

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Monday, the 6th February, 2017

50. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**
(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.189 replied on 05-09-2016 and to state whether barbed wires have been installed and gate has been constructed on Pak-Iran borders?

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

52. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**
(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to seal 2600 kilometers Pak-Afghan Road; if so, the date of implementation thereof?

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

3. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of violations of the Line of Control carried out by India since 01-11-2016?

Transferred to Defence Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

52. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**
(Deferred on 27-01-2017)

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the imports bill of the country has increased due to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC); if so, the steps being taken by the Government to mitigate the effects of increased imports due to CPEC?

Transferred to Revenue Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

180. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that any talent hunt programme has been made for the selection of players in cricket team by the Pakistan Cricket Board during the last five years; if so, the province-wise number of players selected therefrom during the said period; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):

- PCB is conducting U-16 Talent Hunt Program across the country on annual basis for the last 8/9 years.
- Around 10,000-12,000 players appear for these trials every year at all the 16 Regions nationwide.
- 20 players selected at every Region (40 each at Lahore & Karachi) from these trials for 2 weeks Pre-tournament Camp and then Inter Regional Tournament held.
- At the end of the Inter Regional Tournament, 25-30 players selected on the basis of their performance during the tournament to attend a 4 Weeks Advance Coaching Program at NCA.
- Number of Players identified from this program have already represented Pakistan National Team *i.e.* Babar Azam, Sami Aslam, Ehsan Adil.

- Pakistan U-19 Team which participated in ICC U-19 World Cup for last 3 editions mostly consisted of the player unearthed through this program.
- PCB is also holding Open Trials Programs to unearth talented Fast Bowlers, Spin Bowlers & Batsmen in the remote areas every year.
- **PROVINCE WISE DETAIL AT - ANNEX-A**

SYSTEM AT THE DOMESTIC LEVEL FROM THE BOTTOM/ GRASSROOTS UP.

- Pakistan Cricket Board is working hard to establish the reason for the recent debacle in down under, however just before touring New Zealand/ Australia; Pakistan Cricket Team won all the 3 formats of the Game against West Indies very convincingly and even before that Pakistan Team won the T-20 series and drew a well fought Test series by 2 - 2 Against England in England which is.
- Through this same system Pakistan Cricket Test Team also achieved the Number 1 status just a few months ago.
- Pakistan Cricket Board is planning to organize further Players' Development Programs in line with the requirement of contemporary cricket.
- Pakistan Cricket Board is finding it financially very difficult to arrange home series for its Junior Teams *i.e.* Pakistan "A", Emerging Team, Pakistan U-19, Pakistan U-16 Teams, PCB is trying its best to arrange tours abroad on regular basis to maximize International Cricket exposure for young players.

EFFICIENCY OF THE SYSTEM IN PLACE AND PCB'S PLAN TO IMPROVE THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

Pakistan Cricket Board has started/expanding its Players' Development Program in Remote areas to unearth new talent. PCB is also introducing a new U-21 & U-13 Next Generation Program to complete the pathway of young talented Cricketers from Grass

route to First Class Cricket under the supervision of highly experienced former Test Cricketers *i.e.* Mr. Mudassar Nazar/ Mr. Inzamam ul Haq and their highly qualified teams.

181. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of textile products of Pakistan which have been included in the list of value added products during current year; and*
- (b) *the names of the countries which have been purchasing textile products of Pakistan for last three years alongwith the percentage of increase made in the production of the said products during the said period?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a)

(In quantity)

Sr. No.	Sub-Sector	July-June 2015-16	July-June 2014-15	% increase/ decrease
1.	Knitwear (M Doz)	119	104	15
2.	Bedwear (MT)	326,574	324,551	1
3.	Towel (MT)	177,946	172,156	3
4.	Readymade garments (M. Doz)	32	31	4

(In quantity)

Sr. No.	Sub-Sector	July — November, 2016	July- November, 2015	% increase/ decrease
1.	Knitwear (M Doz)	53	45,673	18

Sr. No.	Sub-Sector	July — November, 2016	July — November, 2015	% increase/ decrease
2.	Bedwear (MT)	144,118	133,087	8
3.	Towel (MT)	69,122	76,255	-9
4.	Readymade garments (M. Doz)	12	13	-1

(b) The list is attached as **Annex-I**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

182. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the percentage of decrease made in the value added exports of the country during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the reasons and the names of exports items thereof; and*
- (b) *the percentage of share of those exports in total Pakistan's exports as well as in global trade flows at present?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) Export of Pakistan's value-added items has decreased by 15.9 % since the year 2013-14. Item-wise details and reasons of decrease in export of value-added items are given in Annex-I (Column Nos. 2 & 6) and Annex-II respectively.

(b) The value-added items had 73.22 % share in the total exports of Pakistan during the last financial year. Their share in global export flows was 0.107%. Details may be seen in column Nos. 7 & 8 of Annex-I.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

183. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government for the promotion of sports in Agencies of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas separately?

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): Primarily, Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) deals with the affiliated National Sports Federations which are responsible for promotion of their respective sports in the country. PSB patronizes these federations for meeting their national and international commitments.

Promotion of sports in Agencies of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas does not come under the purview of PSB. However, PSB organized U-16 and U-17 tournaments in different cities of the four Provincial Headquarters, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan on rotation basis, in which teams from the provinces, AJK, Gilgit Baltistan and FATA participated every year.

184. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken/being taken by the Government to highlight the atrocities committed by the Indian Security Forces in Indian held Kashmir at the international forum?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Since the beginning of the recent uprising in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir after the killing of the Kashmiri youth leader Burhan Wani, the Government of Pakistan has taken the following steps:

10 July 2016:

- The Prime Minister issued a strongly worded statement expressing “deep shock” at the killings and deploring the “excessive” and “unlawful” use of force against civilians.
- Press Release was issued by the Foreign Office condemning Indian brutalities.

11 July 2016:

- The Foreign Secretary summoned the Indian High Commissioner and lodged a strong protest condemning killings and human rights violations in IoK.
- All Pakistani Missions abroad were instructed to approach the host governments and highlight the human rights violations in the IoK. Our Missions have been raising the brutal use of force by the Indian forces with the host governments and local NGOs. They also organized different events on Black Day on 20 July, 2016.

12 July 2016:

- Ambassadors of the permanent members of the Security Council were briefed by the Foreign Secretary.

13 July 2016:

- The Foreign Secretary briefed the ambassadors of the European Union and OIC Contact Group members on Jammu and Kashmir (Azerbaijan, Niger-through Niamey, Saudi Arabia and Turkey)

15 July 2016:

- Prime Minister presided over a meeting of the Federal Cabinet in Lahore on 15 July, 2016. The Cabinet reviewed the situation in IoK and condemned the human rights violations. The Cabinet decided to observe 20 July, 2016 as a Black Day in order to draw attention of the international community towards the brutalities and human rights violations being committed by the Indian forces in IoK.
- In line with Cabinet's decision, the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs wrote letters to the UN Secretary General, President of the Security Council, OIC Secretary General, High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Foreign Ministers of the members of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (Azerbaijan, Niger, Saudi Arabia and Turkey).
- Ambassadors of the African Union and the Middle East were briefed.

20 July 2016

- Black Day was observed in the whole country and Pakistan missions abroad.

22 July 2016

- Our Permanent Representative in Geneva addressed letters to the Director General WHO and the Director General ICRC.

04 August 2016

- The Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs addressed a letter to the President of Medicins Sans Frontiers for the treatment of injured persons.

05 August 2016

- The Prime Minister wrote letters to the UN Secretary General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the Indian atrocities in IoK.

06 August 2016

- Through a press statement, the Prime Minister called upon the international community to provide medical treatment to the victims of Indian brutalities, especially for eye injuries. The Prime Minister conveyed Pakistan's unequivocal support in arranging best available medical facilities to these injured people, anywhere in the world.

08 August 2016

- The Adviser wrote a letter to the Secretary General of Arab League inviting the attention of Arab countries towards the deteriorating situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

11 August 2016

- The international community was called upon to extend medical help to the injured in IOK.

20 August 2016

- The OIC Secretary General visited Pakistan and expressed his unequivocal support to the oppressed people of Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. He strongly condemned the Indian brutalities in Occupied Jammu & Kashmir at his press conference in Islamabad.

26 August 2016

- The Adviser briefed the Ambassadors of P-5 countries and the EU on Indian brutalities in IOK, and presented an updated assessment of causalities.

27 August 2016

- The Prime Minister approved the proposal of sending 22 special envoys to 11 important world capitals to highlight the Indian atrocities and to lobby for the Kashmir cause.

29 August 2016

- The Prime Minister wrote a letter to the UN Secretary General and welcomed his offer of good offices and invited him to visit the region at his earliest convenience. The Prime Minister also urged the Secretary General to send a Fact Finding Mission to the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir to investigate the grave violations of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Laws being perpetrated by the Indian forces.

33rd Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva (13 to 30 September 2016)

- Pakistan forcefully highlighted the grave human rights violations in IoK during the ongoing 33rd Human Rights Council Session in Geneva.

17 September 2016

- The Prime Minister addressed letters to heads of governments/states of permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France,

Russian Federation, UK and the USA) over grave human rights violations in IoK and highlighted the responsibility of the UN Security Council to fulfill its commitment with the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

19 September 2016

- The OIC Contact Group meeting was held on the sidelines of 71st UNGA session. Meeting was chaired by the OIC Secretary General and attended by Pakistan, Turkey and Azerbaijan and senior officials of Saudi Arabia and Niger. The President of AJK and the True Representative of the Kashmiri people also attended the meeting. The meeting expressed deep concern at the grave human rights violations in IoK and expressed complete solidarity with the people of Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir in their valiant struggle.

21 September 2016

- The Prime Minister of Pakistan addressed the 71st session of UN General Assembly on 21st September, 2016 and presented a very strong case on Jammu & Kashmir dispute in front of the international community and highlighted grave human rights violations being perpetrated by the Indian occupation forces in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Prime Minister also highlighted the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in all his bilateral meetings in New York and handed over a dossier on grave human rights violations in IoK to UN Secretary General and others.

3 October 2016

- An All Parties Conference of the Parliamentary Parties was held which reiterated Pakistan's principled position to continue to support the promised and inalienable right to self-determination of the people of Jammu & Kashmir. The session condemned the Indian brutalities in IoK and reiterated to continue to extend Pakistan's unflinching political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmir cause.

5 October 2016

- A joint Parliamentary session was held to discuss the grave situation in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. All political parties vowed to extend all cooperation to the Government on Kashmir dispute. The session adopted a resolution condemning the Indian brutalities in IoK and reiterated to continue to extend Pakistan's unflinching political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmir cause.

18 October 2016

- 36th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Union of OIC held on 18 October 2016 in Ankara, Turkey also condemned India for its brutalities in IoK and adopted joint declaration known as 'Ankara Declaration' on Jammu & Kashmir reaffirming the right of the people of Jammu & Kashmir for self-determination in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions.

19 October 2016

- OIC Foreign Ministers met in Tashkent on 18-19 October for the 43rd Session and adopted a very strong resolution on Jammu & Kashmir and condemned the Indian brutalities in the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. While upholding Kashmiris' right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, it reaffirmed OIC countries' unwavering support to the just cause of Kashmiri people, expressed deep concern and condemned in strongest possible terms the unabated killing of defenseless Kashmiris in IoK.
- The Foreign Ministers noted demonstrations by unarmed Kashmiris, despite curfew, in the wake of Burhan Wani's extrajudicial killing as referendum against India. The CFM once again rejected Indian attempts to equate the indigenous freedom movement of Kashmiris in IoK with terrorism. They paid rich tribute to the Kashmiris for the heroic struggle for their inalienable right to self-determination.

27 October 2016

- Kashmir Black Day was observed on 27 October 2016 in Pakistan and abroad to condemn the illegal Indian landing on that day in 1947

in Srinagar to illegally occupy State of Jammu & Kashmir. Pakistan's Missions held special events to not only highlight the Kashmir dispute but also the ongoing Indian barbarities in IoK.

3 November 2016

- The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs briefed Islamabad based Ambassadors of OIC countries on the grave human rights situation in IoK.

4 November 2016

- The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs briefed Ambassadors of P-5 countries (China, France, Russia, UK & USA) on the grave human rights situation in IoK.

November/ December 2016

- In the backdrop of continued Indian atrocities these have been consistently raised in high-level meetings (of the Adviser, Special Assistant to the PM on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Secretary and other officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and operational level interactions. In addition, our missions also continue to highlight these issues with the host governments and in public events.

185. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.17 replied on 14-12-2016 and to state:

- (a) *the problems are being faced by Pakistanis living in Indonesia at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government and the Pakistan's Embassy established in said country to solve said problems?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) & (b) Pakistan's relations with Indonesia are cordial and Pakistanis living in Indonesia do not face any serious problems. However, some may face occasional problems. Steps taken by the Embassy of Pakistan to provide relief are given below:

- (i) The Mission immediately provides assistance to detainees by visiting them in prisons and if needed legal assistance is also provided.
- (ii) Mission facilitates repatriation of Pakistanis who enter Indonesia illegally, back to Pakistan through International Organization for Migration (IOM) and local immigration authorities.
- (iii) In case of death of any destitute Pakistani national, the Mission facilitates the transportation of dead body to Pakistan.
- (iv) New applicants face problems while applying for Indonesian visa. Indonesian Government has put Pakistan on Calling Visa list resulting in long and cumbersome processing of visa applications. Mission has taken up the case for removal of Pakistan from Calling Visa list with the Indonesian authorities.

186. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the names and addresses of the Overseas Employment Promoters (OEP) in the country at present alongwith the permission number issued to those OEP; and*
- (b) *the total persons sent abroad by OEP during the year 2015-16 alongwith the total demand thereof?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi: (a) The names and addresses of 2170 Overseas Employment Promoters (OEPs) in country at present along with permission number issued to those OEPs are at **Annex-A**.

(b) Total number of persons sent abroad by OEPs during the year 2015-16 is **618650** and total number of demands during the year 2015-16 is **812074**. Details are at column 5-6 of **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

187. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise increase/decrease made in production of the Textile Industry in the country during the last three years till date; and*
- (b) *the names of cities in the country where most of the units of the Textile Industry are located at present?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a)

Textile Production	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	% change over
Yarn (Mn Kgs.)	3333.4	3369.7	3415.3	1.35%
Cloth (Min.Sq.Mtrs)	1036.1	1036.1	1039.1	0.21%

* (Provisional)

Source: Textile Commissioner's Organization (TCO)

(b)

Company Registration Office	Number of Companies
Faisalabad	815
Islamabad	227
Karachi	1451
Lahore	1993
Multan	189
Peshawar	146

Company Registration Office	Number of Companies
Quetta	11
Sukkur	10
Total:	4842

Source: Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

188. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the educational facilities to be provided by the Government to the people of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas in the near future?

Minister for States and Frontier Regions [Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch]:

1. Upgradation of Educational Institutions.
 - (i) From Primary to Middle.
 - (ii) From Middle to High.
 - (iii) From High to Higher Secondary.
2. Establishment of Schools/ Colleges.
3. Provision of the additional class rooms.
4. Provision of the missing facilities.
5. Provision of the basic facilities.
6. Rehabilitation of the damaged Educational Institutions.
7. Reconstruction of damaged Educational Institutions.

8. Provision of free Text books.
 9. Provision of scholarships to the FATA students.
 10. Provision of sport items to the FATA Educational Institutions.
 11. Capacity building of existing teaching staff.
 12. Grant & aids to different authorities for the welfare of FATA Students.
 13. Provision of furniture, Jute Tats, science equipment's, stationery computers to the Educational Institutions where needed.
 14. Solarization of the Educational Institutions in FATA.
189. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the amount of the Workers Welfare Fund for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 alongwith the details of said Fund given to the provinces separately?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): Rs. 17.645 Billion were released to Workers Welfare Fund by the Finance Division for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to 30th Sep., 2016 against 1st Quarter of CFY *i.e.* 2016-17) as per following details:—

			Rs. in Billion
Financial Year	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Allocation from Finance Division	15.645	2.200	17.645

Province-wise distribution of said fund is as under,

Rs. in Billion

WWBs	2015-16	2016-17
Punjab	6.533	0.936
Sindh	1.361	0.258
KPK	4.222	0.454
Balochistan	0.378	0.087
WWF(ICT)	3.150	0.465
Total	15.645	2.200

190. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the names of games in which Pakistan holds prominent positions at international level at present?

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):

PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD.

Currently International rankings of the Pakistan National Cricket Team in the following formate are as under.

Sl. #	FORMATE	RANKING
1.	ICC One Day International rankings	8th
2.	Tests Matches	6th
3.	T20s. Matches	7th

PAKISTAN SPORTS BOARD.

Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) works to promote the standard of sports in the country. High professionalism in sports, high fitness level tough competitions

and increased number of participation of countries in regional games and international competition have made medal winning very tough. However, some note worthy performance has been witnessed in Hockey, Squash, Ju-Jitsu, Wrestling, Kabaddi and Boxing. Efforts are being made for the uplift of sports in the country.

191. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani embassies to which the allocated budget has been reduced during the last two years alongwith the names/locations thereof; and

(b) the authorities who have granted approval therefor?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Pakistani Embassies to which the allocated budget has been reduced during the last two years along with locations are as under:

2014-15	2015-16
Istanbul	Kathmandu
Prague	Colombo
	Damascus
	New York(UN)
	Belgrade
	Dubai
	Dushanbe
	Sarajevo

Details are attached at “**Annexure A**”.

(b) Ministry of Finance is the approving authority.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(FINANCE-I SECTION)

STATEMENT SHOWING ALLOCATION OF REDUCED BUDGET TO PAKISTAN MISSIONS ABROAD

MISSIONS ABROAD	BUDGET 2013-2014	BUDGET 2014-15	Decrease in Pak Rs.	%AGE	BUDGET 2014-15	BUDGET 2015-16	Decrease in Pak Rs.	%AGE
ISTANBUL					27,626,000	24,896,000	(2,730,000)	(9.88)
PRAGUE					74,644,000	74,478,000	(166,000)	(0.22)
KATHINMANDU	105,616,000	101,742,000	(3,874,000)	(3.67)				
COLOMBO	92,447,000	89,185,000	(3,262,000)	(3.53)				
DAMASCUS	76,023,000	75,465,000	(558,000)	(0.73)				
NEW YORK (UN)	299,231,000	298,126,000	(1,105,000)	(0.37)				
BELGRADE	48,393,000	43,758,000	(4,635,000)	(9.58)				
DUBAI	158,793,000	155,715,000	(3,078,000)	(1.94)				
DUSHANBE	67,770,000	66,943,000	(827,000)	(1.22)				
SARAJEVO	62,640,000	62,091,000	(549,000)	(0.88)				

192. ***Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs visited to the United States for familiarization meetings with the new elected President of the USA;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether it is also a fact that protocol adopted therefor does not allow to call said meetings in official capacity; if so, the justification thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The visit of the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister to the United States was part of the regular high level exchanges between Pakistan and the U.S. The objective of the visit was to reach out to the key members of the outgoing Administration selected member of the US Congress and to have an early conversation with President-elect's transition team on issues of interest to the U.S and Pakistan and how the two countries could deepen cooperation for promoting peace, security and prosperity in the region and beyond.

(b) The Special Assistant was not in the U.S to meet the President-elect.

193. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the names of Games being patronized by the Government at present?

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada):

Pakistan Sports Board (PSB)

Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has affiliated 38 National Sports Federations which are responsible for promotion of their respective sports in the country. For the promotion of sports, the Government through Pakistan Sports Board is providing technical financial assistance to the recognized National

Sports Federations in the shape of Annual Grants to meet their day-to-day requirements, and Special Grants for participation in International Competitions at home/abroad. The list of National Sports Federations patronized by the Government/PSB (Annex-A).

PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD

Pakistan Cricket Board is patronizing the game of Cricket through its own revenues without taking any grant from Government.

Annex-A

PAKISTAN NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION

1. Athletics	15. Judo	29. Softball
2. Alpine	16. Ju-Jitsu	30. Table Tennis
3. Badminton	17. Karate	31. Taekwondo
4. Basketball	18. Kabaddi	32. Tennis
5. Billiard & Snooker	19. Polo	33. Tenpin Bowling
6. Bodybuilding	20. Netball	34. Volleyball
7. Baseball	21. National Rifle	35. Weightlifting
8. Boxing	22. Rowing	36. Wrestling
9. Bridge	23. Rugby Union	37. Wushu
10. Chess	24. Sailing	38. Hockey
11. Cycling	25. Ski	
12. Equestrian	26. Squash	
13. Football	27. Swimming	
14. Golf	28. Handball	

194. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of areas of the country in which a Talent Hunt Programme was held for induction/selection of players in various sports/games except cricket during the last five years; and*

(b) *the total number of youths included in the games through the said Programme?*

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): (a)

PROMOTION OF SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY

The present Government is keen for the overall promotion of sports in the country and is providing all possible financial assistance within its limited resources through Pakistan Sports Board to affiliated National Sports Federations which are promoting their respective sports.

Pakistani athletes are being provided opportunities to grow on effective competitors in the world of sports to win laurels for Pakistan and make positive image of the country at international level.

NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION PLAN FOR TRAINING & COACHING OF YOUNG ATHLETES

Accordingly, PSB asked the National Sports Federation to prepare the plan for training & coaching of young athletes which can be systematically developed to the level where they can attain the qualifying standards of participation in the future National and international mega sports events.

INTER-PROVINCIAL YOUTH SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

PSB is organizing the Inter-Provincial Youth Sports Tournaments regularly. These tournaments are organized in rotation in various Provinces of the country including AJK, Northern Area, FATA and Islamabad. These include both boys and girls competitions and are attracting greater participation, at grass root level

QUAID-E-AZAM INTER-PROVINCIAL GAMES

PSB organized the Quaid-e-Azam Inter-Provincial Games at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad from 23rd to 26th April 2016. These games helped in promoting the sports and talent hunting at grass root level. The talented athletes are being groomed in National Training Camps.

SPECIAL SPORTS EVENTS

PSB organized special sports events like Prime Minister's Sports Festival, 2012 and Pakistan Inter-Board Sports in 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for promotion of sports at grass root level. Additionally PSB organized special sports events for preparation of Pakistan Sports teams for participation in the following international events:—

- 5th Commonwealth Youth Games held in Samoa from 5-11 September, 2015.
- 12th South Asian Games held at Guwahati Shillong (India) from 5-16 February, 2016.
- 6th Children of Asia International Sports Games from 5-17 July, 2016 at Yakutsk, Sakha Republic (Yakutia), Russian Federation.
- Rio Olympic Games held in Brazil from 5-21 August, 2016.
- 5th Asian Beach Games held at Danang (Vietnam) from 24th September to 3rd October, 2016.

INTER-BOARD SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Inter-Board Sports Competitions 2016 were organized at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad from 15-22 February, 2016. Total 26 boards from all over the country participated in Athletics, Table Tennis, Badminton and Hockey boys & girls competitions. In overall competition scoring the BISE Peshawar got 1st position, BISE Lahore & FBISE Islamabad got 2nd position and BISE got 3rd position in Boys Competition. In girls' competitions, BISE Lahore got the overall 1st position, BISE Sahiwal secured 2nd position and BISE Mirpur AJK got 3rd position.

The first, second and third positions holders were given cash award @ Rs. 7000/- Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 3000/- respectively.

(b) Total number of youth included in the games through the aforesaid programmes are as under:

- I. 7000 sportspersons participated in Inter-Boards competitions from 2012 to 2016 (1400+1800+2400+1400).
- II. 2600 sportspersons participated in Quaid-e-Azam Inter-Provincial Games.

195. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Textile Industries are shifting to Srilanka, Bangladesh and other Asian countries; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a) Following companies/firms are extended their operations abroad to capitalize on business opportunities available in those countries and have not closed down their operations in Pakistan;

S#	Name of the Investing entity	Amount in USD Million	Date of SBP Approval	Name of Company Abroad/Field of Activity	Country of Investment
1.	Soorty Enterprises (Pvt) Limited	4.500	5/Apr/12	Wholly owned subsidiary	Bangladesh
2.	Naveena Exporters Limited	0.050	3/Dec/13	Liasion Office	
3.	Nishat Mills Limited	3.000	1/Jul/13	-do-	
			Nil		Sri Lanka
			Nil		Other Asian Countries

Source: State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)

(b) The Government is providing the following facilities to textile sector:

- * Sales Tax of five export oriented sectors namely textile, leather, sports goods, surgical goods and carpets has been made part of zero rated tax regime from July 1, 2016.
- * All the pending sales tax refunds till 30th April whose RPOs have been approved, have been paid by Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)
- * The existing scheme on Drawback of Local Taxes (DLTL) is continued in the FY 2016-17.
- * Technology Up-gradation Fund (TUF) Scheme for the textile sector has been notified *w.e.f* July 1st, 2016.
- * The facility of Duty free import of textile machinery is continued.
- * The mark-up rates on Export Refinance Facility, has been brought down to 3.0%.
- * Long Term Finance Facility was continued at 5%.

The Prime Minister has recently announced comprehensive package for Textile sector on 10-01-2017 which is as under:—

Sector	Duty Drawback
Textile	
Garments	7%
Made-ups	6%
Processed Fabric	5%
Yarn and Greige Fabric	4%
Other Facilities	
S #	Subject
1.	Withdrawal of Custom duty & sales tax on cotton imports
2.	Withdrawal of Custom duty on MMF (other than Polyester)
3.	Zero rating of textile machinery imports

196. ***Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the quantity of vegetables including ginger, tomato and garlic imported from India during the last five years alongwith the value/amount thereof?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): Pakistan's imports of vegetables, value and quantities including ginger, tomato and garlic from India is attached as Annex-I.

IMPORTS

Name	Unit	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Vegetable	KG	526,647,644	15,741,836	932,442,330	49,722,712	1,018,268,787	56,828,343	1,184,873,320	65,917,777	1,286,807,408	79,636,007
Ginger	KG	436,594	65,780	65,567,958	3,082,484	62,460,778	4,333,312	75,950,294	5,218,224	91,564,792	7,383,540
Tomatos	KG	15,765,528	562,507	270,816,550	11,625,537	290,845,563	14,975,753	223,284,909	9,533,246	233,245,713	7,916,543
Garlic	KG	847,302	78,307	24,382,262	1,790,145	60,743,596	4,024,667	40,303,550	4,571,578	34,375,730	6,621,802

Source: PBS

197. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Arab countries at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that prisoners belonging to Pakistan in said countries are not being treated properly in jails; if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Country wise number of prisoners is as follows:

Name of Country	No. of Prisoners
Saudi Arabia	1800
UAE	1963
Bahrain	110
Yemen	10
Kuwait	235
Qatar	47
Oman	601
Jordan	06
Syria	03
Lebanon	01
Iraq	277
Egypt	nil

- (b) The steps taken for welfare/release of the prisoners are as under:

The overall condition of stay and sustainability of the Pakistani convicted and under trial prisoners in Arab countries is satisfactory. The Community Welfare Attaches, officers and officials of Pakistani Embassies regularly visit the jails, detention centers and Police and Labour Stations and meet Pakistani prisoners, confined in different cases and help them for redressing their legitimate needs. Any issue

related to health, hygiene, change of barracks, and provision of spectacles are dealt with during the consular visit and immediately discussed with the jail authorities. The Missions also provide legal support to the prisoners in the light of the prevalent rules and regulations of the host governments.

198. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No. 40 replied on 03-08-2016 and to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Pakistan, as a responsible member of the international community, has consistently sought to contribute to international efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. At the same time, Pakistan seeks non-discriminatory and unhindered access to peaceful uses of nuclear technology for its socio-economic development. It was in the pursuit of these twin objectives, that Pakistan submitted its formal application on 19th May 2016 to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).

2. Pakistan has undertaken extensive diplomatic efforts to win support for its position on NSG membership expansion to countries which are not signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The Prime Minister has himself spearheaded this campaign on behalf of Pakistan. He has personally taken up the issue with the Heads of State/Government of all NSG countries. Our diplomatic missions in NSG capitals have made demarches at various, including ministerial, levels to highlight our credential for NSG membership. Expert level briefings were given to the delegations of NSG members states in Vienna in May 2016. The Adviser and the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs have reached out to their counterparts in those countries which favour a non-discriminatory criteria-based approach. We have also sent out Special Envoys of the Prime Minister to selected foreign capitals to garner support for our application. During these interactions, we have been highlighting the negative impact of the grant of country-specific NSG waiver to India in 2008 that has neither benefitted the non-proliferation regime nor the objective of regional strategic stability.

3. Our strong lobbying efforts have paid off with our calls for a non-discriminatory criteria-based approach finding resonance with several NSG member

states. This support has been fully reflected in the recent meetings of the NSG where voices have been raised against an India-specific exemption in NSG rules for new memberships. These internal deliberations within the NSG are still underway. We will continue our intense diplomatic activities with a view to ensuring an eventual outcome which is favorable for Pakistan.

199. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is implementing the Indus Water Treaty?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Indus Water Treaty (IWT) is a water-sharing treaty between Pakistan and India which has been operational since 1960. There have been different disputes/differences between the two countries regarding different construction projects. The latest are the Kishenganga/Ratle Hydropower Project where India is not fulfilling its obligations under the Treaty. Therefore, Pakistan has approached World Bank requesting for setting up a Court of Arbitration. Since, India wants a Neutral Expert, the World Bank is holding consultations with both countries in order to reach an amicable solution of the issue.

200. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to promote trade relations with Iran during the current year?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): The following steps are being taken to promote trade relations with Iran:—

1. During the visit of the Iranian President to Islamabad in March, 2016, an MoU on the Five Year Strategic Trade Cooperation Plan was signed. The Five Year Plan is aimed at enhancing Pak-Iran trade through enhanced market access for goods, addressing issues of tariff and non-tariff barriers, effective implementation of the PTA and initiation of negotiations on a FTA, trade facilitation, trade promotion and increased private sector cooperation.
2. On the sidelines of the Iranian President's visit, the Pakistan-Iran Joint Business Forum was inaugurated by the Prime Minister and

President of Iran and B2B meetings were also held between Pakistani and Iranian businessmen.

3. Both Pakistan and Iran have agreed to start negotiations on a FTA. In this regard, the 1st Meeting of Trade Negotiations Committee was held on 4-5 December, 2016 in Tehran. Necessary action on the implementation of the decisions taken in the 1st meeting of TNC is underway. The second meeting of TNC will be held in Islamabad in February, 2017.
4. State Bank of Pakistan is negotiating an MoU with its Iranian counterpart for resumption of banking channels between the two countries.
5. A single country exhibition of Pakistani products "Aalishan Pakistan" will also be organized in Tehran from 4-7 March, 2017. Similarly, a single country exhibition of Iranian products is likely to be held in Karachi in the last week of February, 2017.

201. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No. 20 replied on 21-11-2016 and to state the trade deficit being faced by the Pakistan during the current financial year?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): The trade deficit being faced by the Pakistan during the current financial year (2016-17) is US\$ 11.751 Billion. The export, import and trade balance for the current financial year are as under:

Cumulative Trade Statistics for the financial year 2016-17

Value in US\$ Billion

Year	Export		Import		Trade Balance	
	US\$	%	US\$	%	US\$	%
2016	20.80	-12.11	44.76	-2.32	-23.96	8.19
2016-17 (July-Nov)	8.18	-3.93	19.94	8.69	-11.75	19.65

202. ***Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the present stance of the Government of Pakistan on the Syrian Civil War and refugees crisis;*
- (b) the steps taken by Pakistan for Syrian refugees so far; and*
- (c) the details of diplomatic efforts made in this regard?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The conflict in Syria has become more complicated with each passing day. However, Pakistan has continued to maintain a position based on the principles of international law, the UN charter and inter-state conduct. Since the eruption of the conflict in March 2011, Pakistan has reiterated at all forums that the key to long-term solution is a peaceful and inclusive process that meets the aspirations of the Syrian people through a comprehensive political dialogue.

Pakistan has, time and again, expressed concern at the rapidly deteriorating security and humanitarian situation in Syria, calling on all parties to exercise restraint and to ensure safety of the civilians. There is need for immediate humanitarian access to besieged and hard-to-reach areas and the release of any arbitrarily detained persons.

(b) Being the host of third largest refugees population in the world, Pakistan fully understands the plight of refugees and internally displaced persons. It is imperative to build conditions for their safe return in accordance with the norms of international humanitarian law and taking into account the interests of host countries. The resolution of the refugee issue is important to the final settlement of the Syrian conflict.

(c) Pakistan remains concerned on the humanitarian crisis in Syria. There is an urgent need to address the refugee crisis. The unanimous adoption of resolution 2336 in Security Council on 31st December 2016 on cease fire and launch of political process in Syria demonstrates International Community's consensus on supporting the resumption of political process in Syria. The initiation of political settlement of the conflict will eventually lead to resolution of refugee crisis in Syria.

Pakistan supports enhanced communication and coordination among all parties to the conflict. We fully support international community's peace-promoting efforts and participated actively in Emergency Meetings of OIC Executive Committee on the Situation in Aleppo, held in Jeddah on 8 October and 22 December 2016.

203. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No. 17 replied on 14-12-2016 and to state:

- (a) the problems being faced by the Pakistanis living in Malaysia at present; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government/Pakistani Embassy in the said country to resolve the said problems?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) There are cases of illegal human trafficking from Pakistan to Malaysia which create problems for those who come without proper documentation and without contractual employment. In such cases, they are unable to find employment and being on temporary visit visas are arrested and deported after fines and short sentences.

(b) Steps taken by the High Commission of Pakistan are as under:

- The Mission has proposed that human trafficking from Pakistan has to be stopped so that unscrupulous overseas employment promoters may not exploit Pakistani labour.
- The Mission issues passports after proper verification to those who have lost or damaged them.
- Issues related to mistreatment by employers are followed up and they are approached for redressal.
- There are millions of foreign workers in Malaysia from the 14 resource countries, therefore, treatment with workers varies from employer to employer and in some cases, if the Mission finds that there are excesses on part of an employer, the matter is reported to the host government and employer is approached to help the workers.

- * Consular services are provided to those Pakistanis who are arrested on charges of illegal stay in Malaysia and as soon as they are ready for deportation, necessary documents are issued for their repatriation to Pakistan.

204. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the imports of luxury items in the country; if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): Yes. Government has taken following steps to reduce import of luxury items in the country:—

- (a) Regulatory Duty at the rates of five (5) to thirty (30) percent has been imposed on the import of around 400 items, which include perfumery, cosmetics, toilet preparations, articles of leather, fabrics, clothing accessories, air-conditioning machines, watches, furniture, toys and video games etc. The regulatory duty has been imposed in addition to the customs duty, sales tax and withholding tax on the import of such items.
- (b) Various rates of customs duty from 50% to 100% have been imposed on import of cars and jeeps depending upon engine capacity.

205. ***Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the peanuts have been imported during the year 2016-17; if so, the country-wise details thereof?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): Yes. Peanuts (*i.e.* groundnuts) worth about Rs. 240 million were imported into the country during the financial year 2016-17 (July-Sept.). Country-wise detail of the same is given bellow:

Import of groundnuts/ Source Country	2016-17(July-Sep)	
	Quantity (MT)	Value (Million Rs.)
1. Groundnuts, prep/ preserved	62.23	13.24
Australia	57.92	12.39
UAE	1.50	0.26
India	1.10	0.23
U.S.A.	0.86	0.18
Malaysia	0.85	0.17
2. Other groundnuts in shells	601.36	20.84
India	551.40	19.31
Iran	48.00	1.39
Afghanistan	1.96	0.14
3. Groundnuts shelled broken	3738.69	205.89
India	1196.79	76.36
South Sudan	1240.27	58.72
China	425.00	24.15
Argentina	286.64	15.75
U.S.A.	236.20	12.52
Mozambique	207.22	10.47
Tanzania	111.30	6.01
Jordan	35.28	1.91
Total Peanuts / Groundnuts	4402.27	239.97

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

206. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the total number of colonies constructed for labourers in the country during the last three years alongwith the province-wise details thereof?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): The number of colonies constructed for labourers in the country during the last three years is eleven (11). Province-wise details are as follows:—

Sr. No	Name of Scheme
PUNJAB	
01.	Construction of 208 flats at labour colony Warburton District Nankana Sahib (Phase-I)
02.	Construction of 504 Flats at Hattar Road Taxila, Rawalpindi.
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA	
03.	Construction of 1152 family flats at Industrial Estate Gadoon District Swabi (Package-i, ii & iii)
BALUCHISTAN	
04.	Construction of 10 No. Barracks at United Mineral Co. Sinjidi
05.	Construction of 04 No. Barracks at Nasir Coal Co. Dukki
06.	Construction of 02 No. Barracks at Tribble Coal Co. Dukki
07.	Construction of 192 Flats, Schools & External Works at Eastern Bypass, Quetta.
08.	Construction of 50 Quarters, Dispensary, School at Kingri.
09.	Construction of 10 No. Barracks at Habibullah Mines Sorange.
10.	Construction of 220 Barracks, 25 Bedded Hospital with staff Residences at Chamalang
11.	Construction of Labour Colony Winder
SINDH	
NIL	

207. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct an inquiry to identify reasons/causes behind downfall of sports in the country; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether there is also any proposal under consideration of the Government to integrate various sports federations in order to formulate a better planning in minimum budget; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to search/hunt new talent of various games and further improve it at par with the international standard?*

Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): (a)

Pakistan Cricket Board

Not Applicable.

Pakistan Sports Board

Pakistan Sports Board is of the view that a general perception has been developed that the sports are on downfall in Pakistan. For a realistic evaluation of the standard of sports in Pakistan, and to dig out the parameters of decline, necessary working is carried out side by side. However, high professionalism in sports, high fitness standards, scientific coaching on modern lines and increased number of international competition have lead to tough competitions.

Nevertheless, the Government is fully cognizant of the lacking abilities of our sportspersons to keep pace with the changing standards. For this purpose, a sports seminar is proposed to be organized in the near future to conduct a realistic analysis of the whole issue and explore the possible solutions to improve performance of our sportsman at international level.

(b) **Pakistan Cricket Board**

Not Applicable.

Pakistan Sports Board

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to integrate various sports (federations, as this is neither feasible nor practicable. There are world and continental sports bodies to control and regulate sports at international level. National Sports Federations in Pakistan are affiliated with their respective World and Asian bodies. On the other hand they have their subsidiaries in the country *i.e.* Provincial Associations, District Associations, Clubs and Departmental organizations. Each game is a separate entity and has its own rules and regulations. As such integration of the federations is neither feasible nor workable. However, the system of consolidated management at Government level is already available and it is doing its job for the control and management of all the federations.

(c) **Pakistan Cricket Board**

Pakistan Cricket Board is already conducting U-16 Talent Hunt Program on annual basis for the last 9 years successfully in collaboration with Mobilink/ Pepsico to unearth talented players. It is pertinent to mention that number of players identified from these programs have already represented Pakistan National Team *i.e.* Babar Azam, Sami Aslam, Ihsan Adil. Additionally, Pakistan U-19 Teams which participated in last 2 ICC U-19 World Cups consists of the players found through this program.

PCB is also conducting specialized Open Trials to identify raw talented Fast Bowlers, Spinners and Batsmen in Remote Areas annually *i.e.* FATA, Balochistan, AJK, Interior Sindh, Southern Punjab and KPK etc.

It is pertinent to mention that players unearthed through these Talent Hunt Programs attended NCA 2 Weeks Specialized/Advanced Coaching Camps under the supervision of Cricket Icons and Elite Coaches at National Cricket Academy, Multan High Performance Center.

Pakistan Sports Board

The present Government has launched a 05 year programme for holding Inter-Provincial Games at National level every year. Youth from all the 04 Provinces

as well as AJK, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad participate in these games, promising young athletes are systematically indentified for further grooming to bring them at National level.

In addition, talent is also spotted during the following events:

- (a) Youth, Junior and Senior sports competitions of each sport organized by the respective National Sports Federation.
- (b) Inter-Provincial Youth under-16 (Girls) and 17 (Boys) competitions organized by PSB every year.
- (c) Inter-Board competitions organized by PSB every year.
- (d) Inter University Sports Competitions every year. The spotted talent out of the above competitions are subsequently included in National Training Camp.

ISLAMABAD:
The 5th Febraury, 2017

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”**For Monday, the 6th February, 2017**45. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in the jails of Afghanistan at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: According to latest available figures, 176 Pakistanis are imprisoned in different jails of Afghanistan. Embassy of Pakistan in Kabul is in the process of updating these figures with Afghan authorities, who have not provided any additional details after 2015, despite continuing efforts.

ISLAMABAD:
The 5th February, 2017

ABDULJABBAR ALI,
Secretary.