2006-07	64.8	60.5	160.8	216.2	502.3

(b) Government has taken the following steps;

- Increased the targets of both area and production in consultation with provinces.

- Launched media campaign and effective transfer of technology.
- Duty free import of seed and machinery for mechanization of vegetables production and processing of vegetables.
- For value addition, promoted and helped private sector to establish a new potato processing plant.
- Establishment of four collection points and markets for fresh fruits and vegetables equipped with cold storage facilities, two each in Balochistan (Loralai & Khuzdar) and NWFP (Batkheela & Haripur)
- Policy for picking mark up to 6% on capital borrowed for cold storages.
- Duty free import of cold storage machinery and insulation panels.

20. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken during the year 2007-08 to eradicate polio and Aids in the country alongwith the results achieved thereof?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani):

POLIO

Several steps have been taken to eradicate Polio virus from the country. Some of them are enlisted below:—

1. EPI-Pakistan synchronized all campaigns 11 supplementary immunization activities with Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008. In 2007 9 SIAs including four polio immunization rounds have been conducted nation-wide immunizing 32 million children in each round. Five sub national immunization days targeting 15 million children in each round have also been conducted. A Special cross border vaccination campaign in NWFP/FATA was also conducted in 2007 wherein 1.2 million children were vaccinated at the Pakistan Afghanistan borders.

2. In 2008 three Nationwide Immunization campaigns have been conducted so far immunizing approximately 31 million children and five Special immunization campaigns targeting approximately 14-16 million children in the high risk districts of the country. Overall high vaccination coverage in campaigns sustained at country and provincial levels. The same was observed in the majority of districts.

3. A Technical Consultation on the situation in Sindh was held in June. The recommendations are being implemented.

4. Continued extensive efforts to achieve accessibility and limit refusals through intensified advocacy efforts with political and religious leaders and local social mobilization activities taking into consideration the local issues.

5. Immediate case response to confirmed cases through large mop-ups in response to appearance of the virus in newly infected districts, generally using mOPV. All five responses were conducted within two weeks of laboratory confirmation.

6. Improving quality of immunization, monitoring and evaluation of the SIAs through:—

- a. Mobilizing human resources from non participating districts during SNIDs and mop ups.
- b. Adopting finger marking as the only tool to assess the vaccination status of children.
- c. Expansion of market surveys.
- d. Assessment of the coverage by independent monitors.
- e. Extensive proactive engagement with the media resulting in an evident change from negative to positive media coverage.

7. Regular information sharing among all stakeholders including a daily report to the MoH on polio cases situation.

8. The surveillance system is reaching the international standards at national and provincial levels. However, field reviews and genetic analysis revealed sub-optimal performance in few districts and towns of Karachi. The surveillance system is supported by highly efficient reference regional polio laboratory.

9. A well targeted and locally appropriate communication strategy developed and implemented which has been by and large successful in arresting trends of growing number of refusals in number of areas and decreasing these in some areas.

21. ***Mrs. Asiya Nasir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state that:

- (a) *the total amount of funds allocated for Balochistan for National Aids Programme for the year 2008-09; and*
- (b) *the present status of the said programme?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) National Aids Control Programme has not allocated any funds for Balochistan during 2008-09. However, Provincial Government has directly received funds from WHO for Provincial Aids Control Programme and an amount of Rs. 10.000 million has been allocated for the current financial year 2008-09.

(b) The life of ongoing PC-I for National Aid control Programme as well as Provincial Aid control Programmes has expired on 30th June, 2008. The new PC-I have been submitted to the Planning commission for approval.

22. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps taken by the government to provide free medical treatment and medicine to the poor and deserving patients in federal government hospitals?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): The Federal Government is responsible to provide free medical treatment and medicines to the poor and deserving patients in the Federal Government Hospitals. In this regard the Federal Government hospitals are playing their role. These hospitals are funded by the Federal Government. During the financial year 2007-08 the following annual budget grant was allowed to the following hospitals:—

FGSH, Islamabad	Rs. 530.627 m
JPMC, Karachi	Rs. 716.999 m
NIRM, Islamabad	Rs. 10.200 m
PIMS, Islamabad	Rs. 1074.734 m

The following Grant-in-aid was received from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall:—

FGSH, Islamabad	Rs. 0.791 m
JPMC, Karachi	Rs. 1.767 m
NIRM, Islamabad	Rs. 1.523 m
PIMS, Islamabad	Rs. 42.320 m

The following Grant-in-aid was received from Zakat & Ushr:—

FGSH, Islamabad	Rs. 0.200 m
JPMC, Karachi	Rs. 4.200 m
NIRM, Islamabad	Rs. 1.000 m
PIMS, Islamabad	Rs. 15.000 m

The Federal Government Hospitals are providing free medicines and investigations like as X-Ray, Lab. Tests. and C.T. Scan and others in emergency department. These hospitals are also providing free medicines to the poor and deserving patient in the OPD Departments according to their formularies. Free dialysis services are also being provided to the poor and deserving patients.

23. ***Dr. Nahid Shahid Ali:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the medicines for hepatitis B & C are available in the Federal Government hospitals; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said medicine is not provided to the patients in those hospitals at present; if so, the reason thereof?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Yes. The Federal Govt hospitals have funds at their disposal for the procurement of medicines and biologicals, and has control on prioritizing these resources. Moreover in addition as per scope of the Hepatitis Prevention & Control program, limited provision for the registered eligible deserving poor Hepatitis B & C patients are being provided.

(b) No. Medicine to all the following four Federal Govt. Hospitals is provided to the registered eligible deserving poor patients under this Program, who are selected & registered on the recommendation of Viral Hepatitis Management Committee of the concerned hospitals based on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the Program.

S. # Name of Federal Government Hospital/ Institution

1. Shaikh Zayed, Lahore
2. JPMC Karachi
3. PIMS, Islamabad
4. FGSH, Islamabad

Furthermore, this provision is extended as an incentive to actualize health preventive and promotive interventions; and is an augmentation to the resources, available for this purpose in the Federal Govt. Hospitals, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and Zakat etc.

24. ***Imrana Saeed Jamil:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is shortage of fodder in Sindh; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the fodder is being exported to Dubai and Saudi-Arabia?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) Yes it is fact that there is shortage of fodder in Sindh province, because of the following reasons:

- There is no research institute or station working on fodder crops in the Agriculture Research system of the province.
- There is no infra structure for improved seed production of fodder crops.
- Shortage of irrigation water.

(b) Yes. Lucerne hay is being exported to Middle East by a Company “ALDHRAH”. The company wanted to plant Lucerne on 13500 acre in sindh but due to irrigation water shortage they planted only 800 acres lucerne and now they are planning to grow Lucerne for hay in Turbat (Balochistan).

25. ***Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of medicines whose price has been increased since March, 2008 till date alongwith the price thereof; and*
- (b) *the justification for the said increase?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): Prices of drugs are controlled by the Federal Government under Section 12 of the Drugs Act 1976.

(a) Since December 2001, no across the board price increase has been allowed to Pharmaceutical Industry. However justified hardships cases were considered and since March 2008 price increase has been allowed to only two (2) drugs (molecules) namely Morphine and Pethidine:—

Increased Prices are as under:—

Morphine Injection Rs. 15.00/1's (15mg)

Morphine SR tablets Rs. 20.00/1's (30mg)

Pethidine Injection: Rs. 15.00/1's (100mg).

(b) This price increase has been allowed to said drugs (molecules) because of the following reasons:—

- i. The drugs were continuously reported to be in short supply.
- ii. Morphine and Pethidine are narcotic analgesic drugs (Opioids) and they are strictly controlled and regulated by Narcotic and Excise department.
- iii. The drugs are produced in small quantity because they are only purchased by hospitals and are used under strict medical supervision.
- iv. They have limited use and are used only in critical painful conditions when sedation and analgesia are simultaneously required where other analgesic drugs fail to produce their beneficial effects.
- v. Costs of inputs such as prices of raw material, packaging material etc. have increased tremendously.
- vi. The production of these drugs requires a dedicated area which further increases the cost of production.
- vii. The prices of these drugs are higher in neighbouring countries than the increased prices.

26. ***Dr. Attiya Inayatullah:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken to implement the transplantation of Human Organs & tissues Ordinance, 2007;*

- (b) *the steps taken against those who were involved in illegal and un-authorized transplantation of Human Organs?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Regular meetings of the Monitoring Authority are being held with Health Minister in chair to ensure that the Ordinance is being implemented in true letter and spirit. All Hospitals/ Medical institutions which are performing 25 or more transplant surgeries have their own Evaluation committee which ensures that there is no violation of the Ordinance. All provinces have Provincial Evaluation Committees headed by Provincial Secretary health to monitor the implementation of the said Ordinance.

(b) Only one Hospital was reported to have undertaken unauthorized transplant operations. An inquiry Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Health, report is awaited.

27. ***Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the province-wise total number of Afghan Refugees presently residing in the country; and*
- (b) *the total number of said refugees presently residing in Karachi?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) Province-wise population of Afghan Refugees living in Pakistan as on 31-08-2008 is as under:—

Province.	Number of Camps	Camps Population	Outside Camp Population	Total (included 110,706 unregistered)
NWFP	30	697,307	317,013	1,014,320
Balochistan	12	217,005	376,783	593,788
Punjab/Islamabad	1	17,045	143,423	160,468
Sindh	—	—	82,008	82,008
AJK/NAs	—	—	13,079	13,079
Total	43	931,357	932,306	1,863,663

(b) A total number of 82,008 registered Afghan Refugees are presently residing in Karachi (as on 31st August, 2008).

28. ***Mrs. Anusha Rahman Khan Advocate:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the production of edible oil in the country has been decreased during the last three years;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the demand, supply and import of edible oil during the last three years;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the use of edible oil to bio-fuel has caused the increase in the prices of edible oil; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps taken by the Government to increase production of the said oil?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) The total availability of edible oil decreased by 2.8% in 2007-08 due to short fall in in-country production of cottonseed.

(b) The main reason for decrease is due to short fall in cottonseed production. The Edible Oil situation during last three years is as under:—

(Quantity in million ton)

Activity	2005-06 (Supply)	2006-07 (Supply)	2007-08 Provisional
Oil production (from local oilseed)	0.793	0.857	0.833
Oil imports	1.725	1.787	1.897
Oil (from imported Oilseeds)	0.387	0.463	0.326
Total Availability	2.905	3.107	3.056
Industrial use 10%	0.291	0.312	0.306
Edible oil requirement	2.614	2.796	2.750

(c) Yes! It has caused increase in the local/international market prices. The main reasons are as under:—

- Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed to use their export surpluses from palm oil stockpiles to use for bio-diesel as a part of the mechanism to boost the palm oil price.
- The European Union has set itself a target of increasing bio-fuel in energy consumption to 5.75% by 2010. Canola oil & seed already in use in their public sector transport.

(d) Government has taken the following steps:—

- (i) To enhance production, primarily Oilseed Board was set up in 1995-96.
- (ii) The area under canola cultivation has increased from 0.008 million acres (in 1995) to 0.402 million acres (in 2007-08). Sunflower area increased from 0.185 million acres to 1.2 million acres during this period.
- (iii) Private sector Industrial units have been encouraged to announce minimum procurement price of Sunflower and Canola, which motivates growers to increase area under these crops. During 2007-08, a minimum procurement price fixed by the Solvent Industry for Sunflower was Rs.1600/- per 40 kg. Last year procurement price for Sunflower was Rs.830/- per 40 kg.

Similarly for Canola crops 2007-08 minimum procurement price was Rs.1225/- per 40 kg. Whereas last year the price was Rs.750/- per 40 kg. Higher prices of oilseed crops fetched higher return to farmers, thus the area increased manifold.

- (iv) PODB has also entered into production technology of oilseed crops by producing Hybrids and Synthetic varieties of Canola and Sunflower.

To give further impetus to edible oil, diversified activities undertaken are as under:—

- (i) The Board entered into Plantation economy by introducing & launching oilpalm plantation on 2,260 acres in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan. This activity has also been extended to private sector farms.

- (ii) The Board has also established 955 acres Olive orchards in NWFP, Potohar and Balochistan. This includes 410 acres orchards in public sector and 545 acres orchards on private lands. About 6 million wild olive trees have been grafted with European type olive species for conversion into oil bearing species.
- (iii) Quality canola seed produced by the Board is being provided to growers at economical prices.
- (iv) A project for Sunflower promotion in D. I. Khan is under implementation by the Board.
- (v) Public awareness campaign for the promotion of oilseeds through electronic and print media are launched regularly at the onset of every sowino, seasons.

ISLAMABAD:
The 9th November, 2008.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Monday, the 10th November, 2008**

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 73, 84, 87, 93, 105, 106 and 108 were set down for answer during 6th Session)

73. Sheikh Waqqas Akram:

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of entourage of the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Saudi Arabia alongwith the expenditure incurred thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of entourage of the former Prime Ministers delegations during their visits to Saudi Arabia during the years from 2002 to 2007?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) & (b) Details showing expenditure incurred including Special Remittances, 30% DA, Chartered Flight Charges, Over Flying Charges, Gifts and Tips etc. for the recent visit and the period 2002—2007 are as under:—

S.No.	Country	Period 2002 to 2007	Total Member of Entourage	Total Expenditure Incurred in Pak. Rs.
1.	Saudi Arabia	30 th Dec- 2002 to 3 rd January 2003	33	14,444,383/-
2.	Saudi Arabia	21 st August 2003	39	11,245,028/-
3.	Saudi Arabia (France & Geneva also) .	7 th -12 th December 2003	37	34,332,139/-

4.	Saudi Arabia	23 rd -27 th May 2004	29	16,786,704/-
5.	Saudi Arabia	22 nd -25 th July 2004	44	15,301,363/-
6.	Saudi Arabia	6 th -8 th September 2004	49	11,402,534/-
7.	Saudi Arabia	18 th -20 th February 2005	43	22,169,971/-
8.	Saudi Arabia	6 th August 2005	34	6,877,553/-
9.	Saudi Arabia (Yemen also)	10 th -15 th December 2006	45	15,171,803/-
10.	Saudi Arabia	17 th -23 rd December 2007	19	1,319,000/-
11.	Saudi Arabia (Qatar & Yemen also)	30 th January to 3 rd February 2008	60	24,144,500/-

Prime Minister's recent visit to Saudi Arabia

S.No.	Country	Period	Total Member of Entourage	Total Expenditure Incurred in Pak. Rs.
12.	Saudi Arabia	6 th -8 th June 2008	80	1,667,725/-

84. Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to make the present contractual employees of Pakistan Railways permanent; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): Pakistan Railways has already regularized the services of 711 temporary lower grade employees working in different Divisions, having three years experience and requisite qualification after fulfilling the requirement as per rules.

87. **Mrs. Anusha Rahman Khan Advocate:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistani prisoners released by India during the last 2 years;*
- (b) *the total number of Indian prisoners released by Pakistan during the said period; and*
- (c) *the charges leveled against those prisoner?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) India had released 287 Pakistani prisoners in the last two years.

	2006	2007
Civilian Prisoners	79	61
Fishermen	89	58
Total:	168	119

(b) Pakistan had released 316 Indian prisoners in the last two years.

	2006	2007
Civilian Prisoners	39	34
Fishermen	143	100
Total:	182	134

(c) Most of these prisoners were arrested under Foreigners Act.

93. **Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of visits abroad undertaken by the Caretaker Foreign Minister and the present Foreign Minister after January, 2008; and*

- (b) *the total amount incurred thereupon alongwith the achievements gained thereof?*

Reply not received.

105. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether the minimum wage of Rs. 6000/- is also admissible to the employees of Railway Carriage Factory, Islamabad; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): The Carriage Factory Islamabad's employees are governed by the Government approved Basic Pay Scales Scheme. However, policy directive from Ministry of Finance on the subject is awaited.

106. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of permanent posts presently lying vacant in Purchase Branch of Carriage Factory, Islamabad alongwith their ranks grades;*
- (b) *the total number of TLA employees made permanent during the year, 2007-08 alongwith their length of service;*
- (c) *the name of employees working on Daily Wages/TLA Basis in Purchase Branch alongwith their ranks and service period;*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal to make the remaining daily wagers/ TLA employees of the said Branch permanent; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Presently no permanent post is lying vacant in Purchase Branch of Carriage Factory, Islamabad.

(b) The service of 65 TLA, Class-IV employees of Carriage Factory, Islamabad having 3 years service on 8-9-2007 have been regularized.

(c) Detailed attached at Annexure "A".

(d) This can be considered when permanent vacant posts will become available.

LIST OF T.L.A. STAFF PURCHASE BRANCH /CFI.

S.NO.	Name	Designation	Date of Appointment	BSP
1.	Muhammad Javed Iqbal	UDC	19.9.2003	BS-9
2.	Mr. Muhammad Haroon	UDC	30.11.2004	BS-9
3.	Mr. Qasir Abbas	UDC	03.02.2007	BS-9
4.	Mr. Muhammad Irshad	UDC	17.03.2007	BS-9
5.	Miss. Asiya	UDC	10.07.2007	BS-9
6.	Mr. Sherbaz Mazari	UDC	18.07.2007	BS-9
7.	Mrs. Jabina Bashir	UDC	21.06.2007	BS-9
8.	Mr. Ali Shan	UDC	28.07.2007	BS-9
9.	Mr. Muhammad Asif	LDC	23.11.2004	BS-7
10.	Mr. Abdul Rahim	LDC	13.04.2005	BS-7
11.	Mr. Zaheer Ahmed	LDC	14.10.2004	BS-7
12.	Mr. Muhammad Dilshad Khan	LDC	16.06.2006	BS-7
13.	Mr. Kaleem Ullah	Naib Qasid	08.09.2004	BS-2
14.	Mr. Riasat Khan	Naib Qasid	19.08.2006	BS-2

108. **Mrs. Bushra Gohar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of the official visit abroad made by the Prime Minister during the last four months;*
- (b) *the purpose and justification of those visits; and*
- (c) *the number of entourage of the visits alongwith the expenditure incurred thereupon?*

Reply not received.

1. Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.

2. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount of aid given by WHO and UNICEF for health sectors in District Gujranwala/Lahore during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names of areas/localities where the said amount was spent alongwith the heads under which the said aid was spent?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The funds amounting to Rs. 8.534 million were provided by WHO and UNICEF for health sector projects in District Gujranwala and Lahore during the last three years.

(b) The above aid was spent in the districts of Gujranwala and Lahore. Activity-wise detail of funds spent during last three years is annexed.

Annexure-A

**THE AMOUNT OF AIDS GIVEN BY UNICEF
FOR HEALTH SECTORS IN DISTRICT GUJRANWALA/LAHORE**

DISTRICT: GUJRANWALA

YEAR	ACTIVITIES							Total
	Social Mobilization (SM)	SM through CCSPs	SM & Communication - Measles Campaign	NIDS Trainings	Monthly Vaccinators Meetings at Tehsil Level	Monthly District EPI Acceleration Committee Mtgs	LHWs Training	
2006 (Jan-Dec)	90,000	-	-	977,885	418,560	-	512,400	1,998,845
2007 (Jan-Dec)	60,000	-	-	663,820	119,380	-	-	843,400
2008 (Jan-June)	30,000	-	605,000	331,910	212,160	9,000	-	1,188,070
Total	180,000	-	605,000	1,973,615	750,300	9,000	512,400	4,030,315

DISTRICT: LAHORE

YEAR	ACTIVITIES							Total
	Social Mobilization (SM)	SM through CCSPs	SM & Communication - Measles Campaign	NIDS Trainings	Monthly Vaccinators Meetings at Tehsil Level	Monthly District EPI Acceleration Committee Mtgs	LHWs Training	
2006 (Jan-Dec)	90,000	104,340	-	1,664,545	-	-	-	1,858,885
2007 (Jan-Dec)	60,000	61,920	-	1,128,220	-	-	-	1,250,140
2008 (Jan-June)	45,000	-	500,000	849,735	-	-	-	1,394,735
Total	195,000	166,260	500,000	3,642,500	-	-	-	4,503,760
GRAND TOTAL Gujranwala/Lahore	375,000	166,250	1,105,000	5,616,115	750,300	9,000	512,400	8,534,075

3. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Government has allocated Rs.497.5 million for production of hybrid vegetable seeds with the collaboration of private sectors;*
- (b) *if so, the progress made therein alongwith the names of those private companies and terms and conditions thereof?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazir Muhammad Gondal): (a) Yes it is a fact that Government of Pakistan has allocated rupees 497.5 million for the production of vegetable seed with collaboration of private sector. However hybrid vegetable seed production is one of the objectives of the project.

(b) The memorandum of understanding (MOU) was entered into between Facilitation Unit for Participatory Vegetable seed & Nursery Production Program (FUPVS&NPP) a development project of Government of Pakistan and Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA). This MOU is an agreement of mutual cooperation to assist FUPVS&NPP in developing vegetable seed and Nursery Production Project based on public private partnership for the development of participatory unit in the public / private sector. The advertisement was given in National Daily newspaper. In response to that advertisement 21 applications were received from all over Pakistan and Northern Areas. The applications thus received were scrutinized in collaboration with SMEDA officers. The physical verification of the infrastructures and relevant documents of companies was conducted by the project officers in collaboration with SMEDA officers. Identification of suitable private seed companies as partners, depending on the infrastructure, financial position, expertise/ experience, manpower and land, available machinery and other facilities. A meeting is scheduled to be held on 18-9-2008 at SMEDA office, Lahore for final recommendation of private partner to steering committee of MINFAL for approval. The terms of participation are Annexed.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

4. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and designation of doctors of the Federal Government Hospitals who are getting non-practicing allowance; and*
- (b) *the names of doctors of the Federal Government Hospitals who have been granted permission for private practice at present?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The names and designation of doctors who are getting non practicing allowance (NPA) may be seen at annexure given below :—

PIMS.	=	Annexure-I
FGSH	=	Annexure-II
NIRM	=	Annexure-III
T.B	=	Annexure-IV
JPMC	=	Annexure-V
NICH	=	Annexure-VI
NICVD	=	Annexure-VII
SZH LAHORE	=	Annexure-VIII

(b) All doctors who do not avail facility of NPA are allowed private medical practice.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

5. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of countries where Pakistan Embassies have been established and diplomatic staff posted at present; and*
- (b) *the names of the countries where Community Welfare Officers have been posted in those Embassies at present?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi): (a) The names of countries where Embassies/Consulates of Pakistan are functioning are given as below:—

I. AMBASSADOR LEVEL MISSIONS:

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Place of Mission
1.	Afghanistan	Kabul
2.	Algeria	Algiers
3.	Argentina	Buenos Aires
4.	Australia (H)*	Canberra
5.	Austria	Vienna
6.	Azerbaijan	Baku
7.	Bahrain	Bahrain
8.	Bangladesh (H)*	Dhaka
9.	Belgium	Brussels
10.	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Sarajevo
11.	Brazil	Brasilia
12.	Brunei Darussalam(H)*	Bander Sri Begawan
13.	Cambodia	Phnom Penh
14.	Canada (H)*	Ottawa
15.	Chile	Santiago
16.	China	Beijing
17.	Cuba	Havana
18.	Czech Republic	Prague
19.	Denmark	Copenhagen
20.	Egypt	Cairo
21.	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa
22.	France	Paris
23.	Germany	Berlin
24.	Greece	Athens
25.	Hungary	Budapest
26.	India(H)*	New Delhi
27.	Indonesia	Jakarta

28.	Iran	Tehran
29.	Iraq	Baghdad (Temporarily closed)
30.	Ireland	Dublin
31.	Italy	Rome
32.	Japan	Tokyo
33.	Jordan	Amman
34.	Kazakhstan	Almaty
35.	Kenya (H)*	Nairobi
36.	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Pyongyang
37.	Korea, Republic of	Seoul
38.	Kuwait	Kuwait
39.	Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek
40.	Lebanon	Beirut
41.	Libya	Tripoli
42.	Malaysia(H)*	Kuala Lumpur
43.	Maldives (H)*	Male
44.	Mauritius (H)*	Port Louis
45.	Mexico	Mexico City
46.	Morocco	Rabat
47.	Myanmar	Yangon
48.	Nepal	Kathmandu
49.	Netherlands	The Hague
50.	New Zealand	Wellington
51.	Nigeria (H)*	Abuja
52.	Norway	Oslo
53.	Oman	Muscat
54.	Philippines	Manila
55.	Poland	Warsaw
56.	Portugal	Lisbon
57.	Qatar	Doha
58.	Romania	Bucharest
59.	Russian Federation	Moscow
60.	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh

61.	Senegal	Dakar
62.	Serbia	Belgrade
63.	Singapore (H)*	Singapore
64.	South Africa (H)*	Pretoria
65.	Spain	Madrid
66.	Sri Lanka (H)*	Colombo
67.	Sudan	Khartoum
68.	Sweden	Stockholm
69.	Switzerland	Berne
70.	Switzerland (UN)	Geneva
71.	Syrian Arab Republic	Damascus
72.	Tajikistan	Dushanbe
73.	Thailand	Bangkok
74.	Tunisia Tunisia	Tunis Tunis
75.	Turkey	Ankara
76.	Turkmenistan	Asbghabat
77.	UAE	Abu Dhabi
78.	UK (H)*	London
79.	Ukraine	Kiev
80.	USA	Washington
81.	USA (UN New York)	New York
82.	Uzbekistan	Tashkent
83.	Vietnam	Hanoi
84.	Yemen	Sana'a
85.	Zimbabwe	Harare

(H)* High Commission

II. CHARGE d' AFFAIRES LEVEL MISSIONS

S.No.	Name of Country	Place of Mission
1.	Niger	Niamey

III. CONSULATE-GENERAL LEVEL MISSIONS

S.No.	Name of Country	Place of Mission
1.	Afghanistan	Jalalabad
2.	Afghanistan	Kandhar
3.	Afghanistan	Mazar-e-Sharif
4.	Afghanistan	Herat
5.	Canada	Toronto
6.	Canada	Vancouver
7.	China	Chengdu
8.	China	Guangzhou
9.	Germany	Frankfurt
10.	Italy	Milan
11.	India	Mumbai*
12.	UK	Manchester
13.	Saudi Arabia	Jeddah
14.	Spain*	Barcelona
15.	UAE	Dubai
16.	USA	New York
17.	USA	Los Angeles

Mission yet to be operationalized.

IV. CONSULATE LEVEL MISSIONS

S.No.	Name of Country	Place of Mission
1.	Iran	Zahidan
2.	Iran	Meshed
3.	UK	Bradford
4.	UK	Birmingham

5.	UK	Glasgow
6.	USA	Chicago
7.	USA	Houston

V. **CONSULATES GENERAL HEADED BY OTHER MINISTRIES**

S.No.	Name of Country	Place of Mission
1.	Australia	Sydney
2.	Canada	Montreal
3.	China	Shanghai
4.	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
5.	Turkey	Istanbul

(b) the names of countries where Community Welfare Officers have been posted are given as below:

S. No.	Name of the Mission	Country
1.	Abu Dhabi	UAE
2.	Bahrain	Bahrain
3.	Barcelona	Spain
4.	Doha	Qatar
5.	Dubai-I	UAE
6.	Dubai-II	UAE
7.	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia
8.	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia
9.	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
10.	Kuwait	Kuwait
11.	London	UK
12.	Manchester	UK
13.	Milan	Italy
14.	Muscat	Oman
15.	Oslo	Norway
16.	Riyadh-I	Saudi Arabia
17.	Riyadh-II	Saudi Arabia
18.	Seoul	South Korea
19.	Tripoli	Libya
20.	Toronto (Newly created) - Vacant	Canada
21.	New York (Newly created) - Vacant	USA

6. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ministry has donated buses/wagons to the Federal Government Schools/Colleges in Islamabad; if so, the total number of those vehicles provided during the last five years?

Minister for Women Development: Yes, the Ministry of Women Development has donated buses to Federal Government Schools/Colleges in Islamabad. Four buses were provided during the last five years.

7. **Malik Abrar Ahmed:**

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

- (a) the total number of private educational institutes recognized by Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council in the country at present; and*
- (b) the year-wise and head-wise total amount incurred by said council during the last three years?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) There is only one private veterinary educational institution in Pakistan namely "Baqai Veterinary College" which is operating under Baqai Medical University, Karachi. The Baqai Veterinary College is not yet recognized by Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC); however, its recognition is under process with PVMC.

(b) Based on the information furnished by PVMC, the year-wise and head-wise total amount incurred by said council during the last three years are as under:

Head of Accounts	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
	* Allocation	Expenditures	Allocation	Expenditures	Allocation	Expenditures
	3,268,000		3,330,772		3,641,796	
A-01- Employee related Expenses		1,866,633		1,910,000		1,769,923
A-032- Operating Expenses		1,141,161		1,250,500		1,564,763
A-039- General		96,312		----		191867
A-06- Transfer		18,871		2,500		39,753
A-09- Physical Assets		43,689		108,000		40,016
A-013- Repair & Maintenance		19,439		11,500		12936
B-01- Direct Taxes		19,123		22,500		22538
Total		3,205,228		3,315,000		3,641,796

* = Single line budget is allocated to PVMC thus savings are carried forward to next year.

8. **Molana Atta -ur- Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to lay railway track and establish a railway station in Dera Ismail Khan; if so, when it will be implemented?

Reply not received.

9. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Federal Government Medical Colleges for Women established in the country at present alongwith their locations;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that no Federal Government Medical College for Women has been established in Bahawalpur; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish said College in Bahawalpur and other main cities in the country; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) There is no Federal Government Medical College for Women in the country. It is added that all public sector medical colleges are established by the provincial governments. The two girls public sector medical colleges in Lahore and Nawabshah were established by the respective provincial governments.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that no Federal Government Medical College has been established in Bahawalpur; and

(c) As such, there is no proposal under consideration to establish said college in Bahawalpur or any where else.

10. **Mr. Iqbal Mohammad Ali Khan:**

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts of stenographers presently lying vacant in the Ministry alongwith the dates thereof;*

- (b) *the reasons for not filling up these posts and the time by which these posts will be filled up; and*
- (c) *the number of posts amongst them allocated for direct recruitment and for departmental promotion?*

Minister for Women Development: (a) One post of Stenographer is lying vacant *w.e.f.* 2nd August, 2007.

(b) The vacant post is to be filled by departmental promotion. Since the senior most Stenotypist was on deputation to Overseas Employment Corporation, therefore, it could not be filled. The Stenotypist has recently been repatriated to this Ministry. Now the vacant post will be filled shortly after completing all codal requirements.

(c) Since there is only one post vacant, that is meant for departmental promotion.

11. **Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

Will the Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to purchase peddy crop from the farmers this year; if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) Pakistan Agricultural Storage and Services Corporation Limited (PASSCO) has been asked to make arrangements for purchase of paddy during 2008 at the following minimum indicative price:—

Super Basmati	Rs. 1,500/40 Kg.
Basmati 385/2000	Rs. 1,250/40 Kg.
Irri-6	Rs. 700/40 Kg.

PASSCO has so far established purchase centers as per detail given below:—

PUNJAB.

<i>Zone</i>	<i>No. of purchase centers</i>
I. Lahore Sheikhpura	4
II. Daska	7
III. Mandi Bahaud Din	4
IV. Hafizabad	7
V. T.T.Singh	5

VI. Okara	5
VII. Sahiwal	4
VIII. Burewala	3
IX. Bahawal Naghar	6
X. Vehari	1
XI. Khanewal	1
XII. Multan	3

SINDH

<i>Zone</i>	<i>No. of purchase centers</i>
I. Hyderabad	4
II. Shikarpur	5
III. Larkana	7

BALUCHISTAN

<i>Zone</i>	<i>No. of purchase centers</i>
I. D.A. Yar	5
Total: 16 Zones	71 Projects

12. **Raja Muhammad Safdar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the total number of women whom financial assistance was provided by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the years 2003 to 2007; and*
- (b) *the total number of women amongst them whom financial assistance of rupee one lac and above was granted with justification thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) The total number of women whom financial assistance was provided by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the years 2003 to 2007 is as under:—

Year	No. of Women	(Rs. in Million)
2003-04	8,492	88.80
2004-05	12,017	139.33
2005-06	11,483	186.86
2006-07	8,171	147.73
2007-08	14,110	258.18
Total	54,273	820.91

(b) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal provides financial assistance of Rs. 100,000/- upto Rs. 300,000/- only in medical treatment through government hospital to deserving patients. The detail of women beneficiaries for medical treatment to whom financial assistance of rupees one lac and above was granted during last 5 years is as under:—

Year	No. of Women	(Rs. in Million)
2003-04	55	5.78
2004-05	61	6.71
2005-06	75	8.25
2006-07	88	9.24
2007-08	102	10.40
Total	381	40.38

13. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock be pleased to state the steps taken to reduce the price of wheat in the country?

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) This matter relates to the Provincial Governments however the Federal Government has taken the following steps to reduce/stabilize the prices of wheat in the country:—

- (i) In order to overcome the expected shortage of wheat in the country, Federal Government granted permission for import of 3.5 million tons of wheat out of which contracts for the import of 1.73 million tons have been made. Approximately 1.3 million tons wheat has arrived in the country while the remaining wheat will arrive shortly.
- (ii) Arrangements for import of wheat from USA on deferred payment are being finalised through US Embassy in Pakistan.
- (iii) Provinces started releasing wheat to the flour mills to stabilize prices of wheat flour in the country before the holy month of Ramzan and are still doing it.
- (iv) Wheat procured by the Pakistan Agriculture Supply and Storage Corporation has been dispatched to the deficit provinces to overcome the shortage.

- (v) Private sector has been encouraged to import wheat by removing customs duty on import of wheat.
- (vi) Adequate measures are being taken to stop the smuggling of wheat and wheat flour out of the country.
- (vii) Economic Monitoring Committee has been constituted by the Federal Government to monitor the prices of essential food items including wheat flour and to take necessary action to stabilize their price.

14. **Begum Ishrat Ashraf:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise administrative expenditure of the National Institute of Health, Islamabad incurred during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the heads of the said expenditure?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) and (b) Administrative expenditure of the National Institute of Health Islamabad for the last 3 years *i.e.* 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (Head Wise) is under:—

S. No.	Financial Year	Heads	Amount (Rs. In million)
1.	2005-06	Establishment Charges.	98.288
		Purchase of Durable Goods.	6.088
		Repair and Maintenance of Durable Goods.	4.121
		Commodities & Services	56.734
		Transfer Payment.	19.382
		TOTAL	184.613
2.	2006-07	Establishment Charges.	102.012
		Purchase of Durable Goods.	7.075
		Repair and Maintenance of Durable Goods.	3.885
		Commodities & Services	44.539
		Transfer Payment.	16.585
		TOTAL	174.096

	Establishment Charges.	117.493
	Purchase of Durable Goods.	3.743
	Repair and Maintenance of Durable	2.766
3.	2007-08 Goods.	
	Commodities & Services	48.576
	Transfer Payment.	23.026
TOTAL		195.604

15. **Dr. Donya Aziz:**

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state the names of owners/CEOs of the Media Agencies who have been given contract for media advocacy of the Ministry for the year 2008-09?

Minister for Population Welfare (Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan): For the period under reference i.e. 2008-09, the following 10 advertising agencies have been finalized and manage the design MoPW's fresh media campaign. The names of the owners/CEOs are also mentioned below:

S. No.	Name of Agencies	Owners/CEOs
1.	M/s. Adgroup (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Syed Asif Sala-Uddin
2.	M/s. Cosmos Productions (PVT) Ltd. Islamabad.	Mr. Rauf Khalid
3.	M/s. Erman Ad. Communications (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Hafiz Sarfraz Ahmed
4.	M/s. Ideas Workshop Communication Solution (PVT) LTD. Islamabad	Mr. Owais Hamid Khan
5.	M/s. M. Communication (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Mr. Sohail Kissatt
6.	M/s. Manhattan Pakistan (PVT) LTD, Islamabad.	Aizaz-Ul-Waheed
7.	M/s. Orient Advertising (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Syed Mahmood Hashmi
8.	M/s. Spectrum Communications (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Mr. Shahnoor Ahmed
9.	M/s. Thought (PVT) Islamabad.	Mr. Muhammad Naeem
10.	M/s. Ambient Communication (PVT) LTD. Islamabad.	Syed Abid Hassan (Owner) Syed Tanzeel Ali (CEO).

16. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to up-grade Koten-Habib Kot Railway track; and*
- (b) *the present status of plying new train between Larkana to Kotri?*

Minister for Railways Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour: (a) There is no such proposal under consideration for up-gradation of Kotri-Habibkot track at present.

(b) At present there is no programme to ply any new train between Larkana to Kotri.

However, following four pairs of trains are already plying between Larkana to Kotri which are catering to the traveling needs of the passengers not only between Larkana to Kotri but also between Karachi and Peshawar.

UP SIDE

S.#	Train No.	Train Name	Kotri Dep	Larkana Arr
1.	19-Up	Khushal Khattak Express	23:15	06:15
2.	165-Up	Qalandar Express	00:25	07:30
3.	309-Up	Kotri Mixed	06:00	14:30
4.	3-Up	Bolan Mail	18:45	01:00

DOWN SIDE

S.#	Train No.	Train Name	Larkana Dep	Kotri Arr
1.	310-Dn	Kotri Mixed	08:40	04:05
2.	20-Dn	Khushal Khattak Express	17:35	06:55

3.	4-Dn	Bolan Mail	00:20	16:45
4.	166-Dn	Qalandar Express	21:00	01:05

17. **Dr. Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to establish a regulatory authority for the rehabilitation of handicapped persons in the country; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): There is no proposal for establishment of regulatory authority for rehabilitation of handicapped persons in the country.

18. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Women Development be pleased to state whether any project for the welfare of women in Southern Punjab has been established; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Women Development: 1. Ministry of Women Development has established three Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women Centres, one each at Multan, Muzaffargarh and Bahawalpur during 2005-08. Main Objectives of the Centre is to protect the women from all kinds of violence against them. These Centres are providing temporary shelter, rehabilitation, free legal & medical aid, social & psychological counseling services. Upto June 2008, about 16,000 women were registered -for help in these Centres.

2. One District Resource Centre has been established at Multan in 2005. The basic objective of the project is to improve the working condition of women councilors. Under this project necessary furniture, computer and staff have been provided by the Ministry.

3. Three Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women Centres, one each at Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar & Layyah are proposed to be established in current financial year, provided the funds are allocated by the Finance Division.

19. Transferred to the Interior Division for answer on next Rota Day.

20. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a male staff has been deputed for carrying out ultrasound of women in the gynae department of PIMS at present; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to depute female staff in the said department; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Five hundred doctors are being trained for postgraduate qualification at PIMS. The postgraduated residents are posted in all the departments of teaching faculty including Radiology department. It is a requirement for a postgraduate trainee doctor in Radiology department (both male and female) to perform and learn to diagnose gynecological diseases. However, male doctors are carrying out ultrasound of women in the Gynae Department of Pakistan institute of Medical Sciences under the supervision of a female Senior Radiologist.

(b) Female Consultant Radiologist attend the patients for ultrasound in Gynae department on rotation basis while one Assistant Professor (Female) has been permanently posted to Radiology department of Gynae ward since 31st May, 2008.

21. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 17 vacant posts of UDCs (BPS-09) in the Ministry, were advertised in the press on 9-8-07 and written test was conducted on 16-12-07; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the number of those vacancies were reduced to 6; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the provincial allocation of those reduced posts?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi):

(a) The Ministry had advertised 17 vacant posts in the press on 09-09-2007 instead of 09-08-2007. The test for recruitment at Islamabad center was conducted on 16-12-2007. The Ministry in its advertisement clearly mentioned that the number of vacancies could be reduced/increased.

(b) At the time of advertisement only 06 clear vacancies were available. However, the 17 vacancies of UDCs were advertised on the presumption that 11 UDCs would be promoted to the rank of Assistant by the time of completion of the recruitment process. However, due to non-realization of promotion of 11 UDCs to the rank of Assistant because of legal complications (as the matter was subjudice in the FST), recruitment against only 06 actual vacancies was considered. The Provincial break-up of these vacancies is as under:—

Punjab	=	02
Sindh	=	02
NWFP	=	01
Balochistan	=	01

However, recruitment against the above 06 vacancies could not be made due to imposition of ban effective from 12th April, 2008. These vacancies have now been advertised afresh for recruitment.

22. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

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

- (a) *the location of Child Labour Schools established by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to upgrade those Schools up-to Class 10th?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has established National Centre(s) for Rehabilitation of Child Labour countrywide since 1995. Children (Male & Female) between the ages of 5-14 years are weaned away from hazardous labour, where they are provided free education, clothing, footwear and stipend as well as monthly subsistence allowance to their parents. Standard Strength of students in each centre is 120, who complete studies up to primary in 4 years. Presently, 17152 (approx) Children are benefiting from these centers. 12,955 students have passed out. 151 centres are running throughout the country. Province/Region wise detail is as under:

Province / Region	No. of centres
Punjab	66
Sindh	36

NWFP & FATA	25
Balochistan	14
ICT & AJK	10

Location of these centres alongwith addresses numbers is at Annex-A.

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

(b) As per policy, the centers to be upgraded in phases upto the Middle and then to Matric level on availability of the budget. Presently, PBM is facing budgetary constraints. 9910 students passed out from these centres have been admitted in Government schools for further education upto 8th class. Rs. 4100/- are released to each student annually, as per following details:—

(i) Education Stipend	:	Rs.1200/-
(ii) Purchase of books/stationery	:	Rs. 500/-
(iii) Parent subsistence allowance	:	Rs. 2400/-
Total:	:	Rs. 4100/-

After 8th class, the children desirous of continuing further studies are covered under PBM – IFA (Education) policy.

23. **Ch. Anwar Ali Cheema:**

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

- (a) *the province-wise total number of persons registered under the Food Stamp Programme of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that bogus names have been registered for the said programme; if so, the total number of those persons alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) The detail of province-wise total number of persons registered under Food Support Programme of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal at present is as under.

Province/Region	Quota (HHS)	Allocation (Rs. in million)
Punjab	1,013,400	3040.200
Sindh	402,000	1206.000

NWFP & FATA	384,600	1,153.800
Balochistan	97,800	293.400
ICT/ NAs /AJK	102,200	306.600
Total	2,000,000	6,000.000

(b) The contention is not true. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has developed a community validated, fairly effective, transparent and accountable system for targeting and delivery mechanism. Inadequacies notwithstanding, PBM data may be the best available data on poverty under the prevalent milieu.

24. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechohu:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to purchase more locomotives from China; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Yes, an international tender for procurement/manufacturing of Locomotives having following break up was advertised and opened on 25-09-2007.

Horse Power (H.P)	Completely Built Units (CBU)	Completely Knocked Down Units (CKD)	Total
1500	15	—	15
2000	05	25	30
3000	05	25	30
Total	25	50	75

(ii) Following four firms participated in the tender:—

- (i) M/s. Marubeni Corporation, Japan. (General Electric, USA, Manufacturer)
- (ii) M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation, China (Dalian Locomotive and Rolling Stocks Works China, Manufacturer)

- (iii) M/s. Tradeimpex (Pvt.), Ltd., Lahore (National Railways Equipment Co. USA, Manufacturer).
- (iv) M/s. Jaffer Brothers, Islamabad. (CSR Ziyang Locomotive Co. China and CSR (EMD), China, Manufacturers).
- (iii) The offers of M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation, China and M/s. Marubeni Corporation, Japan were declared suitable. However, after evaluation by the tender committee Letter of Intent has been issued on 31-07-2008 to 1st lowest responsive Chinese firm M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation, China for procurement/manufacturing of these locomotives at the cost of 107.026 million US Dollars as against that of 227.356 million US Dollars offered by M/s. Marubeni Corporation, Japan.
- (iv) After observing the necessary formalities under the rules the contract agreement will be signed for procurement/manufacturing of 75 Diesel Electric locomotives.

25. **Mrs. Fauzia Wahab:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state;

- (a) *the total cost of MRI machine CT scan machine and blood grouping machine purchased by PIMS, Islamabad separately;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that those machines remained out of order during the last one year; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (c) *the names of machines which are non functional at present?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Total cost of the machines is as under:—

1.	1.5 TESLA MRI system purchased on FOB basis	Rs. 95.172 million
2.	CT Scan Angiography (64 Slices)	Rs. 115.00 million
3.	Blood Groups Serology (fully automatic blood grouping machine)	Rs. 4,700 million

(b) These machines are functional for the last one year without any major break down.

(c) All these machines are functional.

26. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed with Sri Lanka for mutual exchange of prisoners; if so, the date thereof; and*

(b) *the total number of Pakistani prisoners repatriated from Sri Lanka since the said agreement implemented?*

Reply not received.

27. **Mrs. Asiya Nasir:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state that:

(a) *the time by which Kalifa Bin Zaid Hospital, Quetta will become fully functional;*

(b) *the total number of staff presently working therein; and*

(c) *the total number of doctors and staff in B-17 and above amongst them hailing from Balochistan?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The project 'Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayyed Federal Hospital, Quetta' is being funded and operated in collaboration with U.A.E. Govt. the project was partially operationalized from July, 2006. The hospital is presently providing outdoor facilities including general surgery, medical, gynecology, ENT, orthopedic, radiology & emergency. It is expected that the hospital will become fully functional by 30-06-2009.

(b) Total number of staff presently working in the hospital is 468.

(c) Total Sanctioned Strength (BS 17-20)	Filled	From Balochistan
252	76	30

28. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the names of the newspapers wherein the advertisements alongwith the picture of former Federal Minister for Railways were published during the period from May, 2006 to November, 2007; and*

(b) *the total amount spent on those advertisements?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) The names of the daily Newspapers in which these advertisements appeared are as under:—

Jang, Nawa-e-Waqt, Pakistan, Khabrain, The Nation, The News, Asas, Ausaf, Express, Dawn, Daily Times, The Post, Azkar, Mehran, Jinnah, Fory Action, Plus (Weekly), Frontier Time, Kawish, Ibrat, Insaf, Al-Akhbar, Jurrat, Pakistan Observer, Din, Musalman, Sindh, Dunya, Intikhab, Siyasat, Aaj, Sahafat, Nawa-e-Sharar, Wattan, Jehan Numa, Waqat (Monthly), Public, Ghareeb, Independent, Balochistan News, Karkun, Ahemul Akhbar, Tameer Sindh, Paigham, Haqook-ul-Awam, Halchal, Awami Awaz, Aitamad, Commercial News, Nawa-e-Nawab Shah, Business Report, Pak. Sindh, Millat, Sayadat, Sarhad, Musawat, Koshish, Dawat-e-Amal, Barsat, Subh, Quami Akhbar, Surkhab, Jiddat, Shelter, Bhulekha, Al-Falah, Choice, Jazba, Survey Report, Nazim News, Shall, Azadi, Urdu Times, Eeman, Salar, Azad, Ishara, Sang-e-Meel, Tijarti Rehbar, Quaid, Akhbar, Aftab.

(b) The total amount spent on advertisement during the period is **Rs.13.5 millions.**

29. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

*Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the year-wise total amount of budget granted to Pakistan Bait-*ui-Mall* during the years from 2005 to 2009?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) The year-wise total amount of budget granted to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the years from 2005—09 is as under:—

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>Total Budget (Rs. in Million)</i>
2004-05	3,500.287

2005-06	4,900.000
2006-07	5,331.690
2007-08	7,818.172
2008-09	6,636.500

30. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the district-wise number of registered T.B patients in the country at present?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): The District-wise number of registered T.B. patients in the country below mentioned

QUARTER 2, 2008			
PUNJAB			
S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Attock	1573699	750
2	Bahawalpur	3003813	1241
3	Bahawal Nagar	2545487	1363
4	Bhakkar	1298014	582
5	Chakwal	1338218	514
6	D.G.K	2028578	868
7	Faisalabad	6702580	2896
8	Gujranwala	4198446	1890
9	Gujrat	2528257	978
10	Hafizabad	1028073	441
11	Jhang	3498896	1105
12	Jhelum	1156726	394
13	Kasur	2932594	1218
14	Khanewal	2553528	1338
15	Khushab	1118819	498
16	Lahore	7800724	5733
17	Layyah	1384166	548
18	Lodhran	1446195	519
19	Mandi Baha ud Din	1432411	644
20	Mianwali	1304906	850
21	Multan	3848096	1241
22	Muzaffar Garh	3254226	1281
23	Nankana Sahib	106120	696
24	Narowal	1562212	522

25	Okara	2756845	1142
26	Pak Pattan	1588632	749
27	Rahim Yar Khan	3877962	1434
28	Rajan Pur	1362341	493
29	Rawalpindi	4152498	2606
30	Sahiwal	2275546	863
31	Sargodha	3290984	1551
32	Sheikhupura	3993537	743
33	Sialkot	3362202	1704
34	Toba Tek Singh	2002159	887
35	Vehari	2581096	1113
TOTAL		90888586	41895

SINDH

S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Badin	1409437	440
2	Dadu	1366652	401
3	I.C.D Kotri		628
4	Ghotki	1203822	361
5	Hyderabad	1797937	657
6	Jacobabad	931346	234
7	Jamshoro	727402	238
8	Karachi	12223165	4746
9	Kashmore	836482	142
10	Khaipur	1918305	672
11	Larkhana	1196782	441
12	Matiari	616679	228
13	Mirpurkhas	1303938	509
14	Naushahro Feroze	1348557	530
15	Nawabshah	1329029	447
16	Sanghar	1621764	772
17	Shahdadkot	1193633	304
18	Shikarpur	1092400	294
19	Sukkar	1126860	345
20	Tando Allahyar	583617	191
21	Tharparkar	1133752	331
22	Thatta	1380720	338
23	T.M.Khan	587964	191
24	Umerkot	822459	448
Total		37752702	13888

NWFP

S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Abbottabad	1093548	434
2	Bannu	840837	362
3	Batgram	381363	189
4	Buner	628331	197
5	Charsada	1269297	449
6	Chitral	395147	274
7	D.I.K	1059088	402

8	Hangu	390553	134
9	Haripur	859216	374
10	Karak	535287	187
11	Kohat	698400	304
12	Kohistan	585829	191
13	Lakki Marwat	608803	235
14	Lower Dir	891380	317
15	Malakand	561707	173
16	Mansehra	1431262	481
17	Mardan	1812625	846
18	Nowshera	1085507	532
19	Peshawar	2505283	1683
20	Shahgla	539882	232
21	Swabi	1275041	520
22	Swat	1561063	632
23	Tank	295212	104
24	Upper Dir	714482	191
TOTAL		22019133	9143
BALUCHISTAN			
S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Awaran	147031	56
2	Barkhan	128652	21
3	Bolan	358389	22
4	Chaghi	145441	22
5	Dera Bughti	225142	10
6	Gawadar	230885	56
7	Jaffarabad	537584	284
8	Jhal Magsi	136693	26
9	Kalat	295212	13
10	Kech	513462	123
11	Kharan	125434	35
12	Khuzdar	519205	99
13	Killa Abdullah	459474	144
14	Killa Saifullah	240075	32
15	Kohlu	124058	24
16	Lasbela	388255	103
17	Loralai	369876	113
18	Mastang	204466	19
19	Musakhail	166559	12
20	Nasirabad	305550	95
21	Noskhi	106120	104
22	Pishin	456028	223
23	Panjugur	290617	52
24	Quetta	944219	316
25	Sibi	223993	45
26	Washuk	131870	19
27	Zhob	342308	128
28	Ziarat	41352	12
TOTAL		8155966	2208

FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED TRIBAL AREAS			
S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Bajour	795969	206
2	Khyber	588660	266
3	Khurram	712813	141
4	Mohmand	442075	90
5	N. W.A	477658	176
6	Orakzai	298585	238
7	S. W. A	551917	119
TOTAL		3867680	1236

FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED NORTHERN AREAS			
S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Astore	0	76
2	Diamer	264876	183
3	Ghanche	120135	55
4	Ghizer	137990	44
5	Gilgit	298126	145
6	Skardu	281570	142
TOTAL		1102697	645

AJK			
S No.	DISTRICT	Population 2008	No. of Registered TB Patients
1	Bagh	704029	222
2	Bhimber	374606	115
3	Kotli	693872	223
4	Mirpur	429921	127
5	M.Abad	726285	275
6	Neelum	159181	87
7	Poonch	507303	140
8	Sudnoti	287587	90
TOTAL		3882788	1279
Grand Total		167671562	70094

31. **Dr. Nahid Shahid Ali:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Doctors presently working in Jinnah Post Graduate Hospital and NICH, Karachi; and*

(b) *the date of posting alongwith domicile of those Doctors?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Total number of doctors working in JPMC and NICH, Karachi is 253 and 60 respectively.

(b) The requisite details are given at Annex-I & Annex-II.

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

32. **Dr. Nahid Shahid Ali:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal to establish Homeopathic and Unani treatment departments in Federal Government Hospitals in the country;*

(b) *if so, is the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The proposal to establish clinics based on the traditional systems (Homeopathy/ Unani) in the Federal Government hospitals is under consideration. Managements of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad, Federal Government Services Hospital, Islamabad and Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center, Karachi have been advised to establish clinics in consultation with Homeopathic/ Tibb Councils.

(b) The examination of all aspects of the proposal will be then shared with the Homeopathic and Tibb Councils to implement as early as possible.

33. **Nawab Abdul Ghani Talpur:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal to launch Agri Estate Pilot Project alongside Karachi-Hyderabad Motorways and Highways;*

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

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFal) has so far no such proposal under consideration to launch Agri Estate Pilot Project alongside Karachi — Hyderabad Motorway's and Highways.

(b) Hence no detail is available with MinFal in this regard.

34. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *total profit earned by Pakistan Railways since March 2008 till-date alongwith heads thereof; and*
- (b) *whether Pakistan Railways suffered loss during the said period; if so, the head-wise amount thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) and (b) The financial statements of Pakistan Railways are prepared financial year-wise. Profit and Loss is worked out at the close of financial year. The financial year starts from 1st July and closes on 30th June, therefore, calculation of profit and loss from March, 2008 is not possible. However, as per un audited financial statements for the financial year 2007-08, Pakistan Railways suffered loss of Rs. 12669.562 million during 2007-08 as per following detail:—

Gross revenue earnings:	Rs. 19,972,858,029/-
Working expenses:	Rs. 28,849,571,646/-
Operating loss:	Rs. 8,876,713,617/-
Interest on debt:	Rs. 3,795,061,466/-
Loss:	Rs. 12,671,775,083/-
Miscellaneous receipts:	Rs. 2,213,076/-
Net Loss:	Rs. 12,669,562,007/-

In addition to above, the Railways also re-paid Rs. 2805.562 million foreign loans during the financial year 2007-08.

35. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount paid to PTV, Radio Pakistan, F.M Radio Station and private T.V channels by the Ministry on telecasting/broadcasting of advertisements since March 2008 till date alongwith the total number and subject matter of advertisements?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) As per details provided by different public health programs under the Ministry of Health, the following payments have been made in relation to electronic media campaigns aired since March, 2008;

Media	Hepatitis	TB	AIDS	Total
PTV	1,518,628	1,099,047	—	2,617,675
PBC (Radio Pakistan)	417,537	—	—	417,537
FM Radio Channels	231,347	—	—	231,347
Private TV Channels	2,760,642	1,287,183	1,244,741	5,292,566

36. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the province-wise total number of Federal Government Hospitals in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of Doctors and Para Medical Staff working in these hospitals at present?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Province-wise list of Federal Government Hospitals in the country is as follows:—

Punjab

- i. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, (PIMS) Islamabad
- ii. Federal Government Services Hospital, (FGSH) Islamabad.
- iii. National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicines, (NIRM) Islamabad.
- iv. T.B Centre, Rawalpindi.
- v. Sheikh Zaid Hospital, (SZH) Lahore

Sindh

- vi. Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, (JPMC) Karachi.
- vii. National Institute of Child Health, (NICH) Karachi.
- viii. National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases, (NICVD) Karachi.

Balochistan

- ix. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zaid Hospital, (SKBZH) Quetta.

(b) Following is the detail of total number of doctors and Para Medical staff working in the Federal Government Hospitals:—

<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Doctors</i>	<i>Para Medical Staff</i>
PIMS, Islamabad	284	307
FGSH, Islamabad	250	361
NIRM, Islamabad	45	67
T.B Hospital, Rawalpindi	06	43
SZH, Lahore	186	522
JPMC, Karachi	254	640
NICVD, Karachi	48	90
NICH, Karachi	147	174
SKBZ, Quetta	69	212

37. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock be pleased to state whether the Poultry Farms are registered with the Ministry; if so, province-wise total number of registered farms at present?

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): There is no legal provision for registration of poultry farms. Thus as such no poultry farm is registered with the M/o Food, Agriculture & Livestock till to date.

However, during 2007, provincial livestock departments were directed to maintain the record of all commercial poultry farms with their respective District Livestock Officers for monitoring and surveillance of bird flu disease under “National Program for Control and Prevention of Avian Influenza” (NPCPAI).

38. **Mrs. Bushra Gohar:**

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

- (a) the current status of supplies of wheat in the country; and*
- (b) the action taken against hoarders and smugglers of wheat during the last six months?*

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): (a) The requisite information is at Annex-1

(b) It relates to Ministry of Interior, who have been requested to take strict measures to arrest the curse of smuggling whereas the provincial governments have been requested to take action against the hoarders in their respective provinces.

ANNEX-I

I) STOCK POSITION OF WHEAT WITH PROVINCES AND PASSCO AS ON 04.11.2008.

Provinces / Agencies	Stock position (Tons)
Punjab	1,972,298
Sindh	415,506
NWFP	176,030
Balochistan	98,346
PASSCO	128,741
Total	2,790,921

II) IMPORTED WHEAT DISPATCHED UPTO 04.11.2008.

Provinces/Agencies	Quantity Dispatched (Tons)
Punjab	195,324
Sindh	222,899
NWFP	289,739
Balochistan	59,157
USC	75,500
AJ&K	22,201
N/A	3,227
Pak. Army	11,405
Pak Navy	2,417

III) RELEASE OF WHEAT BY PROVINCES TO FLOUR MILLS

Provinces/Agencies	Released up to 04.11.2008 (Tons)
Punjab	431,592
Sindh	169,002
NWFP	328,028
Balochistan	44,255
Others (AJK, NA, Defence, Utility Store Corporation)	410,646
Total.	1,383,523

39. **Syed Alla-ud- Din:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the amount from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall allocated for district Swat for the year 2008-09 has been transferred to Mardan; if so, the amount thereof; and*
- (b) *the amount therefrom disbursed so far alongwith the criteria adopted thereof?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) It is not a fact that the amount from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal allocated for district Swat for the year 2008-09 has been transferred to Mardan.

(b) The detail of amount disbursed under Food Support Programme during the Financial Year 2008-09 at district Swat is given below:—

<u>Amount</u>	<u>(Rs. in Million)</u>
Total	56.157
Disbursed	45.170
Balance	10.987
<u>No. of Beneficiaries</u>	
Allocated	18,719
Benefited	15,057
Remaining	3,662

The process of disbursement was started in first week of July 2008 through 13th installment in district Swat. The remaining amount of Rs.10.98 (Million) out of total allocated funds is being disbursed amongst remaining 3662 households out of total allocated quota of households.

The criteria adopted for disbursement is as under:—

The beneficiary applies on prescribed form available at offices of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, DCO, District Nazim, Chairman Local Zakat Committee, Social Welfare

Department etc. The applications received are scrutinized and then verified through special task force constituted by concerned DCOs. The eligible applications are then put to the District Food Support Starring Committee (DFSSC) headed by District Nazim for their selection as Food Support Programme beneficiary. The DFSSC approves the eligible households. The selected households are informed about their registration under Food Support Programme and are requested to open their account in nearest GPO. The registered house holds intimate about their Account Nos to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal District Offices. Resultantly subsidy is transferred in his account and is intimated through public campaign as well as intimation letter to draw his subsidy. The beneficiary approaches to the concerned GPO and draw his subsidy in person through presenting Original Pass Book and CNIC.

40. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount of aid given by WHO and UNICEF for health sector in District T. T. Singh (NA-94), Tehsil Karnalia during the year 2007-08; and*
- (b) *the head-wise name of areas/localities where the said amount incurred?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The funds amounting to Rs. 3.170 million were provided by WHO and UNICEF for health sector projects in District Toba Tek Singh Tehsil Kamalia during the year 2007-08. The above funds were spent directly by WHO and UNICEF in different localities (copy annexed) of Tehsil Kamalia on training, social mobilization and campaigns of measles and polio eradication.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

41. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 30 clerical staff have been promoted in Lahore Railways Division during the year 2007-08;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the seniors to those promotees staff have not been promoted; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to promote those senior staff also; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) It is correct that thirty (30) LDC's were promoted as UDC on 28-05-2002 and not in 2007-08.

(b) Not admitted, the promotions were made accordingly to available seniority list, however, later on Mr. Sarfraz Hussain S/o Khurshid Hussain whose name was placed at S.No.48 of the Seniority List represented that according to his date of appointment *i.e.* 7-11-1986 his seniority should be at No.30. The record was checked and his representation was accepted. After placing him at his correct seniority position his promotion case is under process.

(c) The promotion case of Mr. Sarfraz Hussain is under process and will be finalized within fortnight.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 9th November, 2008.