

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 12th March, 2009

(Originally Starred Question No. 238 was set down for Answer during 10th Session)

238. ***Haji Parviz Khan:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) *the total income and loss of Pakistan Railway since July, 2008 till-date; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the government to control deficit of Pakistan Railways during the period from 1-7-2008 till-date?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) 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 Ist July and closes on 30th June, therefore, loss for the broken period of a financial year cannot be calculated. 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 ¹ -
Loss:	Rs. 12,671,775,083/-
Miscellaneous receipts:	Rs. 2,213,076/-
Net Loss:	Rs. 12,669,562,007/-

(b) Following steps have been taken to control operational deficits of Pakistan Railways:—

1. Assured supply of Goods stock (wagons)
2. Introduction of High Speed, High Capacity freight wagons.
3. Induction of Heavy Diesel locomotive and new design Chinese coaches.
4. Increased interaction with customers and business community.
5. Promotion of Public-private partnership.
6. Improvement in availability of locomotives.
7. Reducing transit time and turn round by introduction of wireless communication between train crew and station staff.
8. Increasing the average number of trains *ex* Karachi Port.
9. Dualization of the main railway line.
10. Installation of modern signaling system on the main railway line between Lodhran — Shahdara railway station(428 KMs).

@62. ***Mrs. Fouzia Ejaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether any criteria has been adopted for monitoring the pollution being caused by fishing trawlers in the seas; and*
- (b) *whether any condition is imposed at the time of issuing license for those trawlers to avoid sea pollution in the sea; if so, the detail thereof?*

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development (Mr. Humayun Aziz Kurd): (a) Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (PEPA), which is an attached department of the Ministry of Environment, is responsible for prevention and control of pollution under the Pakistan Environment protection Act, 1997 in the country.

Maritime Security Agency (MSA), Ministry of Defence, Government of Pakistan is also responsible for monitoring / control of pollution in aquatic environment.

However, a monitoring system is established in the Marine Fisheries Department (MFD) to check the level of contamination of fishery products. In this context, MFD through laboratory analysis of demersal and pelagic fish shrimp etc, ensures that in the edible part of the fishery products intended for human consumption, the level of contaminants present in the aquatic environment (such as heavy metals like lead, Cadmium and Mercury), should not exceed from permissible limit.

(b) Before issuance of fishing licenses, letter of intents (LOIs) are issued to the companies with the condition that **no discard of fish by catch should be done under any circumstances, failing which license will be immediately cancelled and renewal will put on hold for three (3) years.** In this respect, an undertaking is also obtained from the companies as per provision of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy 1995 as amended in 2001, before issuance of licenses.

Each deep sea fishing vessels also carry onboard, during each trip, a representative from MFD, Ministry of Livestock & Dairy Development to monitor the activities of vessels. Beside MSA also checks and monitors the fishing vessels at sea through their ships and aircrafts in addition to satellite based Vessels Monitoring System (VMS) installed at MSA headquarters.

74. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Old Houses will be established for senior citizens in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the total number of those houses alongwith the location thereof; and*
- (c) *the capacity of accommodation alongwith the facilities to be provided in those house?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Old houses, renamed Pakistan Homes, will be established for senior citizens (over 60 years age) across the country, in phases.

(b) Initially five homes, one each at provincial headquarters and ICT would be established.

(c) 50 inmates would be accommodated at each home with boarding and lodging, health and all other life necessities.

75. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the price of petrol and diesel has been reduced by the government recently;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the railway fares have not been reduced; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken to reduce the said fare alongwith the percentage thereof?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) Yes. The prices of petrol and diesel were last reduced by the Government on 16-11-2008.

(b) Railways has decreased the fares of Economy Class by 5% with effect from 08-12-2008.

(c) No further reduction in fare is under consideration in the prevailing circumstances, as fuel prices are not the only determining factor in respect of Railway fares. There are many other factors such as increase in salaries and pension, price hike in spares due to devaluation of rupee etc.

76. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pharmaceutical companies working in Pakistan at present alongwith the locations thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the government to promote the Pharmaceutical industry in the country?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) There are 458 pharmaceutical units working in Pakistan. The- location wise detail is as follows:—

Punjab	=	250
Sindh	=	125
NWFP	=	70
Balochistan	=	09
AJK	=	03
Total	=	<u>457</u>

The locations of these drug manufacturing units are given at Annex-A.

(b) Following steps are being taken to encourage the pharmaceutical industry in the country.

- i. The processes for approval of site, layout plan, grant and renewal of drug manufacturing licenses have been expedited as under:—

	2007	2008
New drug manufacturing licenses issued	16	35
Renewal of drug manufacturing licenses issued	31	67
Approval of additional sections issued	31	49

- ii. Some very good/state of the art facilities with innovative product manufacturing technology and huge investment of Rs.200 to 600 millions have been established during 2008.
- iii. The basic/semi basic drugs manufacturing units are being encouraged by expediting their applications for grant of drug manufacturing license and protective duty (tariff protection) has been levied on import of raw materials which are being manufactured locally.
- iv. The raw and packaging materials are importable at concessionary rates of duties which encourage the formulation industry.
- v. The machinery and equipments used in pharmaceutical industry are also importable at concessionary custom duty with certification of Ministry of Health.
- vi. The practice of sending 5-6 inspectors for inspection of pharma units during 2007 has been altogether stopped during 2008 as it created great harassment to the industry.

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

77. ***Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to remove the shortage of meat and beef in the country during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09?

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development (Mir Humayun Aziz Kurd): There is no shortage of mutton and beef in the country. The meat (mutton and beef) production has increased from 1485 thousand tons (1995-96) to 2191 thousand tons in 2008-09 showing an increase of 47.5%. In order to further develop the meat availability and to establish livestock fattening farms, the following measures have been taken during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09.

- i. Established private sector led company namely “Livestock and Dairy Development Board (LDDDB)” to increase the pace of development in livestock sector.
- ii. A project titled “Livestock Production and Development for Meat Production” was initiated at total cost of Rs. 1520 million for five years duration (2005—2010). 2162 fattening farms have been established under this project.
- iii. Encouraged producer of meat to open their sales outlets to limit the role of middle man. M/s Zenith Associates and Ummer Hamza Associates opened outlets in Lahore.
- iv. Allowed duty free import of dairy and livestock machinery/equipment to encourage establishment of value added industry in livestock sector.
- v. For the purpose of breed improvement, Govt. encouraged import of high yielding animal breeds and their semen/embryos for cross breeding to improve the genetic potentials of indigenous stock.

78. ***Dr. Donya Aziz:**

Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken for enhancing the production of organic seed cotton in the country?

Minister for Food and Agriculture (Mr. Nazar Muhammad Gondal): For enhancing the production of organic seed cotton in the country the following steps have been taken;

- (i) Under the project “Cotton Cultivation under Mirani Dam Command Area” the experimental trials on various aspects on “Organic Cotton” have been conducted at different locations in Balochistan *viz:* Uthal, Winder, Bela and Khuzdar.
- (ii) A project proposal on “Organic Cotton Production in the Province of Balochistan, Pakistan” has been conceived on the initiative of International Cotton

Advisory Committee (ICAC). This project proposal has the following features:

- Conduct survey for identification of the perspective areas in Balochistan for production of organic cotton on commercial scale.
- Develop cotton production technology and identify suitable varieties for organic cotton production in different ecological zones of Balochistan.
- Impart training to the extension workers and growers in production and protection technologies for organic cotton.
- Develop procedures for certification of organic cotton and make arrangements with the internationally recognized certification agencies.
- Arrange buyer-seller contact for assured disposal of the produce.
- An area of 12,000 acres (5000 hectares) will be brought under organic cotton cultivation during the project period.
- Compensation to participating growers for any economic loss on account of yield and price factors, as and when applicable.

79. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed fee for issuing licence to the fishermen for fishing in deep sea; and*
- (b) *the conditions required for obtaining the said licence?*

Minister for Livestock and Dairy Development (Mir Humayun Aziz Kurd): (a) The prescribed license fee for fishing in Exclusive Economic Zone of Pakistan by Deep Sea Fishing Vessels is as under:—

- ✿ Zone – II (20-35) nautical miles – Rs. 0.5 million per vessels/year
- ✿ Zone – III (35-200 nautical miles) = Rs. 1.0 million per vessel/year

(b) The conditions required for obtaining the Deep Sea Fishing Licenses, as per provisions of Deep Sea Fishing Policy 1995 as amended in 2001, are as

follows:—

- (i) The applicant should be a Pakistani national and the firm should be a registered company under the Companies ordinance of Pakistan having at least 51% of its stock owned by Pakistani nationals.
- (ii) The party should be financially sound. A documentary proof furnished by a reputable bank will be required.
- (iii) The party to have sufficient experience and knowledge in regard to operation of Deep Sea Vessels and should be well versed with international fish marketing procedure.
- (iv) The party to submit an authenticated copy of the offer received from foreign ship owners.
- (v) A documentary proof owing sound financial position and involvement in fishing activities of foreign ship owner is required.

80. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the present status of the current composite dialogue with India relating to Mumbai incidents?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mukhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

Pakistan and India have been engaged in Composite Dialogue since 2004. As a result of Composite Dialogue bilateral trade increased. People to people contacts, communication links and mutual confidence had grown. Some progress was made towards the settlement of Sir Creek issue. CBMs had been agreed and implemented including on Kashmir.

In the aftermath of Mumbai attacks, India placed a “pause” on the Composite Dialogue. Pakistan believes that sustained engagement and dialogue is necessary to allay each other’s concerns. Breakdown of dialogue only works to the advantage of those who do not want peace in the region. We are convinced that continuation of the peace process and the Composite Dialogue is in the larger interest of the people of the two countries.

81. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact the Express Train is running late at each station at present;*

(b) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps taken to improve the timings of the said trains?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) It is not a fact. During the month of January, 2009 about 68% of the trains reached their destinations in time.

- (b) The reasons for the delays to remaining 32% trains are as under:
- (i) Old signaling system.
 - (ii) On going work on rehabilitation/doubling of track.
 - (iii) Old locomotives.
 - (iv) Connecting link rakes.
 - (v) Foggy/rainy weather.
 - (vi) Devastation caused to railway assests in the aftermath of tragic incident of 27th December 07.

82. ***Miss Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total amount allocated for Islamabad Blood Transfusion Authority (IBTA) during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 alongwith the number of deserving persons benefited therefrom?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): During years 2005-06 and 2006-07 no amount was allocated to Islamabad Blood Transfusion Authority (IBTA). However, a non-lapsable grant of Rs. 2.000 million was given to IBTA in 2007-08. These funds under the provisions of the Islamabad Safe Blood Transfusion Ordinance of 2002, can only be used for operational purposes and not for any person's benefit.

83. ***Mrs. Imrana Saeed Jamil:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Surgical Instruments imported during the year 2008-09 are not upto the mark;*
- (b) *if so, the warranty of those instruments; and*
- (c) *the name of the countries from where imported?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) The Ministry of Health has not imported any surgical instruments during the financial year 2008-09.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

84. ***Khurram Jehangir Wattoo:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal to open a new route through Head Suliman-ki with India for trade purpose;*

(b) *if so, the detail thereto?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mukhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) and (b) The proposal of opening a new route with India through Head Sulemanki for trade purposes was examined and views were sought from the concerned departments and Ministries.

After thoroughly examining the inputs/views received, it was decided that opening of Pakistan-India border at Head Sulemanki is not a viable option.

Explanatory Note:

The proposal was examined in consultations with Ministry of Interior, Commerce and other relevant departments. In the light of the inputs received and in view of the strategic importance of the Head works, it was decided that it was not a viable option.

85. ***Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken to counter the negative propaganda being made by Indian Government against Pakistan at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mukhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

In the aftermath of Mumbai incident, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has actively propagated Pakistan's view point to the international community. Regular briefings have been conducted in the Ministry for diplomats of important countries posted in Islamabad. Moreover, our Missions abroad have been given guidelines to project Pakistan's views to the host governments and influential circles. We have regularly monitored the negative statements coming from the Indian side and given appropriate response.

We have a distinct sense that the reality of the Mumbai terrorist attacks, which were whole-heartedly condemned by the international community and Pakistan, is getting increasingly mixed with compulsions of domestic politics in India.

Pakistan has refrained from commenting on Indian internal affairs. We have acted with a sense of responsibility and exercised restraint. We have offered our hand of cooperation. We do so in the interest of regional peace and security.

86. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

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

- (a) *the amount of funds provided by ADB for the development of agribusiness during the year 2007-08;*
- (b) *the number of developmental projects started under the said fund; and*
- (c) *the names of the projects alongwith the locations thereof?*

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

(a) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided Rs. 145.211 million for the development of the project titled "Agribusiness Development and Diversification Project" during 2007-08. The total cost of the project is Rs. 4066.0 million with ADB's contribution of Rs. 1860.00 million. The project is scheduled to be implemented over a period of 5 years (2005-06 to 2009-10).

(b) The said ADB funds are for only one project "Agribusiness Development and Diversification Project". The project has the following five components:—

- i. Agribusiness Support Service Provision
- ii. Agribusiness Finance Development
- iii. Agribusiness Capacity Building
- iv. Agribusiness Policy and Enabling Environment Development
- v. Project Management Support

(c) The Agribusiness Development & Diversification Project is a national project covering all four provinces including special areas with its headquarters at Islamabad.

87. *Already replied on 9-3-2009 by the Religious Affairs Division.*

88. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state the province-wise number of persons arrested by ANF on the charge of smuggling of narcotics in the country during years 2007-08 and 2008-09 alongwith the punishment awarded to them?

Minister for Narcotics Control: Province-wise number of persons arrested by ANF are given below:—

Sr. No.	Name of Province	Number of persons arrested	
		2007-08	2008-09
1.	Punjab	591	296
2.	Sindh	179	141
3.	NWFP	185	93
4.	Balochistan	39	27

Detail of persons arrested and punishment awarded are attached at Annexure A and B.

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

89. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that WHO provided funds during the year, 2006-07 and 2007-08 to eliminate AIDS in the country; if so, the total amount thereof?

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) No. However, WHO provided support in the form of Technical Assistance during 2006 and 2007. In the year 2008 no Technical Assistance was provided by the WHO.

(b) Technical Assistance amounting to US\$ 166,000.00 was provided in 2006 and 2007, by WHO.

90. ***Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that Ministry have provided Incinerators to the Provincial Government for installation in the Hospitals; if so, the province-wise total number of those incinerators; and*

(b) *the value of those Incinerators alongwith the source of funds thereof?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Yes, it is a fact that the Ministry of Health has provided incinerators to the Provincial Governments for installation in hospitals for burning of hospital waste Province Wise details are as under:—

S. No.	Province Name	Quantity Provided	Cost of the Incinerators
1.	Punjab	19	41,743,000
2.	NWFP and FATA	10	21,970,000
3.	Balochistan	07	15,379,000
4.	Sindh	08	17,576,000
5.	AJK	02	4,394,000
6.	FANA	02	4,394,000
Total Quantity Provided		48	105,456,000

(b) The total value of incinerators is Rs. 105,456,000/- and are provided through the “Prime Minister’s Programme for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis” under the Ministry of Health which is a GoP-funded national programme.

91. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken to control the said of psychotropic medicines in the market without prescription of the registered Doctors; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken against those Medical stores during the year 2008-09 which were found involved in the unauthorized sale of those medicines; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Health (Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani): (a) Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the Provincial Governments regulate sale of drugs under notified Drug Sale Rules which requires that preparations containing psychotropic drugs shall not be sold by retail sale, except on and in accordance with the prescription of a registered medical practitioner. The Provincial Governments are continuously advised to stop the sale of psychotropic drugs without prescription.

(b) Following actions have been taken during 2008-2009 against the medical stores involved in the unauthorized sale of psychotropic drugs.

<u>Province</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
(i) NWFP	16 cases sent for trial in Drug Court.
(ii) Sindh	160 cases referred to Provincial Quality Control Board for further directions.
(iii) Punjab	4737 cases initiated by the Drug Inspectors under the Drugs Act, 1976 and Punjab Drug (Sale) Rules, 2007, including the permission for prosecution, safe custody of seized drugs, verification of warranties etc.
(iv) Baluchistan	No case reported.
(v) ICT(Islamabad)	20 Drug Sale Licenses cancelled and 9 cases are under trial in Drug Court.

92. ***Miss Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise total number of stops of Thar Express at present alongwith its weekly traveling schedule;*
- (b) *the total number of persons traveled by the said train during the year 2008-09; and*
- (c) *the fare of the said train from Pakistan to India and vice-versa at present?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) Thar Express is a weekly train service, which leaves Karachi Cantt: Station at 2300 hours on every Friday reaching Zero Point Station). at 0830 a.m. on Saturday. It has two-stoppage enroute at Hyderabad and Mirpurkhas Railway station.

(b) Number of passengers having availed facility Ex-Karachi, Hyderabad and Mirpurkhas during the period 1st July 2008 to 13th February, 2009 have been enumerated below:

Station	Sleeper Class	Economy Class
Karachi	187	8441
Hyderabad	—	1905

Mirpurkhas	—	3285
Total number of passenger traveled by Thar Express from 01-7-2008 to 13-02-2009 (Last trip)	13,818 Passengers	

(c) Fare

Station	Sleeper Class	Economy Class with Berth	Economy Class without Berth
Karachi Cantt Station to Zero Point and <i>vice versa</i>	Rs.790/-	Rs.380/-	Rs.350/-
Hyderabad Station to Zero Point Station and <i>vice versa</i>	Rs.490/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.240/-
Mirpurkhas Station to Zero Point Station and <i>vice versa</i>	Rs.350/-	Rs.250/-	Rs.210/-

93. ***Maulvi Asmatullah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.700 million for Water Management Programme has not been released since July, 2008 so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken for release of the said amount?*

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

(a) No. Since July 2008 funds amounting Rs. 1412.760 million has been released for the project titled 'National Programme for Improvement of Watercourses in Pakistan'.

(b) In order to meet physical targets fixed for 2008-09, Finance Division has been approached for the release of more funds for the Water Management Programme.

94. ***Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise total quantity of poppy crop cultivated in the country during the last three years; and*

(b) *the total quantity of said crop destroyed during the said period, year-wise?*

Reply not received.

95. ***Dr Talat Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to ply fast train from Rawalpindi to Larkana; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): At present there is no proposal under consideration to ply a fast train from Rawalpindi to Larkana.

96. ***Mohammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of imprisoned Pakistanis in Austria at present; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) At present there are 21 Pakistanis held in Austrian detention centers, on charges of illegal immigration.

(b) After receipt of any information regarding the arrest of Pakistani nationals by the local authorities, our respective Missions extend all possible help within the ambit of laid down procedure, prescribed by the Government of Pakistan. Our Missions at Vienna is actively pursuing their cases and are in contact with the authorities concerned.

ISLAMABAD:
The 11th March, 2009.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 12th March, 2009

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 68, 71, 84, 146, 155, 167, 286, 287, 289, 290, 293, 295, 296, 299 and 303 were set down for answer during 10th Session)

68. Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether foreign funds and HR assistance have been provided for pharmaceutical (drug) research in the country during the current year 2008-09;*
- (b) *if so, the amount alongwith the names of the country/ organizations thereof?*

Reply not received.

71. Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of private houses hired by the employees of F. G. S. H., Islamabad during the financial year, 2007-08;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that payment has not been made by the department to the owners of those houses for the said period; and*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which payment of rent will be made to the owners of those houses?*

Reply not received.

84. **Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Fluoroscope X-Ray Unit installed in PIMS has been out of order since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said machine will be got repaired/functional?*

Reply not received.

146. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of the Pakistani delegation participated in General Assembly recent session of the UNO alongwith the province-wise names of the Parliamentarians and their party affiliation amongst the participants; and*
- (b) *the total expenditure incurred on the said visit?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) The official delegation of Pakistan to the sixty-third Session of the UN General Assembly consisted of 53 members. List of the members is enclosed as Annexure-A. The visit of the non-official component of Pakistan delegation was cancelled by the Prime Minister due to financial constraints of the Government.

(b) A total of Rs.68,269,611.00 was spent on the visit of the official delegation.

Annexure-A

**List of Pakistan Delegation to the Sixty-third Session of UNGA in
New York September to November 2008)**

No.	Name and Designation
1.	H. E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President
2.	Mr. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Foreign Minister
3.	Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Finance
4.	Mrs. Sherry Rehman, Minister for Information and. Broadcasting/Women Development
5.	Mr. Mahmud Ali Durrani, Adviser to the Prime Minister for National Security
6.	Mr. Salman Bashir, Foreign Secretary
7.	Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary Finance

No. Name and Designation

8. Dr. Asim Hussain, Chairman, National Reconstruction Bureau
 9. Mr. Khalid Aziz Babar, Additional Secretary (UN&EC)
 10. Mr. Akbar Zeb, Additional Secretary (Europe)
 11. Mr. Shahid Malik, High Commissioner of Pakistan New Delhi
 12. Mr. Noor Muhammad Jadmani Additional Secretary (FMO)
 13. Mr. Muhammad Sadiq, Additional Secretary/Spokesman
 14. Mr. Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry, Additional Secretary (SA)
 15. Mr. Zameer Akram, Permanent Representative Parapun Geneva
 16. Mr. M.B. Abbasi, Ambassador of Pakistan to Iran
 17. Mr. Nasir Ali Khan, Ambassador-at-Large
 18. Mr. K.K. Agha, Ambassador at Large
 19. Dr. M. Akbar Khawaja, Ambassador at Large
 20. Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan, Ambassador at Large
 21. Mr. Ghalib Iqbal, Chief of Protocol
 22. Mr. Muhammad Amjad Aziz Qazi, Deputy Chief of Protocol
 23. Mr. Hassan Abbas, Journalist
 24. Mr. Tahir Hussain Andrabi , Director (FSO)
 25. Mr. Ahmad Farooq, Director (UN-I)
 26. Mr. Farrukh Iqbal Khan, Director (UN-II)
 27. Mr. Imran Ahmad Siddiqui, Director (SC & HR)
 28. Mr. Muhammad Kamran Akhtar, Director (Disarmament)
 29. Mr. Marghob Saleem Butt, First Secretary Parepun Geneva
 30. Mr. Rizwan Saeed Sheikh, Counsellor (OIC) Parep Jeddah
 31. Mr. Bilal Hayee, Director (Europe-II)
 32. Mr. Saeed Akhtar, Protocol Assistant
- Other members of Personal and Security Staff of the President and Media Team
33. Maj Gen Tassar Hussain, Personal Physician to the President
 34. Brig Mian Muhammad Hilal Hussain, Military Secretary to the President
 35. Lt. Col Syed Muhammad Adnan, Deputy Military Secretary to the President
 36. Cdr Amir Saeed, ADC to the President
 37. Mr. Tariq Aslam, Protocol Officer
 38. Mr. Amjad Mehmood , Protocol Assistant
 39. Mr. Gui Khan Bhounr, Personal Staff
 40. Mr. Abdul Razzaque Mirani, Valet
 41. Lt Col Babar Mumtaz, Chief Security Officer to the President
 42. Lt Col Adil Rehmani, Security Officer to the President
 43. Hav Zulfiqar Ali, Security Staff
 44. Hav Waqar Ahmed, Security Staff
 45. Hav Muhammad Jamil, SSG
 46. Hav Sabz Ali, SSG
 47. Sep Rana Muhammad Ijaz, SSG
 48. Sep Muhammad Habib Sultan, SSG
 49. Syed Javed Ali, Correspondent PTV
 50. Khawaja Sohail, Cameraman PTV
 51. Mr. Afzal Tanveer, Engineer PTV
 52. Mr. Muhammad Tariq, Photographer PID
 53. Mr. Shahid Ahmed, Cameraman PTV
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Total Number of Members of Delegation: 53

155. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the name of medical treatment being provided in the National Institutes of Handicapped (NIH) Islamabad at present?

Reply not received.

167. **Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish a hospital with latest equipments in Islamabad during the year 2009-10; if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

286. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of TB Centres alongwith their location functioning under the National T.B Control Program in the country; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration by the government to establish more Centres, if so, the detail thereof?*

Reply not received.

287. **Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Railways stations in country at present;*
- (b) the grade-wise total strength of staff at each Railway Station; and*
- (c) the total grade-wise number of employees in Pakistan Railways at present?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) There are 559 Railway Stations in the country at present.

(b) The grade Wise total strength of staff at each Railway Station., as per Railway Divisions is as under:—

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Division</u>	
1.	Peshawar	Annexure A
2.	Rawalpindi	Annexure B
3.	Lahore	Annexure C
4.	Multan	Annexure D
5.	Sukkur	Annexure E
6.	Karachi	Annexure F
7.	Quetta	Annexure G

(c) Detail of total grade wise number of employees in Pakistan Railways at present is available at Annexure-H.

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

289. **Malik Abrar Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the details of head-wise administrative expenditure of PIMS, Islamabad during the last three years?

Reply not received.

290. **Malik Abrar Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated in the budget for the year 2008-09 for health sector in the country; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the said amount; if so, the amount thereof?

Reply not received.

293. **Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure being incurred on one hundred kilometers travel of a passenger train;

- (b) *the total distance from Peshawar to Rawalpindi-Lahore-Khanewal-Sher Shah-Rohari-Karachi;*
- (c) *the total distance from Peshawar to Attock-Kandian-Sher Shah-Rohari-Karachi;*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal to ply a fast train on the route Peshawar-Attock-Kundian-Sher Shah-Rohri-Karachi; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmed Bilour): (a) The expenditure being incurred on one hundred kilometers travel of passenger and express trains is as under.

Ordinary passenger trains.

Full cost Rs. 31.951 million per annum.

Variable cost Rs. 19.063 million per annum.

Express trains

Full cost Rs. 51.628 million per annum.

Variable cost Rs. 31.919 million per annum.

(b) The total distance from Peshawar to Rawalpindi – Lahore – Khanewal – Sher Shah – Rohri – Karachi is 1722 kilometers.

(c) The total distance from Peshawar to Attock – Kundian - Sher Shah – Rohri – Karachi is 1427 kilometers.

(d) At present there is no proposal under consideration to ply a fast train on the, Peshawar – Attock – Kundian – Sher Shah – Rohri – Karachi route.

295. **Mian Javed Latif:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No. 285 replied on 19-11-08 and to state the present status for promotion on the post of Assistant?

Reply not received.

296. **Mian Javed Latif:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of residential houses and flats in PIMS, Hospital;*
- (b) *the names and designations of officers/doctors and staff whom said houses and flats have been allotted at present;*
- (c) *the details of monthly/annually telephone, water, gas and electricity bills of said houses and flats; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that certain officers/staff members of those Houses/Flats have not paid utility bills; if so, the details of such outstanding bills alongwith the reason thereof?*

Reply not received.

299. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Quaid-e-Azam Students Hostel in Earls Court, London has been rented to the officers of Pakistan High Commission in London; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to vacate the said hostel from those officers for re-allotting to students only; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) Quaid-e-Azam Students Hostel located at No5, Barkston Gardens has been rented to the officers of Pakistan High Commission in London. The justification thereof is provided by the fact that the building was effectively abandoned by the Ministry of Education and had fallen into a derelict condition. The situation deteriorated to an extent that the Local Council threatened to seize the building on health and safety grounds. The then High Commissioner of Pakistan took the initiative to move the case with the then Chief Executive's officer for transfer of the building to the control of Ministry of Foreign Affairs for utilization as officers' apartments. Keeping in view the huge amount that exchequer has to pay on rentals, the proposal was agreed to by Mr. Shaukat Aziz, then Finance Minister and then Education Minister Zobaida Jalal. Ministry of Foreign Affairs spent £1 million on the complete reconstruction of the building.

(b) Since the building has been reconstructed keeping in view the needs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it is not suitable to be used as a Students Hostel. There are now three bed flats in the building occupied by the Consul General, Counsellor Political, Army Adviser and Press Attache respectively. There are no plans to vacate the building in the near future.

303. **Mr. Faiz Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to state:

- (a) *the locations of Narcotics Control Offices in the country at present;*
- (b) *the names, designation and domiciles of persons working in those offices at present;*
- (c) *the posting tenure of those employees in those offices;*
- (d) *the steps taken during the period from 1st January to 31st December, 2008 for control of Narcotics in the country; and*
- (e) *the total number of persons against whom cases have been registered on the charge of Narcotics possession and trafficking during the said period alongwith the present status of those cases?*

Reply not received.

85. **Mian Marghoob Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to give the status of Post Graduate Teaching Hospital to the Federal Government Services Hospital Islamabad;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (c) *the benefits to be accrued therefrom?*

Reply not received.

86. **Dr. Nahid Shahid Ali:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to award the contract of Incinerators installed in PIMS, Islamabad to a private contractor;*
- (b) *if so, whether the said contract will be for new incinerator?*

Reply not received.

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

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

- (a) *the province-wise and gender-wise total number of students who completed their education during the last 5 years from the special education centers set up in the country; and*
- (b) *the nature of education being provided to the students in those centers alongwith the steps taken for their betterment?*

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) Province wise and gender wise number of students who have completed their education from Special Education Centres established by the Federal Government during the last five years is as under:—

Province	Male	Female	Total
Sindh	431	204	635
Balochistan	145	063	208
NWFP	230	068	298
Punjab	587	335	924

(b) Following education is provided to the students in these centres:—

- Daily living skills.
- Vocational and pre-vocational training.
- Mobility training.

- Braille training.
- Physical rehabilitation.
- Sign language.
- Diagnostic services.
- Speech therapy.
- Sports.

Steps taken for betterment of students :—

1. Computer training.
2. Co-curricular activities.
3. Guidance and counseling of students and their families.
4. Provision of orthosis through NGOs and setting up of an orthotics workshop.
5. Parents training/ empowerment.
6. Free of cost pick and drop facility.

88. **Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to establish Federal General/Child Health Hospitals at Karachi, Sindh in view of increasing rate of population; if so, when it will be implemented?

Reply not received.

89. **Miss Marvi Memon:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken during the year, 2008-09 for enhancing the bilateral relation with USA?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

- Over the past one year, our government has endeavored to broaden and deepen our relations with the U.S. A close Pakistan-U.S. further relationship plays an important role in promoting international and regional peace and security as well as in the context of our efforts for Pakistan's security and economic development.

Enhancement Engagement

- There has been a closer interaction between the leadership of two countries which is evident from the high level visits that took place during 2008-09:
 - ✱ Foreign Minister Shah Mchmood Qureshi visited Washington DC in February 2009, leading an inter-Agency Task Force for policy input into the US strategic review of its Afghanistan/Pakistan policies.
 - ✱ Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke visited Pakistan from 9-12 January 2009.
 - ✱ Vice President-elect Joseph Biden visited Pakistan January 9, 2009.
 - ✱ Visit of President Zardari to New York from 22-27 September 2008 to attend the UNGA Session and in November 2008 to attend the UN Interfaith Dialogue.
 - ✱ Prime Minister Gilani visited Washington from 28-30 July 2008.
 - ✱ 27 Congressional visits have taken place during the last one year.

Input into US Strategic Review

- ✱ Pakistan is trying to bridge the perception gap between the two countries regarding stabilization in Afghanistan as well the campaign against terrorism/extremism.
- ✱ The new U.S. Administration is conducting a policy review for Afghanistan and Pakistan, being undertaken by Bruce Riedel (from Brookings), Undersecretary for defence policy Michele Flournoy and Special Representative Richard Holbrooke.
- ✱ Pakistan has instituted an inter-agency task force under the Foreign Minister to have a more coherent interaction with Mr. Holbrooke. Both teams held a series of meetings in Washington DC in the last week of February 2009.
- ✱ Pakistan has repeatedly underlined to the US that to win the fight against extremism and terrorism, economic and development tracks need to be given equal importance to the military one.
- ✱ It has also again reiterated to the US side that drone attacks are counter productive and only foment anti-americanism in Pakistan due

to violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and civilian casualties during such attacks.

- ✿ It has also been underlined to the US side that lasting peace can only be achieved in the region by resolving the Kashmir issue, the root cause of Pakistan-India tension.

Operationalising Strategic Dialogue

- ✿ Under the mechanism of "Strategic Partnership," an institutional framework has been operationalized to promote cooperation between the two countries in the fields of Economy, Energy, Education, Science & Technology and Agriculture.
- ✿ The last round was held in September 2008 where Agriculture was added as a separate track.
- ✿ The third round of the Economic Dialogue took place in Islamabad in August 2008.
- ✿ The US is spending \$ 100 million a year under the Fulbright Scholarship Programme, which has become the largest in world.
- ✿ The next round of the Energy Dialogue is taking place in Washington DC this year.
- ✿ The two sides are also discussing an institutionalized future long term roadmap for further deepening, broadening and institutionalizing our relationship on a long term basis.

Economic Assistance

- ✿ The Government has been making all out-efforts to secure long-term US assistance for our economic development and poverty alleviation. As a result of our efforts, the Biden-Lugar Bill (2008) proposed non-security assistance to Pakistan to the tune of \$7.5 billion for the years 2009—2013, extendable to another \$7.5 billion for the next five years (2014-2018).
- ✿ This piece of legislation is a welcome realization on the US part that ties with Pakistan need to move away from a transactional to a long-term and institutionalized basis. With the end of the 110th Congress, the bill lapsed. However due to our sustained interaction with the new

US Administration, we have been assured by Senator Kerry, (Chairman Senate Foreign Relations Committee) and Senator Lugar that the bill would be re-introduced soon.

Trade and Investment

- ✱ The years 2008-2009 have been seen a continuation of the annual trade trends of \$ 6 billion, despite an economic recession in both the countries. Similarly it is expected that US investment would also be close to the \$ 1 billion mark, sustaining previous trends.

Defence Cooperation

- ✱ There is sustained defence cooperation between the two sides which manifests itself in the form of officer training, joint army, navy and air force exercises, provision of F-16s and other defence equipment as well as a sustained defence dialogue under the Defence Consultative Group whose next round takes place in April 2009.

Counter Terrorism Cooperation

- ✱ The last year has seen the continuation of Pakistan-US Cooperation in counter terrorism.
- ✱ With US assistance, an immigration control system “PISCES” (Personal Identification Secure Comparison and Evaluation System) is being installed at 18 entry/exit points. The system is already functional at Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Quetta and Peshawar airports.
- ✱ In 2006, the FATA Civil Secretariat prepared a FATA Sustainable Development Plan for a period of 9 years (2006 – 15). The Plan envisages grass roots social sector development projects in FATA. The total outlay of the FATA Development Plan is over Rs. 130 billion (over \$ 2 billion). The US has pledged to provide \$ 70 million over the next 5 years. The US has further indicated that it would help mobilize funds through other international donors.
- ✱ An amount of \$ 75 million has been earmarked for strengthening of Frontier Corps (FC)’s counter insurgency capability in the defence Authorization At of 2008.

ROZs

- ✱ Reconstruction Opportunity Zones envisage duty free access (15 years) for goods produced in designated zones of NWFP, FATA and

areas of AJK to create economic opportunities and jobs for the people of these areas.

- ✱ The draft ROZ legislation was introduced in Senate in March 2008 and in the House in June 2008, The legislation lapsed with the ending of the 110th Congress.
- ✱ The US side has assured us that the legislation would be re-introduced this year.

Embassy Efforts in Promoting Pak-US Relations

- ✱ Our embassy in Washington D.C is playing an active role in promoting Pakistan-U.S. relations.
- ✱ It is constantly interacting with the 0.7 million strong Pakistan Community.
- ✱ There are seven main community organizations, which play an important role in sensitizing the US Administration, Congress and think tank about Pakistan-US relations.

Efforts for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui/Guantanamo Bay detainees

- ✱ Consular access to Dr. Siddiqui was granted in August 2008 as a result of our persistent efforts. We took up Dr. Siddiqui's case with the U.S side, emphasizing her release on humanitarian grounds. We have made a formal request for her repatriation to Pakistan. We are engaged with the U.S side for finding out the whereabouts of her two missing children. We hope to see positive developments after the court resumes its proceedings in March, 2009.
- ✱ Our Government has been making consistent efforts to secure repatriation of all Pakistanis detained at Guantanamo Bay. Out of 68 detainees, 62 have been released. The efforts to secure the early return of the remaining will continue.

90. Miss Marvi Memon:

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken during the year, 2008-09 for promoting relation with European Union?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

EU, a Union of 27 European economies with a collective US\$ 18 trillion GDP, is

Pakistan's largest trading partner. EU members have major investments in Pakistan and significantly contribute to the social uplift of our disadvantaged people, particularly, in Balochistan and NWFP, through development assistance both bilaterally and at the EU platform. Courting politically and economically beneficial relations with the EU is the main pillar of our foreign policy. The steps taken during 2008-09 to nurture relations with the EU are indicated below:

- ✿ Third Generation Agreement (TGA) ratified by the EU in 2004 has become operational after Pakistan and the EU initialed Re-admission agreement last year. Pakistan is expected to accrue benefits of the TGA in the coming years.
- ✿ Pakistan-EU Political Director's Meeting was held in March 2008 in which February 18 elections and return of full democracy of Pakistan was discussed. In addition, regional and international issues of mutual interest including relations with Afghanistan and India, counter-terrorism, non-proliferation, Iran nuclear issue etc. were also discussed.
- ✿ Pakistan-EU Ministerial Troika meeting was held in September 2008 in New York. During the meeting bilateral relations between Pakistan and the EU were reviewed. Pakistan handed over a futuristic **Road Map** for comprehensive up gradation of relationship including raising dialogue mechanism to summit level, initiation of strategic dialogue and identifying sign posts for progress in the fields of political, economic and trade, cultural, scientific, technological and educational fields.
- ✿ On December 08, 2008, the EU Council of Ministers at its meeting concluded that improvement in relations with Pakistan remains of great importance to EU. EU conclusions included a statement to intensify dialogue with Pakistan in the areas of trade and development, inter-cultural exchange, non-proliferation, human rights, migration and counter-terrorism.
- ✿ In line with the Council's 8 December, 2008 conclusions on Pakistan, the EU has agreed for an *Ad hoc* Summit level meeting by mid 2009 during the Czech Presidency.
- ✿ Pakistan-EU Joint Commission meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009 whereas the 4 Sub Groups under the Joint Commission would meet on March 16, 2009.
- ✿ Ministerial Troika Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2009.
- ✿ Mr. Javier Solana, EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, visited Islamabad on April 22, 2008. The main objective

of Mr. Solana's visit to Pakistan was to meet Pakistan's newly elected leadership and to carry forward his dialogue on issues of national, regional and international importance. The statement issued from Mr. Solana's officer in the wake of his visit reiterated his determination to deepen cooperation between Pakistan and the EU in the trade and economic spheres as well as in terms of political dialogue.

- ✿ The Foreign Minister met Mr. Solana again on the sidelines of UNGA in New York in September 2008 and on the sidelines of Munich Security Conference in February 2009.
- ✿ The Foreign Minister met Ms. Benita Ferrero, EU Commissioner for External Affairs in June 2008 on the sidelines of Paris Conference on Afghanistan. The Foreign Minister pleaded for Pakistan's case for greater market access to the EU. Other bilateral, regional and international issues including Counter-Terrorism, Afghanistan and Indo-Pak relations were also discussed.
- ✿ The Sub-Group on Trade, formed under the Joint Commission, held its third meeting in Islamabad on 15-16 May, 2008 and discussed important issues relating to DDA negotiations, approved TORs of FTA's impact study launched by the EC, upcoming review of GSP Scheme for 2009, anti-dumping duty on Pakistani bed linen exports, de-listing of Fishery export companies of Pakistan, Trade Related Technical Assistance and listing of Super Basmati as Pakistani variety.
- ✿ The EU accepted our request and has lifted anti-dumping duty on our bed linen which will become effective from March 05, 2009.
- ✿ During the review of GSP+ Arrangement for the year 2009-2011 the European Commission could not include Pakistan in the beneficiary countries on technical grounds. Efforts are underway for the EU to revisit its decision on GSP+ Agreement and initiation of Pakistan-EU FTA Dialogue. A joint study has been conducted by the University of Sussex to assess the impacts of free trade between Pakistan and the EU.
- ✿ The EU tripled development assistance to Pakistan 200 million Euros for 2008-2010 and is engaged in a number of projects relating to education, health, environment and the trade sector.
- ✿ Pakistan-EU bilateral trade volume has reached US\$ 10.8 billion during the financial year 2007-08 registering an increase of US \$ 1.4 billion from the previous financial year.

91. **Dr. Azra Fazal Pechohu:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to recruit new Lady Health Worker (LHW) during the year, 2009-10, 2010-11;*
- (b) *if so, the total number thereof?*

Reply not received.

92. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal to enhance the facilities for patients in the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Karachi; if so, the detail thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to set up a burn ward in the said Hospital; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

93. **Mohammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Poland at present;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) At present there are 16 Pakistanis held in Polish detention centers, on charges of illegal immigration.

(b) After receipt of any information regarding the arrest of Pakistani nationals by the local authorities, our respective Missions extend all possible help within the ambit of laid down procedure, prescribed by the Government of Pakistan. Our Mission at Warsaw is actively pursuing their cases and is in contact with the authorities concerned.

94. **Ms. Qudsia Arshad:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state the total number of retired army officers presently working in the Ministry?

Reply not received.

95. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

- (a) the total number of vehicles of the Ministry stolen during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;*
- (b) names and designations of officers who were using those vehicles; and*
- (c) the action taken against the responsables?*

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

(a) No Vehicle of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Main) was stolen during financial year 2007-08 and 2008-09. However, 7 vehicles of attached departments/ organizations/projects of Ministry were stolen as per list at annex-I.

(b) As per column No. 4 of Annex-I

(c) As per column No. 5 of Annex-I

Annex-I**LIST OF STOLEN VEHICLES IN RESPECT OF MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE,
ITS ATTACHED DEPARTMENTS AND PROJECTS.**

S.No.	Vehicle No.	Department/Organization	Name & designation of using officer	Action taken against responsible officer
1.	2 MNK-6251 Toyota single cabin	3 Pakistan Oilseed Development Board	4 Mr. Sadiq Ali, Regional Manager, PODB, Faisalabad	5 FIR has been lodged. The PODB is pursuing the case with Police.
2.	Suzuki Bolan Hi- Roof CJ-881	Animal Quarantine Department	Dr. Muhammad Sharif Chaudhary, Quarantine Officer, Animal Quarantine Department, Islamabad.	FIR was lodged. The matter is under investigation of Police authorities.
3.	Suzuki Bolan Hi Roof (non- registered).	Agricultural & Livestock Products Marketing and Grading Department	The vehicle was newly purchased. Mr. Muhammad Irfanullah Abbasi, Transport Officer was responsible for the safety of vehicle.	FIR was lodged. Disciplinary action was proposed by the Inquiry Officer against Transport Officer. Disciplinary action is being initiated against the officer.
4.	GP-9366 Suzuki Hi Roof (Bolan)	Agricultural & Livestock Products Marketing and Grading Department	The vehicle was used for general duty under the supervision of Mr. Muhammad Irfanullah Abbasi, Transport Officer was responsible for the safety of vehicle.	FIR was lodged and the case is under trial in the court of law against the driver of vehicle. The matter is under investigation with Police and disciplinary action is also being initiated against the Driver by Ministry.
5.	GH-057 Toyota Corolla	National Animal Plant Health and Inspection Services (NAPHIS Coordination Cell, Islamabad)	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Consultant in National University of Agriculture Sciences under PARC was using the said vehicle.	Necessary report has been lodged in I-9 Police Station Islamabad for registration of the case.
6.	RIV-7955 Toyota Corolla	Pakistan Agricultural Research Council	Being a pool vehicle, it was being used by the field staff of Federal Water Management Cell.	FIR was lodged with the concerned Police Station for recovery of the stolen vehicle. Inquiry was conducted but no official was held responsible for theft.

96. **Mr. Ghous Bux Khan Maher:**

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

(a) *whether any survey has been conducted in the paddy crop growing areas in Larkana, Shikarpur and Jacobabad for the evaluation of damage caused to the said crop during the year 2008-09; and*

(b) *whether basic paddy seed is imported at present?*

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

(a) Yes, Agriculture Department of Government of Sindh has managed to conduct a detailed survey of the paddy growing areas in Larkana, Shikarpur and Jacobabad for evaluation of damage to the crop during 2008-09.

According to the report submitted by the Provincial Government, the evaluation of damage to paddy crop is given in table 1.

(b) No seed of "Basic Category" is imported in the country at present; however import of hybrid paddy seeds is progressively increasing in the country.

Table 1.

Particulars	Units	Jacobabad	Larkana	Shikarpur
Area Planted	(Hect)	68,340	101,760	98,940
Production	Million Tons	201,000	583,362	316,200
Losses (% of total Production)	Complete	22,110 M.T. (11%)	—	—
	Partial	14,070 M.T. (07%)	122,510 M.T. (21%)	—
	Negligible	26,139 M.T. (13%)	—	88,540 M.T. (28%)

97. **Maulvi Asmatullah:**

Will the Minister for Narcotics Control be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No. 41 replied on 14-1-2009 and to state;

- (a) *the total number of advertisements published in the press for filling up of those posts alongwith the date of advertisement thereof;*
- (b) *post-wise number of posts allocated for Balochistan advertised alongwith the total number of applications received thereof;*
- (c) *post-wise sanctioned strength of the Ministry and its attached departments alongwith the province-wise quota allocated for those vacant posts advertised in the press; and*
- (d) *the present status of appointment on those posts alongwith the names of persons appointed against those posts alongwith qualification and place of domicile?*

Reply not received.

98. **Mr. Tariq Mehmood Bajwa:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of Pakistanis imprisoned in Republic of Ireland USA UK and Spain at present alongwith the offence committed and punishment awarded; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) The names of Pakistanis imprisoned in Republic of Ireland, USA and Spain are attached as Annexure-A. As regard the detainees in UK, the information is being collected through our Mission abroad, as and when received, the same will be placed before the house.

(b) As is evident from the list of detainees; the most common offence is illegal stay/overstaying visa. In this respect; our Missions are playing a very active role in providing assistance to the detainees.

As soon as the Embassy/Consulates in USA are informed of the arrest of a Pakistani national, the concerned officers of the relevant Mission get in touch with the local authorities to ascertain the necessary details and request for consular access. After access is granted, officers visit detainees, ensure provision of halal food; and also discuss their case status with the concerned immigration officers.

In most of the cases, the detainees hire attorneys on their own or the concerned US authorities provide attorneys for them depending upon their rules and procedures. In cases where the detainees request financial assistance for legal issues, the request is given due consideration in light of government rules or an effort is made to arrange financial assistance through community organizations. During the proceedings of the case, the consular staff of the relevant mission remains in touch with the detainee with a view to address any difficulties or problems relating to the detention or related matters.

If the US courts issue orders of repatriation or the government is deporting the detainee, the Missions help in preparation of required traveling documents for the detainees on priority basis. In certain cases the Embassies/consulates even arrange tickets for them.

So far as detainees with serious offences are concerned, the government takes up their cases with concerned US authorities and leadership. As a result of government's efforts 62 out of 67 Pakistani detainees at Guantanamo have been released. Dr. Aafia Siddiqui's case has been raised with the U.S leadership at the highest level. We have requested the U.S government for her repatriation on humanitarian grounds. In her case, the court is in the process of determining whether she is in position to stand trial as she is suffering from mental illness *e.g.* depressive psychosis. An earlier psychiatric evaluation had found her unfit to stand trial. Latest examination by the prosecutors has determined her fit to stand trial. The Government and the Embassy are making all efforts to ensure her repatriation to Pakistan.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

99. **Mr. Tariq Mehmood Bajwa:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state the details of one way concession in Railway fare from Rawalpindi to Karachi alongwith the justification thereof?

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): No one way concession granted in Rail Fare from Rawalpindi to Karachi by Pakistan Railways.

100. **Raja Muhammad Asad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the countries visited by the Presidents during the period from 1-1-2008 to 1-1-2009 alongwith the purpose of those visits;*

- (b) *the total expenditure incurred thereupon; and*
 (c) *the names of the entourage of each visits separately?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) and (b) Country wise details showing expenditure incurred including Special Remittances, 30% DA, Chartered Flight Charges, Over Flying Charges, Gifts etc. for the visits of the President of Pakistan for the period from January, 2008 to January, 2009 are as follows:—

S. No.	Countries	Period Jan- 2008 to Jan- 2009	Total Number of Entourage	Total Expenditure	Annexures
Visits of the Former President		2008			
1.	Belgium, France, Switzerland and UK.	20-28 Jan 2008	44	146,561,282/-	Annexure-A
Visits of the President Zardari		Sep 2008 to date			
2.	China.	10-15 April 2008	36	22,551,923/-	Annexure-B
3.	UK & UAE.	12-18 Sep. 08	16	16,547,870/-	Annexure-C
4.	UK & USA.	21-28 Sep. 08	31	61,823,415/-	Annexure-D
5.	UAE	5-6 Oct. 08	11	5,715,711/-	Annexure-E
6.	China	14-17 Oct. 2008	31	21,223,900/-	Annexure-F
7.	Saudi Arabia	4-5 Nov 2008	42	13,199,159/-	Annexure-G
8.	USA & UK.	12-18 Nov	31	27,543,834/-	Annexure-H
9.	UAE.	24-26 Nov 08	28	5,705,526/-	Annexure-I
10.	Turkey.	5-6 Dec 2008	31	3,179,010/-	Annexure-J
11.	Afghanistan.	18-20 Dec & 6-7 Jan 2009	25	2,018,901/-	Annexure-K

(c) The list of entourage is attached as Annexure-A to Annexure-K.
(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

101. **Mrs. Sumaira Yasir Rasheed:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of visits abroad made by the present President since September, 2008 alongwith the expenditure incurred thereupon; and*

(b) *the name of the entourages of those visits separately?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) Country wise details showing expenditure incurred including Special Remittances, 30% DA, Chartered Flight Charges, Over Flying Charges, Gifts etc. for the visits of the President of Pakistan since September, 2008 are as follows:

S. No.	Countries	Period Sep- 2008 to Jan- 2009	Total Number of Entourage	Total Expenditure	Annexures
1.	UK & UAE.	12-18 Sep 08	16	16,547,870/-	Annexure-A
2.	UK & USA.	21-28 Sep 08	31	61,823,415/-	Annexure-B
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(b) The list of entourage is attached as Annexure-A to Annexure-I.
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102. **Nawab Abdul Ghani Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Population Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) *the locations of Population Welfare Centre established in Islamabad and FATA at present;*

(b) *the amount of funds incurred on the installation of these Centres; and*

(c) *the out put of those Centres shown during the last three years?*

Minister for Population Welfare (Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan): (a) At present; the locations of Population Welfare Centres established in Islamabad and FATA is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) Since these Centres were established in different `years of previous five year plan period, therefore, the cost of these centres varied according to their year of establishment. However, based on the cost estimates of last plan period

(2003—08) the amount of funds incurred on the establishment of these centres was as under:

S.No	Population Welfare Centre	Total Cost (Rs. in million)
(i)	Islamabad	32.769
(ii)	FATA	58.448
Total		91.217

(c) the out put of those Centres during the last three years is placed at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

103. **Nawab Abdul Ghani Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistani imprisoned in Thailand at present alongwith the offences committed and conviction awarded; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) According to the information obtained by our Mission in Thailand from the concerned authorities of Royal Thai Government, there are fifty three (53) Pakistanis detained in different prisons and detention centres of Thailand under the charges of fake documents, drug trafficking, illegal stay (list attached as Annexure-A).

(b) Furthermore, our Mission in Thailand has informed that they provide all possible assistance to alleviate the sufferings of Pakistani prisoners and puts in concerted efforts for their welfare as well as early repatriation once the detainee completes his sentence. The staff of our Embassy visits prisons on periodical basis to know the problems and needs of Pakistani prisoners. In this regard, a special programme has been made by our Ambassador in Thailand. Besides this whenever any prisoner individually approaches the Mission *via* letter for miscellaneous affairs like permission for telephone access to contact relatives, medical treatment and authority letter for family visit, the Mission provides the services by writing a letter to prison authorities to solve these problems.

ANNEXURE-A

LIST OF PAKISTANI PRISONERS IN THAILAND

Sr. No.	Name	Offence	Arrested on	Sentence	Bidg No.
Bangkok Special Prison					
1.	Mohammad Haseb Khan	Fake docu	4 Apr 2008	One year	1
2.	Afzal Ali Khan	Fake docu	21 Nov 2007	Under Trial	1
3.	Mohammad Qayyum Khan	Fake docu	28 Nov 2008	6 years	1
Bangkok Central Prison Nonthaburi (Bangkhwang)					
4.	Muhammad Nadeem Hussain	Drug	23 Aug 1999	40 Years	3
5.	Ahmed Mansoor	Drug	6 Oct 2002	35 Years	6
6.	Sajad Aziz	Drug	23 May 2003	Death	10
7.	Syed Ahmed Raza Rizvi	Drug	19 Jun 2001	41 Years 8 Months	3
8.	Syed Shams Ul Hadi	Drug	21 Jun 2001	40 Years	6
9.	Muhammad Afzal	Drug	01 Nov 2001	35 Years	6
10.	Syed Haider Hussain	Drug	17 Oct 2001	40 Years	3
11.	Liaqat Ali	Drug	17 Mar 1997	40 Years	6
12.	Muhammad Rafique Bhola	Drug	10 Nov 2000	35 Years	6
13.	Zulfiqar Ahmed Minhas	Drug	08 June 2000	35 years	6
14.	Rashid Umar	Drug	28 Jul 2000	35 Years	6
15.	Javed Akhter	Drug	24 Sep 1996	Death	2
16.	Muhammad Arshad	Drug	10 Aug 2000	40 Years	3
17.	Muhammad Yousaf	Murder	2000	33 Years	6
18.	Muhammad Saleem	Drug	20 Jul 2004	Life	6
19.	Saeed Arif	Drug	15 Jul 2005	40 Years	6
20.	Muhammad Arif Urf Sarif	Drug	-	25 Years	5
21.	Masood Anjum	Drug	26 Dec 2004	35 Years	6
22.	Ahmed Ratib	Drug	1994	40 Years	5
23.	Rana Basharat Ali	Drug	26 Oct 2000	35 Years	6
24.	Irshad Ahmed Latif	Drug	21 Aug 2001	Life	6
25.	Muhammad Sarwar Asim	Drug	26 Dec 2004	20 Years 6 Months	3
26.	Muhammad Sadiq	Drug	2002	Life	4
27.	Abdul Jabbar	Drug	1995	35 Years	6
28.	Pervez Hussain	Drug	26 Sep 2005	25 Years	5
Klongprem Prison Bangkok (Lardiao)					
29.	Khawaja Khaleeq uz Zaman	Drug	2003	25 Years	6
30.	Risalat Khan	Drug	1989	20 Years 10 Months	6
31.	Ghulam Farid	Drug	1995	20 Years 10 Months	5
32.	Ijaz Rashid	Fake docu	2006	3 Years	5
33.	Imran Naseem	Drug		7 Years	5

34.	Habib Ullah	Drug	2000	20 Years 10 Months	5
35.	Muhammad Zaheer	Drug		25 Years	4
36.	Muhammad Arshad	Drug		22 Years 13 Months 24 Days	3
37.	Muhammad Mansoor Hamayun	Travel cheque		12 Years	6
38.	Noshad Ahmed	Drug		10 Years 27 Days	3
39.	Muhammad Arif	Murder	2006	Life	2
40.	Raja Imtiaz Ahmed	Drug	28 Sep 2002	40 Years	2
41.	Muhammad Suhail Butt	Fake docu	Jun 2007	13 Years	1
42.	Ahsan Javed Cheema	Fake docu	10 Jul 2007	5 Years 1 Month 22 Days	6
43.	Raees Ahmed	Fake Passport	Oct 2006	6 Years 9 Months	6
Bambat Prison (Klong 2, 33/2 Ngam Wong road Chatuchak 10900)					
44.	Khan Mohammad Imran	Drug	18 Nov 2006	3 Years 6 Months	D-1
45.	Syed Karim	Drug	26 Sep 2005	25 Years	D-9
46.	Mohammad Shahid	Drug	12 Jun 2007	Life	D-9
47.	Mateen Shah	Drug	2008	Under Trial	
48.	Muhammad Faisal	Drug	2008	Under Trial	
49.	Naeem Shahzad	Drug	2008	Under Trial	
50.	Muhammad Kaleem Anwar	Drug	25 Feb 2008	Under Trial	
51.	Muhammad Shahid	Drug	25 Feb 2008	Under Trial	
Bangbon Prison (Lean Cham Bangbon District)					
52.	Naeem Butt	Fake passport business	Dec 2006	4 Years	4
Pathumthani Prison (Ambul Thanyaburi – Pathumthani 12110)					
53.	Sheikh Ayaz Shamshad	Drug	21 Nov 2007	1 Year	4

104. **S. A. Iqbal Quadri:**

Will the Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education be pleased to state the total number of widows of Karachi, NA-241 who have been granted financial assistance from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall under Food Support Programme and Individual Finance Assistance during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 alongwith their names, addresses and amount thereof?

Minister for Social Welfare and Special Education (Mrs. Samina Khalid Ghurki): Total 1,144 widows of N.A-241, Karachi have been granted an amount of Rs. **6.864** million @ Rs.3000/- per widow per year under Food Support Programme, (details at Annex-A) and **22** widows were granted an amount of Rs.**0.799** million under Individual Financial Assistance (IFA), (details at Annex-B) from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

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105. **Mrs. Shamshad Sattar Bachani:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistani imprisoned in Bangla Desh at present alongwith the offences committed and conviction awarded; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi):

(a) At present total number of Pakistani imprisoned in Bangladesh alongwith offences committed and conviction awarded are as under:—

Total number of Pakistanis in Bangladeshi Jails	=	16
Awarded death sentence	=	02
Cases under investigation	=	12
Under Trial	=	02

(b) The Mission has been granted consular access twice in the past two months. The Mission is making all out efforts to facilitate the release of prisoners. However, those whose cases are under trial have to complete the legal process of the country.

106. **Mir Ahmadan Khan Bugti:**

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is fact that no Federal Government Health Centre has been established in District Dera Bughti at present; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the time by which Federal Government Health Centre will be established in the said area alongwith the locations thereof?*

Reply not received.

107. **Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total distance from Sargodha to Khoshab -Kundian -Shershah, Rohri and Karachi;*
- (b) *the total distance from Sargodha to Faisalabad Shorekot-Khanewal, Shershah-Rohri and Karachi; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to ply a fast train on the route Sargodha-Khoshab, Kundian -Shershah, Rohri and Karachi; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Railways (Haji Ghulam Ahmad Bilour): (a) The total distance from Sargodha to Khushab- Kundian – Sher Shah – Rohri and Karachi is 1337 kilometers.

(b) The total distance from Sargodha to Faisalabad–Shorkot–Khanewal– Sher Shah, Rohri–Karachi is 1250 kilometers.

(c) At present there is no proposal to ply a fast train from Sargodha to Karachi *via* Khushab –Kundian – Sher Shah and Rohri.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 11th March, 2009.