

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Wednesday, the 18th September, 2013**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 144 and 149 were set down for answer during the 4th Session)*

144. **\*Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of Overseas Pakistanis remit major portion of their income to Pakistan;*
- (b) the province-wise total amount of foreign exchange remitted by those Pakistanis during the year 2012-13; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make a plan for the welfare of those Pakistanis from the said income; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi):** (a) • It is a fact that overseas Pakistanis remit their income to Pakistan to support their families but no separate data regarding volume/portion of remittances is maintained.

- (b) • Province-wise data of remittances is not maintained. However, remittances during the last five years i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13, are US\$ 55.01 billion.
- Remittances during July 2012 to June, 2013 are US\$ 13,920.26 million.

- Detail is attached as Annex-I.
- (c) • No such proposal is under consideration,

**Annex-I**

Year-wise remittances by Overseas Pakistanis during last five years are as under:—

(Amount in US\$ Billion)

FY	Home Remittances
2008-2009	7.81
2009-2010	8.90
2010-2011	11.20
2011-2012	13.18
2012-2013	13.92
	<b>55.01</b>

Overseas Pakistanis remitted an amount of \$13,920.26 million during the fiscal year (July, 2012 - June, 2013), showing a growth of 5.56 percent compared with \$13,186.62 million received during the last fiscal year (July, 2011-June, 2012).

149. **\*Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount of imports and exports of the country in dollars at present;*
- (b) *the quantity of textile exported alongwith its value in dollars during the year 2012-13 till date and the amount of rebate given thereon; and*
- (c) *the total number of textile units set up during the said period; and*
- (d) *the total number of closed aforesaid units at present?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) Total imports and exports of the country, in US dollars, during the month of July 2013 are as under:—

Exports:	2.095 Billion
Imports:	3.814 Billion

During the year 2012-13 total imports were US \$ 44.950 billion and exports were US \$ 24.518 billion.

(b) Total textile exports during the FY 2012-13 were US \$ 13.180 billion and a rebate of Rs. 2 billion was given to the textile exporters during that period.

(c) A total of 114 textile units were set up during the said period (Source: SECP).

(d) A total of 49 units were closed out of 4678 registered units during the said period.

(Source: SECP).

36. **\*Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether it is a fact that the important envoy posts in critical capitals in foreign countries are lying vacant since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the time by which the posting will be made thereupon?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) Pakistan has diplomatic relations with almost all important countries of the world. The Government appoints envoys to represent Pakistan abroad as Ambassadors/High Commissioners in these countries. Recently the Government has made appointments of Ambassadors/ High Commissioners to twenty two (22) countries. Selection of representatives to few remaining vacant post of Ambassadors/High Commissioners is under active consideration of the government.

(b) The postings of envoys to these capitals is under active consideration of the Government and will be announced in due course.

37. **\*Lal Chand:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start trade between Pakistan and India from Khokhrapar-Monabao Border; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** The decision to open Khokhrapar/Monabao route for normal trade was taken by the Commerce Ministers of Pakistan and India during their meeting held on February 2012 at Islamabad (Annex-I). As per the decision, a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Khokhrapar/Monabao had to be established which has now been constituted. Later, the Indian side communicated formation of their Joint Working, Group (JWG) on Khokhrapar/Monabao and Pakistan has also communicated its formation to the Indian side. Presently, Ministry of Commerce is holding consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The First Meeting of the JWG will be scheduled after completing the internal consultation process.

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

38. **\*Muhammad Rehan Hashmi:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give/allocate industrial land to the textile industry in the near future; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** The Textile Industry Division has started a project namely, “Pakistan Textile City Limited, Karachi” on a total of 1,250 acres of industrial land. The land has been divided into 277 plots of sizes varying from 0.5 acres to 5.00 acres, which will be provided to the investors in Textile sector tentatively from the year 2014-15. The details of types of industry are given below: —

<b>Industry Type</b>	<b>Plots</b>
Apparel	14
Bed Linen	24
Denim	14
Dyeing	59
Knitwear	20
Towel	16
Weaving	54
Downstream Units (Threads, Zips, buttons etc)	62
Future Provision	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277</b>

The project includes development of all infrastructural amenities like water, gas and electricity supply.

39. **\*Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry to take maximum benefits from the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) being given by the European Union?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** In the first phase, Pakistan's application for inclusion in GSP Plus has been technically examined and approved by the European Commission (EC). Now the second phase has begun in which the Council of European Union and the European Parliament are considering the recommendation of EC.

In case Pakistan succeeds in clearing the second phase, Pakistan will start availing GSP Plus benefits from January, 2014.

The Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2012-15 has been promulgated *inter-alia* keeping in view the likelihood of getting GSP Plus. Within this Framework, various Policy measures have been initiated to minimize our supply

side constraints so that our production capacity can keep pace with the new opportunities arising after getting GSP Plus. Some of the more significant steps are as follows:

- Exim Bank is being established to ensure adequate, cheap, timely trade financing for the exporters
- Training and product development Institutes, running under Ministry of Commerce and TDAP are being strengthened so that they can assist our private sector by providing better quality human resource and designs for our industry.
- Export Promotion Agencies are being revamped so that they can respond adequately to the requests of our exporters.
- To provide Market Development Assistance to Pakistani Exporters by Undertaking different promotional initiatives including market research, support to non-traditional exports, support to marketing efforts of private sector etc.
- Regulatory amendments in Trade Regulations have been made after extensive consultation with stakeholders to facilitate Pakistan's trade and contribute to the ease of doing business by simplifying the procedures and strengthening the regulatory processes, where needed.
- Consultations are continuously being held with Chambers of Commerce and Industry in order to apprise them of the new opportunities arising from the GSP Plus.
- Expo to familiarize foreign companies on Pakistani products with export potential.

40. **\*Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

*Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to find out and encourage new players in the country?*

**Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** Ministry of IPC through Pakistan Sports Board is taking a number of steps to find out and encourage new players. These steps include the following:—

- a. Pakistan Sports Board is organizing the Inter Provincial Sports Youth Tournaments every year on regular basis. These tournaments are being organized in rotation in all Provinces including AJK, Gilgit Baltistan and Islamabad. These include both Boys and Girls competitions. During the current financial year 2013-2014 the following tournaments will be organized:—

UNDER-16 (GIRLS)

1. Table Tennis
2. Badminton
3. Judo
4. Athletics
5. Taekwondo
6. Wushu

UNDER-14 (BOYS)

1. Badminton
2. Volleyball
3. Table Tennis
4. Athletics
5. Karate
6. Swimming
7. Hockey
8. Football

- b. Pakistan Sports Board is also organizing Youth Summer Training Camps at its Coaching Centres at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta in which approximately 270 male and female of Youth players participate every year.
- c. The Sports Clubs are the nurseries from where the sporting activities originate and subsequently talented sportspersons emerge. Government support at this level can produce the marvelous results. Keeping in view, the significance of clubs sports, the Executive Committee of PSB approved the promotion of sports at clubs level in the country.

In the 1st phase, PSB provided sports goods and “grant in aid” amounting to Rs.8.600 million to Deputy Commissioners of six Districts of KPK *i.e.* Malakand, Buner, Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Bannu and Lakki Marwat, after due scrutiny of the clubs.

In 2nd Phase, survey is being carried out in other provinces of the country and step wise sports goods will be provided to the clubs and “special grant in aid” for organization of Inter-Club Sports Tournaments and improvement of their sporting facilities. With this campaign, the club level sports will be developed, promoted and talented young sportspersons will rise from obscurity to national and international acclaim and eventually the sports will be promoted in the country.

- d. Pakistan Sports Board in collaboration with Higher Education Commission organized Prime Minister Sports Festival in June 2012.
- e. Pakistan Sports Board also organized “Pakistan Inter Board Sports-2012” in collaboration with Inter Board Committee of Chairmen, during December 2012 at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad.

41. **\*Syed Asif Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount of wheat imported from Russia during the last year; and*
- (b) *the quantity and country-wise total amount of wheat exported during the said period alongwith the value thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) Wheat has not been imported from Russia during the last years.

(b) The quantity and country-wise total amount of wheat exported during the said period along with value thereof is at **Annex-I**.



**Annex-I****Exports of Wheat during the last two years from Pakistan**

Country	2011-2012		2010-2011	
	MT	000 US\$	MT	000 US\$
<b>WHEAT</b>	<b>413,673</b>	<b>127,065</b>	<b>1,781,050</b>	<b>586,603</b>
Afghanistan	31,385	9,508	41,753	15,640
Australia	--	--	10	4
Bangladesh	35,954	11,643	697,684	231,547
Djibouti	--	--	33,000	10,300
Hong Kong S.A.Re.Chi	100	36	22	6
Indonesia	8,751	2,659	24,673	7,797
Jordan	130	45	338	119
Kenya	73,820	23,282	219,880	73,088
Madagascar	6	2	3,142	1,114
Malaysia	6,182	1,814	55,813	17,898
Myanmar	--	--	3,005	1,022
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Oman	223	53	18,422	5,838
Philippines	5,500	1,624	44,468	14,278
Qatar	9,800	2,915	61,071	20,526
Saudi Arabia	--	--	2,341	770
Singapore	--	--	6,514	2,090
Somalia	--	--	150	61
South Africa	--	--	250	90
Sri Lanka	150,951	45,917	173,090	54,833
Sudan	--	--	33,000	11,283
U.R.of Tanzania	10,001	3,346	3,051	910
United Arab Emirates	66,394	19,849	117,445	37,105
Viet Nam	--	--	10,881	3,259
Yemen	14,000	4,225	223,250	74,698

42. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the year-wise total amount of foreign exchange earned from export of textile goods during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the number of items which have been made more profitable after the value addition during the said period?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) The year wise total amount of foreign exchange earned from export of textile goods during the last three years is as under:—

Value: US\$ Billions

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Textile &amp; Clothing Exports</b>	13.78	12.35	13.06

Source: FBS

(b) The exports of following value added textile items have increased in last three years:

Value: US\$ Millions

S. No.	Profitable Textile Items	2010-11	2012-13	Growth in %age
1.	FABRICS READY-MADE GARMENT EXCLLEATHER	2,623.195	2,690.941	2.58
2.	GARMENT	1,773.661	1,814.607	2.31
3.	TOWELS	762.308	775.809	1.77

Value: US\$ Millions

S. No.	Profitable Textile Items	2010-11	2012-13	Growth in %age
4.	TENTS AND CANVAS	46.954	126.459	169.33
5.	OTHER TEXTILES / MATERIAL ETC.	307.714	399.216	29.74

*Source: FBS*43. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for value addition and export of dates?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** The steps taken by the Government for value addition and export of dates are as under :—

- a. A subsidy of 50% on the cost of plant & machinery for dates has been announced under Strategic Trade Policy Framework (STPF) 2012-15.
- b. The government has established Pakistan Horticulture Development & Export Company (PHDEC) in Lahore to work for production, development and export of horticulture products including, dates.
- c. Export Development Fund (EDF) has allocated an amount of Rs. 55.346 million for establishment of three Dates Processing Plants, one each in Khairpur (Sindh), Turbat (Baluchistan), and Dera Ismail Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with Sindh Board of Investment for establishment of Dates Processing Plant in Khairpur under Public Private Partnership.
- d. Solar dryers for the dates have been installed in Khairpur through financial support of USAID.

- e. Recently, a training workshop was conducted in Dera Ismail Khan and a Seminar on “dates processing” is being organized on 18th September, 2013 in Khairpur in collaboration with Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur.

44. **\*Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the year-wise performance shown and exports made by the Lahore, Faisalabad and Karachi Garments Cities during the last five years?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** Textile Industry Division has setup three garment cities, namely Lahore, Karachi and Faisalabad Garment Cities, as an initiative of the Trade Policy 2003-04. The garment cities provide infrastructure in the form of state of the art buildings which are offered on rent through bidding to the investors in Garment sector, for setting up garment units.

**Faisalabad Garment City Company**

The Project has been almost completed and buildings are being leased out to the investors. Details of construction work progress and contribution to the exports by the units established there, are as under;

Financial Year	Construction Work Performance	Export Contribution in Billion Rupees*
2012-13	402,959 Sq Ft of Cat- A, B and C Buildings	0.96
2011-12	330,568 Sq Ft of Cat- A, B and C Buildings	0.84
2010-11	315,099 Sq Ft of Cat- A, B and C buildings	0.66
2009-10	315,099 Sq Ft of Cat- A, B and C buildings	0.0
2008-09	92,207 sq Ft of Cat-A and B buildings	0.0

\* The industrial units established at Faisalabad Garment City contributed to the exports.

**Lahore Garment City Company:—**

The project has completed two separate buildings with all civic amenities and is in the process of leasing out the facility to the investors for establishing garment units. Details of the buildings are as under:—

**Category –A Building:**

Total covered area of 191,150 square feet with 6 floors of 31,568 square feet each.

**Category –B Building:**

Total covered area of 80,400 square feet with 6 floors of 16,080 square feet each.

**Karachi Garment City Company:**

The project is in its early stages of execution. A total of 300 acres of land has been acquired for the project. The PC-I of the project is under development after the approval of which the project will formally be made a part of the PSDP.

45. **\*Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the year-wise total number of persons from Minorities sent abroad during the last five years alongwith the details thereof, separately; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the quota has been allocated for Minorities in this regard; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi):** (a) • No separate data is maintained for the Minorities. Selection of persons being sent abroad is made on merit without any discrimination on the criteria “right person for the right job”.

- (b) • No separate quota has been allocated for minorities.

46. **\*Sajid Ahmed:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.46 replied on 16-8-2013 and to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to declare India the most favourable nation for trade;*
- (b) *if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) The Cabinet in its meeting held on 2nd November 2011 endorsed the efforts of Ministry of Commerce for full normalization of trade relations with India and directed Commerce Division to complete the process of trade normalization for grant of MFN status to India (**Annex-I**). Subsequently, the Cabinet in its meeting, held on 29th February 2012 accorded approval of a Negative List of 1209 items for imports from India replacing the Positive List. The Cabinet also approved phasing-out of the Negative List, with the timeline of 31st December 2012 in principle subject to further progress regarding provision of level playing field for Pakistan's exports to Indian markets and directed Ministry of Commerce to bring the case for complete normalization of trade relations with India to Cabinet for approval after further negotiations with India (**Annex-II**).

This Ministry could not meet the timeline of 31st December 2012 as it was consulting other ministries and private sector stakeholders to assess and evaluate level playing field enjoyed by Pakistani exports to India, non-tariff barriers being faced by Pakistani exporters and issues of market access of Pakistani products to India. Elimination of the Negative List after the approval of the Cabinet will imply the grant of MFN status to India.

- (b) The following benefits will accrue once India is granted MFN status;
- Trade costs will be reduced due to availability of raw materials, machinery at cheaper rates as well as lowering of freight charges. This will have a positive impact on the overall competitiveness and productivity of our industry.
  - Consumers will gain access to goods at competitive rates thus increasing purchasing power.

- Pakistani domestic industry will get access to a large Indian market.
- Linkages with Indian market will improve the competitiveness of the domestic producers with access to better entrepreneurial, marketing, distribution and production practices.

Annex-I

SECRET

Case No. 219/22/2011 BRIEFING ON NORMALIZATION OF INDIA PAKISTAN  
Dated: 02-11-2011 TRADE RELATIONS

DECISION

The Cabinet endorsed the efforts of Commerce Division for full normalization of trade relations with India and directed Commerce Division to complete the process of trade normalization for grant of MFN status to India.

Annex-II

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Case No. 49/05/2012 MOVE FROM POSITIVE TO NEGATIVE LIST OF ITEMS  
Dated: 29-02-2012 FOR INDIA

DECISIONS

The Cabinet considered the Summary dated 28th February 2012 submitted by Commerce Division on **“Move from Positive to Negative List of Items for India”** and noted that as all stakeholders were on board, approved ‘the proposals unanimously. follows:—

- (i) replacement of the Positive List in Appendix G of the Import Policy Order 2010-11 by a Negative List for imports from India comprising 1209 tariff lines at 8-digit HS Code (Annex-IV of the Summary for the Cabinet).
- (ii) in principle to make appropriate changes in the trade defence laws in consultation with the stakeholders to allay apprehensions of the industrial sector for using these laws more effectively against any unfair practices or injury to local industry by Indian imports.

- (iii) phasing-out of the Negative List, with the timeline of 31st December 2012 in principle subject to further progress regarding provision of level playing field for Pakistan's exports to Indian markets. Ministry of Commerce would bring the case for complete normalization of trade relations with India to Cabinet for approval after further negotiations with India.

II. It was also directed that the citizens may be educated on the benefits of the normalization of trade relations between the two neighbours through a media campaign and seminars etc. by Ministries of Commerce, and Information & Broadcasting.

47. **\*Abdul Majeed Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for better access to the markets of the countries of European Union during the year 2012-13 till date?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:**

**Market Access Efforts in European Union**

Trade policy decision making of all 28 Member States is taken in the EU Headquarters in Brussels. From Pakistan's point of view, the best option was to get duty free access through GSP Plus. Accordingly, Pakistan applied for GSP Plus in March, 2013. Application has been technically evaluated by the European Commission. As per the results of this evaluation, Pakistan has been found to be eligible and this conclusion has been conveyed by the European Commission to the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament. These two organizations of the EU will take final decision on the matter by the end of 2013. Government of Pakistan is continuing to monitor the decision making process in Brussels and is continuing to engage in necessary diplomatic lobbying, as and when required.

48. **\*Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*



- (a) *whether any agreement has been signed with the United States of America, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait regarding the Welfare of the people of Pakistan; and*
- (b) *whether further agreements are under consideration in this regard; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi):** (a) • No. agreement has been signed with any of the three countries.

- (b) • No agreement is under consideration.

49. **\*Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.32 replied on 16-8-2013 and to state:*

- (a) *the district-wise total number of refugees besides Afghan refugees residing in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to repatriate the said refugees?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. General (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch):** (a) It is clarified that under the Rules of Business, the Ministry of SAFRON is mandated to deal with only registered Afghan refugees. For information other than Afghan refugees, it may be appropriate if Ministry of Interior is approached.

(However, as regards registered Afghan refugees presently residing in the country, the requisite information has already been provided *vide* National Assembly Starred Question No. 32, moved by Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, MNA and replied on 16-8-2013; alongwith steps being taken with regard to repatriation of such refugees from Pakistan, have also been provided *vide* above reply).

- (b) With regard to refugees other than Afghan refugees, the Ministry of Interior may be in better position to provide the requisite information.

50. **\*Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the year-wise total number of reconditioned cars wagons and trucks imported during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the import of those vehicles alongwith the foreign exchange incurred thereupon?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) Year-wise import of reconditioned cars/jeeps, wagons and trucks imported under Transfer of Residence, Personal Baggage and Gift Schemes during the last five years (2008-09 to 2012-13) is given in table below:

Description	No of used vehicles imported
<b>FY- 2008-09</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	360
Cars & Jeeps	4551
Trucks	482
<b>FY- 2009-10</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	682
Cars & Jeeps	5630
Trucks	538
<b>FY- 2010-11</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	749
Cars & Jeeps	10761
Trucks	461
<b>FY- 2011-12</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	1469
Cars & Jeeps	55993
Trucks	360
<b>FY- 2012-13</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	1325
Cars & Jeeps	45417
Trucks	435

(b) The reconditioned vehicles are imported as Personal Baggage or on Transfer of Residence or as Gift. The procedure adopted for the import of the subject reconditioned vehicles along with the foreign exchange details is as follows:

**Procedure for import**

1. **Personal baggage:** Filing of Goods Declaration under section 79 of the Customs Act, 1969 accompanied with the following documents namely; -

- a. Purchase receipt;
- b. Bill of Lading dated not later than 120 days from the date of arrival in Pakistan of the applicant; and
- c. Attested photocopy of passport or Pakistan Origin Card (original passport or Pakistan Origin Card required to be checked by customs at the time of clearance).

2. **Gift Scheme:** Filing of Goods Declaration under section 79 of the Customs Act, 1969 accompanied with the following documents namely;—

- a. NIC of donee;
- b. Purchase receipt;
- c. Bill of Lading (showing name and address of consignee);
- d. Attested photocopy of passport or Pakistan Origin Card; and

3. **Transfer of residence:** Filing of Goods Declaration under section 79 of the Customs Act, 1969 accompanied with the following documents namely;—

- (a) Purchase receipt;
- (b) Attested photocopy of passport or Pakistan Origin Card (original passport or Pakistan Origin Card may be required to be checked by the customs at the time of clearance);
- (c) Bill of Lading (dated not later than 120 days from the date of arrival of application).

The Foreign Exchange incurred thereupon is as follow:

(Rs: In Million)

Description	Import Value/Foreign Exchange incurred
<b>FY- 2008-09</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	309.555
Cars & Jeeps	2221.52
Trucks	377.308
<b>FY- 2009-10</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	688.815
Cars & Jeeps	3095.52
Trucks	505.977
<b>FY- 2010-11</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	907.854
Cars & Jeeps	5441.19
Trucks	583.249
<b>FY- 2011-12</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	1529.36
Cars & Jeeps	26632.7
Trucks	453.757
<b>FY- 2012-13</b>	
Buses, Coaches & Wagons	1480.36
Cars & Jeeps	23330.8
Trucks	523.838

51. **\*Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether there is a ban on the import of Gold at present;*

(b) *if so, the advantages/disadvantages accrued therefrom to the country during the year 2012-13 till date?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) There is no ban on import of gold at present. A ban was, however, imposed for a short period *i.e.* from 1st August 2013 to 2nd September 2013, in pursuance of ECC decision dated 30th July 2013. The ban was imposed due to sudden surge in import of Gold which has now been lifted *vide* SRO 760 (I) 2013 dated 2nd September 2013, by incorporating appropriate amendments in the new system, making it more transparent and invulnerable to possible mis-use. (Copy of SRO attached).

(b) During the Fiscal Year 2012-13, there was no ban on the import of gold. The gold imported during this period was intended for the manufacturing and re export of jewelry. On account of this the export of jewelry was around 1.2 billion US\$ in 2012-13 (July-June) as compared to 0.9 billion US\$ in the same period of last year.

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

52. **\*Chudhary Hamid Hameed:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

(a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has failed to get its due share in the international market of its value added textile products in proportion to their production during the last three years;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to increase the ratio of export and promotion of value added products?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that Pakistan has not been able to get its due share of its value added textile products in the international market during the last three years. The exports of textile value added products for the last three years are as follows:—

Value in US\$ Million

Iems	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1. Cotton Yarn	2,201.4	1,809.8	2,243.60
2. Cotton cloth	2,623.2	2,442.5	2,690.90
3. Yarn other than cotton yarn	47.6	35.6	39.5
4. Knitwear	2,305.6	1,982.8	2,032.60
5. Bedwear	2,088.9	1,741.7	1,783.50
6. Towels	762.3	686.4	775.8
7. Tents, canvas & Tarpaulin	47.0	92.1	126.5
8. Readymade garments	1,773.7	1,615.6	1,814.60
9. Art silk & synthetic textile	607.8	546.3	406.2
10. Made up articles (Include. other tex.)	625.0	591.5	591.8
Other textile materials	307.7	318.0	399.2

(Source: FBS)

There are a number of reasons for the low exports of textile value added products, which include:

- i. Energy crises (gas and electricity);
- ii. Worsening law & order situation;
- iii. Rests of Pakistan's competitors in this sector have more preferential access in the important export markets such as the European Union (EU) and United States of America (USA).

(b) Government of Pakistan has taken following steps to increase the ratio of export and promotion of value added products.

- i. Ministry of Commerce through Pakistan's Economic Minister has filed application for GSP+ with the European Commission (EC) in Brussels on 15th March, 2013. EC has technically examined the application. As per the results of this evaluation, Pakistan has been found to be eligible and this conclusion has been conveyed by the European Commission to the council of the European Union and the European Parliament. These two organizations of the EU will take a final decision on the matter by the end of 2013. Government of Pakistan is continuing to monitor the decision making process in Brussels and is continuing to engage in necessary diplomatic lobbying, as and when required.

- ii. Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), Ministry of Commerce participated in 15 international exhibitions of textile in 2010-11 and 14 in 2011-12 and 16 in 2012-13.
- iii. TDAP, Ministry of Commerce organized an event named “Life Style Pakistan, 2012” at New Delhi, India on 12-15 April, 2012 in which more than 100 firms of textile including fashion designers participated.
- iv. Ministry of Commerce & Textile is planning to hold an exclusive expo for the promotion of textile value added products with name of “**Textile Pakistan**” in year 2014 at Lahore.

53. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to close offices of the Ministry in foreign countries which have shown poor performance during the last three years; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry:** The Federal Government has formed a Committee under the Finance Minister to review the performance of Foreign Missions abroad, including the Trade Missions of the Ministry of Commerce.

It is only when this review is completed; it will be possible to decide whether any office needs to be closed.

54. **\*Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state;*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more Pakistani Consulates in foreign countries;*
- (b) *if so, the name of those countries alongwith the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) and (b) At this stage, there is no proposal under consideration to establish additional Pakistani Consulates in foreign countries.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 17th September, 2013.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Wednesday, the 18th September, 2013**

*(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 147, 151, 159, 161 and 162 were set down for answer during the 4th Session)*

**147. Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints lodged by the Pakistanis are pending in Pakistan Mission at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for the last several months; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the time by which those complaints will be resolved?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) No complaints of Pakistanis are pending in the Embassy of Pakistan, Riyadh

(b) Day to day complaints are attended promptly. Ambassador alongwith Community Welfare Attache conducts a weekly Open House and listen to the complainants. No complaints are pending for which time frame may be indicated.

**151. Sher Akbar Khan:**

*Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state:*

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for promotion and encouragement of higher education in the FATA; and*

(b) *the details of budget allocated for the said purpose during the year 2013-14?*

**Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen. Abdul Quadir Baloch):**(a) In order to extend opportunity of higher education to FATA youths, following steps have been taken:—

1. 35 Degree colleges (23 for boys and 12 for girls) and 03 post-graduate colleges have been established in FATA.
2. Establishment of FATA University has been reflected in PSDP 2012-13 and 2013-14 with estimated cost of Rs.1500 million. A scheme titled as "Purchase of land for establishment of IT University in FATA" is reflected in ADP 2013-14 for total cost of Rs.61 million with allocation of Rs.40.807 million for the current financial year.
3. The authorities of Virtual University have been requested to establish campuses in FATA colleges;
4. Scholarships, under the Prime Minister's Directive, will be awarded to FATA domicile holders studying at post-graduate level and admitted to M. Phil and Ph.D courses in various Universities and Colleges in FATA.
5. To facilitate FATA female students, the Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has approved a non-ADP (Annual Development Program) scheme for purchase of 12 buses for female colleges.
6. Political Administration is awarding scholarships to FATA students studying in the colleges/universities in FATA and across the country.
7. A scheme titled as "Strengthening of Deeni Madaris (Phase-II) and existing colleges in FATA" have been reflected in ADP 2013-14 with allocation of Rs.33 million for the current financial year to strengthen the existing colleges;
8. To combat the existing shortage of electricity and load-shedding, a scheme titled as "Solarization of IT Labs: in High, Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges" with estimated cost of Rs.50 million in ADP 2013-14 has been reflected.

9. Fully equipped IT Laboratories have been established in 10 Colleges to provide an opportunity of computer literacy to FATA students.

(b) A total of Rs.277.182 million have been allocated in ADP 2013-14.

Detail is given below:—

(i) Project of Implementation Unit (PIU) of FATA University = Rs.10.00 million

(ii) Purchase of land for IT University = Rs.40.807 million

(iii) Purchase of Buses for Female colleges = Rs.143.375 million

(iv) Strengthening of existing colleges and Deeni Madaris (Phase-II) = Rs.33.00 million

(v) Solarization of IT labs in High, Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges = Rs.50.00 million

**Total:- Rs.277.182 million.**

159. **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

(a) *the country-wise agreements signed by the Government to send labourers abroad since March, 2008 till date except Korea, Malaysia and Gulf countries; and*

(b) *the number of labourers sent abroad under the said agreements alongwith the details of jobs thereof?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :**(a) Only one agreement has been signed between Pakistan and Libya on 2nd May, 2009 for export of Pakistani workers since March, 2008.

(b) Under the said agreement 8491 workers have proceeded to Libya from May, 2009 to July, 2013. The category-wise detail break up is attached *vide Annex-A.*

## Annex-A

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PROCEEDED  
TO LIBYA FOR EMPLOYMENT, REGISTERED BY BUREAU OF EMIGRATION AND OVERSEAS  
EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD May 2009 to July 2013  
(CATEGORY-WISE)

S.#	CATEGORY	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
1	Engineer	34	21	2	32	9	98
2	Doctor	3	0	0	1	1	5
3	Nurse	0	0	0	1	0	1
4	Teacher	0	1	0	0	7	8
5	Accountant	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Manager	2	4	1	38	1	46
7	Welder	2	12	3	38	12	67
8	Secretary/Typist	0	0	0	0	7	7
9	Storekeeper	0	0	0	0	8	8
10	Agriculturist	0	2	2	28	17	49
11	Clerk/Typist	1	0	0	1	0	2
12	Foreman/Sup	3	6	2	1	17	29
13	Mason	270	631	232	215	749	2087
14	Carpenter	230	440	102	206	572	1550
15	Electrician	131	160	27	151	376	835
16	Cook	1	2	4	0	7	14
17	Plumber	24	15	1	188	151	379
18	Welder	0	0	0	0	8	8
19	Steel Fixer	221	417	34	140	362	1174
20	Painter	15	0	0	69	212	297
21	Labourer	50	293	18	643	210	1212
22	Technician	101	71	3	58	66	299
23	Mechanic	18	15	46	5	20	104
24	Cable Joiner	0	0	13	0	0	13
25	Driver	0	14	0	11	16	43
26	Operator	12	51	2	5	10	80
27	Tailor	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Surveyor	6	2	0	0	7	15
29	Fitter	0	0	0	37	0	37
30	Denter	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Comp./Prog/Ana	1	0	0	12	1	14
32	Designer	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Goldsmith	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Pharmacist	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Rigger	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Salesman	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	Drafter/An	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Blacksmith	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	Photographer	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Artist	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	1126	2157	490	1872	2845	8491

161. **Choudhry Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the post-wise total number of persons recruited in EOBI during the period from January, 2011 to March 2013 alongwith the procedure adopted therefor?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** The following recruitments/appointments were made during the period from January 2011 to March 2013;

Assistant Director/G-7	06
Executive Officer/G-6	05
Assistant/G-3	57
Naib Qasid/G-1	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

All the above appointments were made between 1st January 2011 and 20th January 2011.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan has placed an embargo on fresh appointments/recruitments in EOBI on 21-01-2011 while hearing Human Rights Case No.480/12-P/2010, (Application of Mr. Tajamul Hussain).

These contract appointments were made directly with the approval of the then Chairman, EOBI without following the prescribed recruitment procedure.

162. **Choudhry Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of countries visited by the Honorable Ex-Prime Minister's and President of Pakistan during the period from March 2008 to March 2013 alongwith object of each visit;*
- (b) *the detail of entourage and expenditure incurred on each visit separately; and*
- (c) *the number of days of official and private visits separately made by the Honorable Prime Minister and President during the said period indicating also the head under which the expenditures of private visits were met?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The names of countries the Honorable *Ex-Prime Minister* and President of Pakistan visited from March 2008 to March 2013 along with object of each visit are enclosed.

(b) The detail of entourage and the expenditure incurred on each visit separately are enclosed.

(c) The number of days of official and private visits separately undertaken by the Honorable Prime Minister and President are also enclosed.

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

26. **Muhammad Rehan Hashmi:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the year-wise total number of trade delegations sent abroad by TDAP during the last five years?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry :** Details of year-wise total number of trade delegations sent abroad by Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) during the last five years is as under:—

Year	Number of Trade Delegations
2008-2009	18
2009-2010	15
2010-2011	15
2011-12	09
2012-13	04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>

27. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of other transport Services like NATCO bus service being operated in Northern Areas at present;*
- (b) *the total amount of income earned from the said service during the year 2012-13 alongwith utilization thereof; and*
- (c) *the authority which monitors the bus service at present?*

Reply not received.

28. **Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of employees of the Ministry before and after the 18th Amendment made in the Constitution; and*
- (b) *the functions of Commerce and Textile Industry Divisions before and after the said Amendment?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry :** (a) The total number of employees of Commerce Division before 18th Amendment were 332. After the 18th Amendment, 66 employees of different devolved Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments have been absorbed in this Ministry. Moreover Ministry of Commerce has created two new Wings *i.e.* Domestic Commerce Wing and Services Trade Development Council and 68 new posts were created during the financial year 2012-13 and 2013-14 and the total number of employee has become 466.

(b) After 18th Amendment, the functions of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL) were transferred to this Ministry (**Annex-I**), however, later on Ministry of Food Security and Research was created and these functions were transferred to the Ministry of Food Security and Research. The present functions of the Ministry of Commerce and Textile Industry are placed at (**Annex-II**).

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

29. **Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the year-wise performance shown*

*by the community welfare attaches posted abroad during the last five years?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** Year-wise performance of Community Welfare Attaches posted abroad during the last five years (2008 - 2012) is at **Annex-A**.

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

30. **Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

*(a) the names of countries in which new ambassadors have been appointed during the period from 1-6-2013 till date alongwith their names; and*

*(b) the procedure and criterion adopted therefor?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The names of countries and Ambassador appointed during the period from 1.6.2013 till date are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Name of Ambassador/ High Commissioner
1.	Argentina	Mr. Imtiaz Ahmad
2.	Austria	Ms. Ayesha Riyaz
3.	North Korea	Syed Hasan Habib
4.	Kazakhstan	Mr. Shaukat Ali Mukadam
5.	Oman	Mr. Ayaz Hussain
6.	Switzerland	Dr. Aman Rashid
7.	Greece	Dr. Saeed Khan Mohmand
8.	Iran	Mr. Noor Muhammad Jadmani
9.	Belgium	Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry
10.	Norway	Mr. Abdul Hamid



<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Country</b>	<b>Name of Ambassador/ High Commissioner</b>
11.	Indonesia	Ms. Attiya Mahmood
12.	Romania	Mr. Ayaz M. Khan
13.	Vietnam	Mr. Zaigham Uddin Azam
14.	Mexico	Mr. Aitzaz Ahmed
15.	The Philippines	Mr. Safdar Hayat
16.	The Czech Republic	Mr. Tajammul Altaf
17.	South Korea	Mr. Zahid H. Memon
18.	Poland	Mr. Khalid H. Memon
19.	Myanmar	Myanmar Mr. Ehsan Ullah Batth
20.	Libya	Lt. General (Retd) Javed Zia
21.	Denmark	Mr. Masroor A. Junejo
22.	South Africa	Mr. Najm Us Saqib

2. After nomination of an Ambassador/High Commissioner agreement/concurrence of the host government is sought to the proposed nomination. As per the diplomatic norms, the name of Ambassador/High Commissioner-designate is disclosed/made public upon receipt of agreement/concurrence of the host government. In the above nominations, concurrence of the host governments in respect of countries mentioned at serial number 9 to 22, is still awaited. Therefore, information with regard to Ambassador/High Commissioner-designate for these countries may be treated as confidential.

(b) The career Ambassador/High Commissioner are experienced diplomats having vast service experience. They are trained from the Civil Service Academy, Lahore and Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad before their induction into the Foreign Service of Pakistan. They also receive language training from abroad. Further, besides serving at the Headquarters, they serve at various Pakistan Missions abroad in different capacities over a long period before their appointment as Ambassador/High Commissioner.

The non-career Ambassadors/High Commissioners are appointed considering their competence, fitness, administrative experience and other professional capabilities. They represent civil society and belong to different walks of life *i.e.* politicians, academicians, Journalists, retired officers of civil and Armed forces.

31. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of the agreements signed with the Council of European Convention during the year 2012-13 till date?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** Pakistan has not signed any agreement with the Council of European Convention during the year 2012-13 till date. However, the Federal Cabinet in its meeting held on 28-8-2013 has approved the signing of Council of European Convention on transfer of sentenced persons.

32. **Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total number of complaints lodged with the Pakistan High Commission in UK during the period from 1-1-2013 till date;*
- (b) the number of such complaints disposed of so far; and*
- (c) the details of complaints referred to the Government of United Kingdom during the said period alongwith the action taken by the said Government thereupon?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The number of complaints lodged with the Pakistan High Commission in UK during the period from 1-1-2013 till date is **42**.

(b) The number of complaints out of these disposed of so far is **42**.

(c) No complaint referred to the Government of UK. The details are attached as **Annex-I**.

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

33. **Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) the total number of Pakistanis detained in the jails of Saudi Arabia, USA, France, Spain and Australia during the last five*

*years till date alongwith the names and addresses in Pakistan, the period of detention and the reasons thereof; and*

*(b) the steps being made by the Government for their release?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The country-wise number of Pakistanis in the jails of Saudi Arabia, USA, France, Spain and Australia at present, are as under:

<b>Country</b>	<b>No: of Pak: Prisoners</b>
Saudi Arabia (Riyadh)	692
USA (L.A, NY & Washington)	460
France	75
Spain	140
Australia (Canberra)	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>1391</b>

(List indicating names of prisoner, addresses in Pakistan, period of detention and reason is annexed)

(b) The following steps being made by the Government for early release of Pakistani Prisoners:

**1. Establishment of a Special Cell for Overseas Pakistanis**

A Special Cell on Overseas Pakistanis (SCOP), headed by Director General (Overseas Pakistanis) was established in May, 2010 to coordinate with all Government Departments in Pakistan and Missions abroad to resolve the problems of Overseas Pakistanis with special mandate of securing the release of Pakistani prisoners through payment of fines or under Bilateral Agreement on Transfer of Offenders.

**2. Release of Pakistani prisoners through payment of fines/legal aid**

- During the year 2010-11, ninety two (92) Pakistani prisoners/ detainees (90 in the Gulf countries and 2 in Malaysia) were got released through payment of fines and legal aid. During the year 2011-12, Missions in

Kuwait, UAE and Saudi Arabia secured the release of 30 prisoners after payment of fines, who had completed their sentences and had not committed heinous crimes, but were still in jails due to non-payment of fines.

- The Ministry in April, 2013 has authorized Pahic New Delhi for incurring expenditure from Government account for the payment of lawyer's fee for the release and repatriation of 14 Pakistani fishermen from India to Pakistan.
- The Ministry paid Rs. 1,323,390/- for one way air tickets for 32 destitute Pakistanis for their repatriation from Kula Lumpur to Pakistan during the month of April, 2013.
- Seventy Seven (77) Pakistani prisoners who had completed their sentences on petty charges but were not being released due to nonpayment of fines were got released from Dubai during May-June 2013. An amount of Rs.8,799,872/- sanctioned from Government account was placed at the disposal of Parep Dubai for the payment of fines.
- One Pakistani prisoner in China who had completed his 5 years sentence in May, 2013 on the charges of fake documents was got released after the payment of fine of Rs.1,600,000/- from Government exchequer.
- One Pakistani prisoner in Nepal who had completed his sentence on the charges of carrying fake Indian currency was got released in June 2013 after the payment of fine of Rs.461,386/- from government budget.
- The Ministry in May 2013 paid fine of Rs.3,777,488 to secure the release of four Pakistani prisoners from Saudi Arabia who had completed their imprisonment on various petty charges.

### 3. **Transfer of Prisoners under Bilateral Agreement on Transfer of Offenders**

- Pakistan has signed Bilateral Agreements on Transfer of Offenders with four countries *i.e.* UAE, UK, Thailand and Sri Lanka.
- Under Bilateral Agreement on Transfer of Offenders, seventy two (72) Pakistani prisoners (42 from Sri Lanka and 32 from Thailand) have been transferred back to Pakistan. In addition, 6 prisoners (5 from Seychelles and one from China) were also repatriated to Pakistan as a goodwill gesture by respective governments.

4. **Repatriation of victims of boat capsizing incidents**

In coordination with our Missions in Australia and Indonesia, assistance was extended to the families of the victims of boat capsizing incidents occurred in December, 2011 and June, 2012. An amount of Rs.10,488,000/- was also provided to our Mission in Canberra for the repatriation of dead bodies to Pakistan.

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

34. **Sher Akbar Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

*(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish OPF School and College in Buner (NA-28);*

*(b) if so, when it will be implemented; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) At present, there is no proposal under consideration to establish OPF Public School and College at Buner. OPF is already running 25 educational Institutions through out the country to provide quality education at subsidized rate and OPF is paying over Rs.120 Million per annum as subsidy for administrative and recurring expenditure.

(b) Due to poor law and order situation currently it may not be possible for OPF to establish an educational institute at Buner.

35. **Belum Hasnain:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state the year-wise performance shown by Pakistani Commercial attachees posted abroad to boost-up indigenous exports during the last five fiscal years?*

Reply not received.

36. **Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of Pakistani fishermen released by India during the year 2012-13 till date?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** According to office record, India has released 110 Pakistani fishermen during the year 2012-13 till dated. Details are as follows:

S. No.	Date & Year	Number of Fishermen Released
1.	24-04-2012	02
2.	29-05-2012	16
3.	17-07-2012	18
4.	28-09-2012	46
5.	06-04-2013	14
6.	30-07-2013	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>

37. **Mohammad Ayaz Soomro:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the OPF College has not been established in Larkana so far; if so, the time by which said college will be established over there?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** OPF has already established a school up to Matric level at Larkana since, 1989. The school has recently been shifted in its newly constructed building located at OPF Housing Scheme, Larkana in May, 2012. The proposal for its up-gradation to college level (Intermediate) is under consideration.

38. **Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the amount available in Workers Funds as on 15-03-2002, 15-3-2008 and 15-3-2013 separately?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** The amount available in

Workers Welfare, Fund as on 15-03-2002, 15-03-2008 and 15-03-2013 is as under:—

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b> <i>(Rs. in Million)</i>
15-03-2002	1,185.349
15-03-2008	2,191.728
15-03-2013	1,391.001

39. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

*Will the Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names and designation of employees working in various projects of the Ministry at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize the services of said employees; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Commerce and Textile Industry :** (a) Commerce Division is presently implementing the following listed four projects, all funded through PSDP:

1. Restructuring of Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD), Islamabad.
2. Trade and Transport Facilitation Project-II: Trade and Transport Facilitation Unit, Islamabad.
3. Purchase of Equipment, Furnishing, Curriculum Development and Training of Pakistan School of Fashion Design, Lahore.
4. Enhancement in Exhibition Halls and Additional Technology Works of Expo Centre Lahore Phase-II, Lahore.

A list showing names and designations of the employees working in the above projects at present is enclosed as **Annex-I**. All of them are working on contract basis.

(b) The contract employees of the project mentioned at Sr. No.1 above had applied for regularization of their services in the Commerce Division through the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Regularization of Daily Wages/Contract Employees in the Ministries /Divisions /Attached Departments /Autonomous Bodies/ Organizations etc. Commerce Division examined their cases but found that the applicants were not eligible under the government policy to be regularized through the said Sub-Committee. Some of those applicants later filed a writ petition in this regard in the Islamabad High Court, Islamabad. The matter is presently sub-judice hence Commerce Division is not in a position to give any timeline for finalization of the case.

No proposal is presently under consideration in Commerce Division for regularization of the services of the contract employees presently working in the remaining ongoing three projects of Commerce Division.

**Annex-I**

**LIST OF EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE PSDP FUNDED  
PROJECTS OF COMMERCE DIVISION AS ON 10-09-2013**

**1. Restructuring of Pakistan Institute of Trade and Development (PITAD), Islamabad:**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Sajid Hussain	Project Director (Additional charge)
2.	Mr. Sajjid Ahmed Mahar	Assistant Project Director
3.	Mr. Muhammad Tariq	Accounts Officer/ DDO
4.	Mr. Muhammad Shahid Iqbal	Administration & Coordination Officer
5.	Mr. Muhammad Ishfaq	Driver
6.	Mr. Muhammad Dawood	Naib Qasid



**2. Trade and Transport Facilitation Project-II: Trade and Transport Facilitation Unit, Islamabad (World Bank):**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Syed Irtiqa Ahmed Zaidi	Project Director
2.	Muhammad Usman	Project Accountant
3.	Sufyan Samim Khan	Project Management & Procurement Specialist
4.	Muhammad Akram	Research Associate
5.	Muhammad Latif Anwer	Stenographer
6.	Ms. Fatima Naz Abbasi	Account Assistant
7.	Usman Ali	1 Driver
8.	Jamil Ahmad Awan	Driver
9.	Ijaz Ahmed	Dispatch Rider
10.	Muhammad Abid Al-Khairi	Naib Qasid
11.	Jamil Hussain	Naib Qasid
12.	Muhammad Nadeem	Naib Qasid

**3. Purchase of Equipment, Furnishing, Curriculum Development and Training of Pakistan School of Fashion Design, Lahore:**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Muhammad Asim Saleem	Software Engineer
2.	Syed Muhammad Usama	Procurement Officer
3.	Muhammad Khalid Jamil	Accounts Officer
4.	Shafeeque Mushtaque	Stenographer
5.	Aziz Ahmed	Stenographer
6.	Tariq Bashir	Assistant / Record Keeper
7.	Hafiz Munir Ashraf Niazi	Driver
8.	Afzal Ahmad	Dispatch Rider
9.	Shahbaz Ahmad	Naib Qasid
10.	Muhammad Nadeem	Naib Qasid

**4. Enhancement in Exhibition Halls and Additional Technology Works of Expo Centre, Lahore Phase-II:**

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Arif Mansur Khosa	Chief Operating Officer
2.	Zia Ul Mustafa	CFO & Business Administrator
3.	Zaka Awan	Resident Engineer and Facility Manager
4.	Hammad Hasan Hamdani	HR & Administration Officer
5.	MS. Farhat Nazir	Business Development & Sales Officer
6.	Sohail Haroon	Procurement Officer
7.	Ahmad Din	Assets & Inventory Officer
8.	Imran Mohsin	Accounts & Finance Officer
9.	Syed Afzal Hussain Shah	Treasury Officer
10.	Javed Hanif	Network Officer
11.	Suhail Anjum	MIS Officer
12.	Attique-ure-Rehman	Front Desk Officer

**40. Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that monthly deduction is made from the salaries of industrial workers/ labourers for Old Age Benefit Fund; if so, the total amount deducted therefrom during the year 2012-13 till date;*
- (b) *the month-wise total amount collected under the said head during the period from 1-1-2008 till date; and*
- (c) *the details of investment made out of the said fund during the said period?*

Reply not received.

41. **Mian Javid Latif:**

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that retired employees of EOBI have not been given the facility of drawing their pension from Post Offices besides National Bank of Pakistan; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the time by which the said facility will be provided to those employees?*

**Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) :** (a) It is a fact that none of the retired employees of EOBI have ever asked for facility of drawing pension from Post Office. As such, none of the employees have so far been paid pension through Post Office. In practice, retired employees give account number of the bank and branch convenient to them for drawing pension. Pension is paid through their given bank and branch. However, Post Office facility for disbursement of pension is available.

(b) As soon as an employee would request for payment of pension through Post Office, he will be paid pension through Post Office.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 17th September, 2013.*