

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 17th February, 2016

11. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Overseas Pakistanis are facing issues regarding the verification of documents especially with respect to educational documents;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to solve the said issues?*

Transferred to Foreign Affairs Division for answer on next rota day.

15. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistanis deported from foreign countries were sent by agents since 2013; if so, the names of agents thereof; and*
- (b) *the actions taken against agents so far?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

147. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan is amongst the top ten cotton producing countries by using forced child labour;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that use of the pesticides is causing life threatening harms to the said children;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Government to address the said issue?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

158. ***Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *the mechanism being adopted to check and ensure 100% implementation on minimum wage payment announced by the Government for the labourers of registered and un-documented industries or other work places; and*
- (b) *whether Government conducted any survey to obtain exact figure/data thereof during its tenure; if so, the details alongwith the action taken against violators thereof?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

81. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Project under discussion in the Council of Common Interests; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): The proposal for CCI is initiated in the form of Summary for CCI by the respective Federal and Provincial Governments in line with Rules of Procedure of CCI, 2010.

So far, no such summary has been moved by the concerned quarters to place the case of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor on the agenda of CCI meeting.

97. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) the total number of Afghans being entered in Pakistan daily at present; and*
- (b) whether there is any mechanism to check their activities; if so, the details thereof?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

104. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is a part of 34-member alliance of Islamic countries against terrorism; if so, the aims and objectives of said alliance; and*
- (b) whether role has been assigned to Pakistan by said alliance; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) On 14 December 2015, Saudi Arabia announced the formation of a 34-state Islamic military coalition to combat terrorism, according to a statement published on the state news agency, SPA. The announcement cited “a duty to protect the Islamic nation from the evils of all terrorist groups and organizations, whatever their sect and name, which wreak death and corruption on earth and aim to terrorize the innocent.”

2. On 16 December 2015, Pakistan announced that it has consistently supported all regional and international efforts to combat militancy, extremism and terrorism. In this context Pakistan welcomed the formation of the 34-Nation alliance to counter terrorism.

3. During the Forty-Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Kuwait in May 2015, Pakistan had reiterated its commitment to relevant UN and OIC Resolutions on combating terrorism and extremism and called for joining regional and international efforts to fight terrorism and extremism.

4. The Saudi Foreign Minister and the Deputy Crown Prince and Defence Minister visited Islamabad on 7th and 10th January 2016, respectively. The Prime Minister reiterated to both dignitaries that the people of Pakistan would always stand with the people of Saudi Arabia, against any threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom. The Prime Minister also welcomed the Saudi initiative to establish a coalition of like-minded Islamic countries to counter terrorism and militancy.

(b) It has been indicated that this coalition will seek participation in the following areas:

- (i) Coordinate military efforts in the fight against terrorism;
- (ii) Coordinate efforts to combat terrorism intellectually;
- (iii) Coordinate media efforts to fight terrorism;
- (iv) Fight those supporting and financing terrorism;
- (v) Provide data base on terrorist groups and organizations; and
- (vi) Hold Meetings, seminars and conferences to study the developments of the phenomenon of terrorism and come up with recommendations to fight it.

Each country in the coalition would decide the specific activities in which it would participate. Pakistan is still awaiting further details and technical consultation, after which it will decide the extent of its participation.

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of raids made and searches conducted, persons arrested for violations of child labour laws and child labourers rescued therefrom during the last three years till date; and*
- (b) *the other measures taken by the present Government for the complete eradication of child labour in the country?*

Transferred to Human Rights Division for answer on next rota day.

241. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Korea, Vietnam, China and Yemen at present alongwith the charges levelled against them?

Minister for Foreign Affairs:

Vietnam

There is only one Pakistani national, Mr. Mohammad Nasrollah Toor Jab, currently imprisoned in Ho Chi Minh City of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He was arrested on 12th October, 2015 on the charges of domestic violence and damaging property on a complaint registered by his Vietnamese wife.

South Korea

There are four Pakistanis in prisoners in South Korea on murder, robbery and sexual assault charges.

China

There are 387 Pakistani prisoners in China on different charges including: smuggling of drugs and animals, fraud, illegal business, murder, robbery and theft.

Yemen

There are currently 11 Pakistani prisoners in Yemen on drugs related charges. They are in two different jails in Yemen. They were initially awarded death sentences which were later converted into life imprisonment..

252. ***Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the authority who granted the approval of Pakistan's commitment to the plan of Saudi Arabia for a Muslim States Military Alliance against terrorism since the Ministry was not in the loop; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said Military alliance is a Sunni Alliance as the US has referred to it?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) On 16 December 2015, the government of Pakistan had welcomed formation of the 34-Nation Alliance to counter terrorism, in line with its consistent support to all regional and international efforts to combat militancy, extremism and terrorism. No agreement or treaty is signed to form the alliance.

- (b) The 34-States Islamic Military Alliance is formed to counter terrorism.

260. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Spain at present who have not been released so far despite completing period of imprisonment; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for their release?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: At present, no Pakistani is imprisoned in Spain.

267. ***Mr. Muhammad Moeen Wattoo:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Embassies of Pakistan abroad at present;*
- (b) *the total expenditures incurred thereupon separately during the last two years till date alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the country-wise services rendered/achievements made by said Embassies during the said period alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The total number of Pakistan Embassies/High Commissions is, as under:

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Embassies of Pakistan | 73 |
| High Commissions of Pakistan | 15 |
| Total | 88 |

(b) The total expenditures incurred thereupon separately during the last two years till December 2015 alongwith the detail is attached at **Annex-A**.

(c) The services provided by the Pakistan Embassies/ High Commissions include:

- Issues of Machine Readable Passports/Manual Passports as well as renewal and endorsement;
- Issuance, renewal, cancelation and modification of National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP)/Pakistani Origin Card;
- Issuance of Emergency Travel Document, for one way journey;
- Attestation/legalization of various kind of documents such as, Marriage certificate, Power of Attorney, Property related documents, birth certificates, educational documents, affidavits and driving licenses;
- Repatriation of illegal Pakistanis;

- Consular access to Pakistanis detained in various police stations; jails and deportation, Cells;
- Assistance, to destitute and Pakistani with unaffordable medical emergency;
- Transportation of remains of deceased Pakistanis;
- Processing of death compensation cases;
- Legal aid for deserving cases;
- Registration of new born babies;
- Serving of summons; and
- Evacuation of Pakistanis in case of security emergency in the host country.

The core function of the Embassies/High Commissions is to secure and promote the interests of Pakistan in the respective countries.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

268. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan Councils are exempted from audit; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the time by which the special audit of the said Councils will be carried out?*

Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan (Mr. Muhammad Barjees Tahir):

Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat

- (a) The Gilgit Baltistan Council is not exempted from audit. The Auditor General of Gilgit-Baltistan has been appointed under Article 83 of Gilgit-Baltistan*

(Empowerment and Self Governance) Order, 2009 and the Director General Audit Gilgit-Baltistan is regularly conducting audit of the Gilgit-Baltistan Council and its departments.

(b) As the Director General Audit Gilgit-Baltistan is regularly conducting audit of Gilgit-Baltistan Council and its departments on annual basis, the need for special audit did not arise in the past.

AJ&K Council Secretariat

(a) The AJ&K Council is not exempted from Audit. Regular Audit of the Accounts of AJ&K Council is being conducted by the Audit Department of AJ&K under the provisions of the Auditor General of AJ&K (Functions, Powers and Terms & Conditions of Service) Act, 2005. Moreover, with the permission of the Chairman, AJ&K Council/Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Audit Report for 2014-15 was laid before the Council in its 52nd Session, held under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, AJ&K Council/Prime Minister of Pakistan on 2nd September, 2015.

(b) The Special Audit of the Accounts of AJ&K Council is being conducted by the Audit Team. So far the following progress has been achieved:-

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Non-development | 100% |
| Development | 30% |

61. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan has performed any mediation role in respect of Saudi-Iran conflict?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Prime Minister of Pakistan visited Saudi Arabia and Iran on 18 & 19 January, 2016 along with the COAS, with a view to promote dialogue and reconciliation between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

2. The Prime Minister's initiative was based on Pakistan's abiding commitment to the promotion of unity and harmony between the Muslim countries.

3. In his visit to Saudi Arabia, the Prime Minister recalled Pakistan's consistent policy of promoting brotherhood among member states of OIC. He

said that Pakistan has always expressed its readiness to offer its good offices to brotherly Muslim countries, for resolution of their differences through dialogue and reconciliation.

4. His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud acknowledged and appreciated the sincere sentiments of the people of Pakistan that they hold for their Saudi brethren and the Kingdom. He also appreciated the initiative of the Pakistani leadership and observed that Saudi Arabia has always strived to promote brotherhood amongst Muslim countries.

5. During his visit to Iran, the Prime Minister met with the top leadership of Iran which included meeting with Iranian President, Mr. Hassan Rohani. The two sides explored the promotion of peace and reconciliation in the region through dialogue and understanding.

6. Pakistan would continue its efforts to promote dialogue between the two brotherly Muslim countries.

62. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Greece at present alongwith the allegations levelled against them; and*

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

Reply not received.

63. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the benefits derived from the recent visit made by the Prime Minister of India to Pakistan?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The short visit by the Prime Minister of India to Lahore on 25th December, 2015 on his way back from Kabul, provided an impetus to ongoing efforts towards the normalization of relations between the two countries and the start of the Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue.

64. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a decline in the exports of the country; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) The exports of Pakistan crossed US\$ 25 billion mark for the first time in our history and recorded a growth of 3.5% in the FY 2014. However, Pakistan's exports are witnessing a declining trend since the last financial year. In FY 2014-15, exports of Pakistan recorded a negative growth.

| | Trade in Goods (Billion USD) | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
| Export | 25.11 | 23.885 |

Source: PBS

The impediments related to export sector are divided broadly into two categories: endogenous and exogenous.

1. **Exogenous factors**

These factors include shift in the demand from our top importing partner countries, decline in the international prices of basic commodities and currency appreciation.

i. **Decrease in the price of major commodities**

There has been a global trend of decrease in prices of yarn and rice. These commodities have seminal importance in Pakistan's exports and the decrease in prices has adversely affected Pakistan's exports.

ii. **Decline in exports to China and UAE**

Pakistan's exports to China and UAE have declined by 13.71% and 24.5% in the FY 2015, respectively. China has abandoned its policy to store raw cotton and yarn that comprises major portion of Pakistan's export basket. China's policy shift has also affected

international prices of yarn. Pakistan's exports to UAE have declined due to decrease in the exports of petroleum products, chemicals, jewellery and rice.

iii. **Depreciation of USD and Euro against Pak. Rupee**

The appreciation of Pak Rupee during the current financial year, as compared to the corresponding period of previous year, has made Pakistan's exports less competitive.

2. **Endogenous factors**

i. **Supply Side**

The supply side of export is beset with several challenges *e.g.* shortage of energy supply, inadequate quality of infrastructure, out-dated technology, lack of export culture and weak contract enforcement mechanism.

ii. **Market Side Issues**

Pakistan's export market lacks diversification and is concentrated only in few regions and countries as 51% of our exports are confined to six countries/ regions like EU, USA, UK, China, Afghanistan and Middle East. Pakistan has not been able to tap its export potential in the regional markets and is facing tariff and non-tariff barriers in markets like Iran and India.

iii. **Trade Facilitation**

Trade facilitation at the border is one of important impediments in the export growth. The issues related to Trade Facilitation are: (a) high international shipping/forwarding costs, (b) lack of supply chain management skills, (c) legislative provisions inconsistent with trade facilitation objectives, (d) high insurance costs due to Pakistan's country risk, (e) long dwell time at ports, (f) manual customs procedures, (g) corruption in border agencies, (h) lack of coordination amongst border agencies, (i) inadequate port infrastructure.

65. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken/being taken by the Government to portray Pakistan's soft image throughout the world after Operation Zrb-e-Azb and the defeat of terrorists in Pakistan?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The “Zarb-e-Azb”, is one of the biggest counter-terrorism law enforcement actions mobilized in the world, is a clear manifestation of our abiding commitment and firm resolve to combat terrorism. The Government continues to highlight Pakistan's contributions and tremendous sacrifices in fighting this scourge at Various international forums. The comprehensive and all-out law enforcement action “Zarb-e-Azb” against all terrorist groups without any distinction has yielded very positive results. This success is also attributed to the strong domestic political consensus and unanimity on the need for effective action against terrorism. Various global terrorist networks, including, Al-Qaeda, are today considerably weakened in the region and beyond because of Pakistan's continuous efforts and enormous sacrifices.

Pakistan also draws attention of the international community to the brutal acts of terrorism being faced by Pakistanis. The inhuman and despicable act of terrorism perpetrated against innocent school children in Peshawar on 16 December 2014 was a stark reminder of the enormity of the suffering of the people of Pakistan from the terrorism over the years. This was acknowledged by many leaders including President Obama. The world is reminded of the thousands of Pakistani lives lost by terrorism and in fighting against the terrorism. The estimated losses to Pakistan's economy are around \$ 107 billion¹ (Rs. 8,702.75 billion).

Pakistan emphasizes that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or ethnic group. The complexity of the challenge demands enhanced and shared understanding and deeper dialogue between countries, cultures and civilizations. In this regard, Pakistan tabled a joint resolution with Philippines on “Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace” in the UN General Assembly annually which is adopted through consensus. It has projected Pakistan's image as a bridge-builder and a factor of moderation in the Islamic world in context of global counter-terrorism efforts.

¹Economic Survey of Pakistan 2014-2015; Annexure —III “Impact of War in Afghanistan and ensuing terrorism on Pakistan's Economy”.

Pakistan's counter terrorism efforts have been acknowledged and appreciated at all international forums, bilateral and multilateral interactions and media platforms. Pakistan missions in their host countries have disseminated the above message in their respective countries.

66. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the agreements signed between Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the Prime Minister's latest visit made to Sri Lanka?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Prime Minister visited Sri Lanka from 4-6 January, 2016. Following agreements/MoUs were signed during the visit:

- (i) MoU on Trade Cooperation.
- (ii) Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Health.
- (iii) MoU for cooperation on Science & Technology and Innovation.
- (iv) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Culture.
- (v) MoU on Cooperation in Exchange of Financial Intelligence related to Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing.
- (vi) MoU on Cooperation between Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD) and Gem and Jewellery Research and Training Institute (GJRTI) of Sri Lanka.
- (vii) MoU on Sharing of Statistical and Census Data.
- (viii) MoU for Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

67. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *the total number of foreign tourists visited tourist spots in the country during the year, 2015; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to promote Tourism in the country?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on next rota day.

68. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken/ being taken by the Government for the promotion of commercial, economic and cultural relationships with the United Arab Emirates?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The steps taken for the promotion of the economic, commercial and cultural relationship with the UAE are as under:

Economic and Commercial Relations:

Reinvigorating Pakistani Business, Professional and Welfare Associations

Local Pakistani business and professionals associations, including the Pakistan Association Dubai, and Pakistan Business Council Abu Dhabi were reinvigorated. With a view to affording Pakistani professionals convenient platforms to exchange information, share experiences and assume ownership of issues confronting the community and the professional groups, new chapters were added to the existing organizations. In Abu Dhabi, the Pakistan Business Council has been expanded over the last two years, with the Mission's facilitation to now include Doctors, Engineers, Chartered Accountants and Ladies Chapters. More recently, the Pakistan Association Dubai inaugurated the Pakistan Auditorium Dubai, a multipurpose facility for community functions on 11 September 2015.

Ingress in UAE Business Community

With the active support of the Mission, for the first time, a local Pakistani businessman Mr. Khan Zaman was elected to the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 2014. This involved canvassing and mobilizing community support on a large scale.

Job Fares

In October 2014 and June 2015, Job Fairs, the first of their kind, were arranged in Karachi and Peshawar respectively under the auspices of Pakistan Engineering Council. The Fairs brought together under one roof, with the Mission's facilitation, UAE based engineering companies, and Pakistani engineers and technicians seeking job opportunities abroad.

In all 37 major Emirati and international firms participated, leading to recruitment of over 500 Pakistani engineers, and 250 technicians. 7,000 additional CVs were collected by these companies as a result of which a further 500 jobs are likely to be offered. The minimum net impact in terms of annual foreign exchange earnings is expected to be \$15 million.

Remittances

Efforts were made to encourage the community to adopt banking channels for remittances. Resultantly, there has been an increase of 11% remittances to and overall remittances to the country from UAE touched US\$ 4.1 billion during 2014-15.

Partial lifting of ban on Poultry

The ban on import of Pakistani poultry has been partially lifted by the UAE. Heat treated poultry products are now imported into the UAE. Efforts are underway on having the ban lifted completely, which would cumulatively add another \$250 million to our exports.

Cultural Relationship

The Embassy continues to hold programmes and events showcasing Pakistan's rich cultural heritage as well as commonalities between Pakistan and Emirati culture. In this regard, the Embassy has held or patronized, in the last two years, three mushairas and book launches, two concerts and an exhibition of Islamic calligraphy by Pakistani artists titled "The Written Word".

69. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the stance of Pakistan on ongoing Saudi-Iranian issues; and*
- (b) whether Pakistan will join the Saudi-led Military coalition in spite of ongoing Middle East sectarian tensions?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The recent developments in the region and rising tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran are a source of concern for Pakistan. We believe that deterioration in relations between the two countries will

have serious implications for peace and security in the region and sectarian harmony in the Islamic world. Today, the Ummah is at a very critical juncture in history. It is faced with a multitude of challenges and problems. The tide of Islamophobia is high and rising. There are more fights being fought on Muslim soil and territories today than at any point and time in history. The terrorist organizations like Al-Qaida and Daesh, and their growing outreach together with outfits like Boko Haram, etc have brought about misery and bad reputation to Muslims and Islam. These dark forces of extremism and terrorism in particular can and will take advantage of any disunity in the Muslim Ummah. Clearly, this is the time for the Ummah to put up a united front against the internal and external enemies.

2. Pakistan has historically pursued the policy of promoting unity, fraternity and harmony among Muslim States and has always expressed its readiness to do whatever it could to help Muslim States to resolve their differences through dialogue and reconciliation. The Prime Minister's recent visits to Saudi Arabia and Iran were made to highlight the same for unity in the Muslim countries.

(b) The 34 states military alliance has been formed to counter terrorism in the region. While securing its national interests, Pakistan will collaborate with other countries to promote regional peace and reconciliation.

70. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the grounds on which the Bangladeshi Consular has been declared persona non grata and ordered her to leave the country?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Bangladeshi Government was asked to withdraw its diplomat as her activities did not commensurate with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations - 1961.

71. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year wise trade deficit during the last three years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that despite considerably decline in oil prices, getting GSP plus and finding new markets, the Pakistan has failed to tighten up the gap of trade deficit; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to balance the imports and exports for the next two years?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) The year wise trade deficit during the last three years is as under:—

| Year | Exports US\$ billion | Imports US\$ billion | Trade Deficit US\$ billion |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2012-13 | 24.46 | 44.95 | 20.49 |
| 2013-14 | 25.11 | 45.07 | 19.96 |
| 2014-15 | 23.67 | 45.83 | 22.16 |

Source: PBS

(b) There are a number of reasons for the widening of the trade deficit recently including reduction in international prices of export products of Pakistan, lower global economic growth resulting in lower demand in the international market and readjustment of currencies.

(c) Ministry of Commerce has already submitted three year Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2015-18 for the approval of the Prime Minister. Various initiatives in the schemes listed below will be launched after approval of the STPF.

- * Technology Upgradation
- * Product Development covering Branding and Certification
- * Support for Agro processing
- * Drawback of Local Taxes and Levies

Ministry of Commerce is of the view that the above initiatives will have significant impact on enhancing exports of the country.

72. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *the guidelines of Pakistan Missions abroad with reference to enhance exports of the country;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the performance of said Missions is annually evaluated; if so, the details for the year 2014-15 till date; and*
- (c) *whether the Government is satisfied with the performance of said Missions in this regard?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) In order to enhance exports of Pakistani products and secure market access, Ministry of Commerce issues necessary guidelines to trade missions. Every trade mission abroad is given the specific targets to help resolve bilateral trade issues, coordinate with the relevant Ministries in Pakistan and the host country and make necessary efforts to increase the exports.

(b) Missions are directed to submit their monthly, quarterly and annual reports on a regular basis. The reports are then evaluated by concerned Wings at the Ministry of Commerce / TDAP. Performance of the Trade Officers posted at the Trade Mission abroad is under evaluation for 2014-15 as annual reports for the period are being received.

(c) The overall performance of Missions is monitored periodically. Ministry of Commerce has recently selected a new hatch of officers on a very stringent criteria. At the same time, a new performance monitoring criteria is also being put in place.

73. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the talks were held between Pakistan and Tajikistan in December, 2015 in Doshumba in connection with air links; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Pakistan and Tajikistan held talks on 15th December 2015, in Islamabad, to discuss air links between the two countries.

2. During the talks, the Tajik delegation expressed interest in initiating flights from Dushanbe to Karachi, and requested 5th Freedom rights for intermediate and beyond points in the region. Pakistan side welcomed the initiative and requested to identify destination points for the 5th Freedom traffic rights and sharing of data on passengers and cargo. Both sides agreed to meet again in 2016 in Dushanbe to possibly sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

74. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the period for repatriation of Afghan Refugees has been extended; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the final date of repatriation thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The Afghan refugees 'Proof of Registration Cards' (PoR) validity has been extended till June 2016 at the directive of the Prime Minister. One of the reasons to allow this six months' extension till June, 2016 is that the progress on the repatriation of refugees by December 2015 was lagging behind.

(b) M/O SAFRON deals with the Afghan refugees and the question may be directed to them for a reply.

75. ***Mr. Sufyan Yousuf:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that salaries have not been given to the employees of the Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation since 1-1-2015;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the time by which the salaries will be given to the said employees?*

Tranferred to Cabinet Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

76. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the United Nations had announced to pay compensation for Kuwait affectees who have been affected by Kuwait-Iraq War-1992; if so, the total number of Pakistanis affected therefrom alongwith the details thereof;*
- (b) *the total number of Pakistanis to whom Iraqi Embassy established in Pakistan has paid the said compensation;*
- (c) *the total amount paid to said affectees by the said Embassy alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government for early payments to said affectees?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): (a) ■ United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) for Kuwait—Iraq War Affectees had invited claim forms from affectees with effect from 1st January 1992 to 1st January, 1996.

- As a result of wide publicity in the print media from 1st January 1992 to 1st January 1996, 44,538 war affectees had submitted their claims on the prescribed UNCC application forms.
- All the claims supported with required documents of losses sustained by such affectees along with their relevant copies of passports on which they travelled from Kuwait/Iraq to Pakistan due to war and official/company identity cards, NIC/CNIC were sent to UNCC before the cutoff date of 1st January, 1996.
- After scrutinizing the claims, the UNCC had accepted 44,290 claims.
- Accordingly, UNCC had transferred an amount of US\$ 33 crore 76 lacs 04 thousand (Rs. 17 arab, 21 crore 82 lacs 86 thousand) to OPF against their own UNCC bank account opened for the said purpose for disbursement to the claimants.
- The claims were disbursed to the claimants by OPF through crossed cheques by converting into Pak currency according to prevailing market from time to time determined by the State Bank of Pakistan.
- UNCC had entertained the claims as per their own criteria without consulting OPF. Thus OPF had no role in fixing criteria, scrutiny of claims including accepting/rejection of increasing/decreasing of amount of such claims. However, OPF had coordinated with UNCC through permanent mission of Pakistan at Geneva.
- UNCC again invited claims in 2003 from those who could not file their cases due to unavoidable circumstances, such as due to war or natural calamity (floods etc).
- In this regard, OPF had sent sample of eligibility statements on common fact pattern basis over 28,000 claims to UNCC but only 830 claims were

entertained by UNCC for which US\$ 1,27,09,772 (Rs. 71 crore, 83 lacs; 12 thousand) were released and disbursed to the claimants.

- Overseas Pakistanis Foundation has worked as post office for the said claims.
- (b) & (c) ■ No payments were made by the Iraqi embassy established in Pakistan, therefore no explanation is required to be given in this regard..
- (d) ■ At present nothing is pending on account of Kuwait-Iraq War Affectees claims and the case is closed since 2007.
- UNCC had closed their payment operation since then and refused to correspond on claims matter.

77. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry has imposed ban on the exports of livestock; and*
- (b) *the benefit accrued to the Government therefrom; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to lift the said ban; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on the summary moved by Ministry of National Food Security & Research imposed ban on the export of live animal *w.e.f* 1st October 2013. (Annex-I)

(b) The export of live animals was banned to enhance the export of value added products. Resultantly, the export of meat increased from US\$ 192.4 million in 2013-14 to US\$ 214.3 million during the year 2014-15 registering an increase of 11.40 percent.

(c) No proposal is under consideration by Ministry of Commerce to lift the said ban.

Annex-I

Case No. ECC-110/12/2013 BAN ON COMMERCIAL EXPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS
Dated: 30th July, 2013

DECISION

The ECC considered the Summary dated 23rd July 2013 submitted by Ministry of National Food Security and Research on “Ban on Commercial Export of Live Animals” and decided to impose a ban on Commercial Export of Live Animals with effect from 1st October 2013.

78. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of Pakistanis imprisoned in Bulgaria at present alongwith the allegations levelled against them; and*

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

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The Bulgarian authorities informed that there are seven (07) Pakistanis in their prisons. They are serving fourteen (14) months sentence for illegal entry/exit.

(b) The Mission availed consular access to the prisoners. Their bio-metrics have been requested from the Bulgarian side to verify their nationality, as none of them have any document to verify their nationality

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

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the evaluators have been appointed to determine the price/value of the land which was purchased at*

exorbitant rates by the Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) in connivance with the sellers;

- (b) the dates of purchase of all said properties of EOBI, evaluation date, value determined by evaluators, alongwith details of said properties and names of owners thereof; and*
- (c) whether a report has been submitted by the said evaluators; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): a) It is a fact that the Valuators have been appointed by the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan to determine the price value of the EOBI properties.

(b) The name and detail of property, date of purchase, name of Sellers, valuation date and value determined by the Evaluators are annexed (Annex-I).

(c) The concerned Valuators have submitted their report directly to the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan. However, summary of valuation report is annexed (Annex-II).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

80. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) whether the Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) purchased properties at exorbitant rates in connivance with the sellers during the year 2012 and 2013 and evaluation of said properties was made during the year 2015 and the sellers overcharged the EOBI by more than 50%;*
- (b) whether EOBI has not recovered the money/losses from the sellers with interest even after lapse of more than two and half years; and*
- (c) whether the matter has not been referred to the National Accountability Bureau by EOBI so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): (a) The previous management of Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) has purchased the properties on exorbitant rates as evident from the investigation reports of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and the evaluation made by the independent Valuers under the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan. The case is under the active consideration of the Court.

(b) The Supreme Court of Pakistan has taken suo-moto action and matter relating to return of principal amount with markup is still under consideration of the Appex Court and EOBI will recover the losses in accordance with the decision/ direction of the Court.

(c) The Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan by itself instructed the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to investigate all investments including the property purchased by the Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution during the years 2012 and 2013.

81. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) *the standard of export ratio of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) prevalent in the World at present; and*

(b) *the ratio of Pakistan's export to GDP during the last five years?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) According the World Bank's database, the standard ratio of exports of goods and services to World GDP is 29.6% as estimated in 2014.

(b) The ratio of Pakistan's exports of goods and services to GDP during the last years is as follows:

| 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 13.51 | 13.97 | 12.40 | 13.28 | 12.28 |

Source: World Bank

82. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the total number of Pakistanis sent to Europe during the last five years alongwith the year and country-wise details thereof?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): During the last five years i.e. 2011 to 2015, 13016 Pakistanis have proceeded Europe for employment through Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment. The country/year-wise break up is at annex-A.

Annex-A

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS PROCEEDED
TO EUROPE DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS (2011 - 2015)

| S.# | Country | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Total |
|-----|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 1 | Greece | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 02 | 02 |
| 2 | Spain | 03 | 10 | 03 | 07 | 0 | 23 |
| 3 | U.K. | 308 | 183 | 158 | 250 | 260 | 1159 |
| 4 | Cyprus | 71 | 129 | 111 | 278 | 500 | 1089 |
| 5 | Italy | 2875 | 3361 | 2068 | 1563 | 431 | 10298 |
| 6 | Sweden | 84 | 74 | 24 | 16 | 32 | 230 |
| 7 | Switzerland | 18 | 27 | 12 | 17 | 15 | 89 |
| 8 | Germany | 11 | 23 | 26 | 23 | 43 | 126 |
| | Total: | 3370 | 3807 | 2402 | 2154 | 1283 | G.Total: 13016 |

83. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the province and district-wise total number of Pakistanis residing/working in Saudi Arabia at present;*
- (b) *the total number of Pakistanis beheaded in the said country under various cases during the last five years; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to check the incidents/ reasons for beheading of said Pakistanis?*

Transferred to Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development.

84. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the prescribed criteria for selection/appointment of Ambassador other than Foreign Service of Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) *the names of retired persons who have been appointed as Ambassadors since 01-03-2008 alongwith the name of countries thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The appointment of contract Ambassadors *i.e.* officers other than Foreign Service of Pakistan is the prerogative of the Prime Minister/Head of Government, considering their competence, fitness, administrative experience and other professional capabilities. There is 20 percent quota reserved for non-career Ambassadors to be appointed in various Missions abroad.

(b) The requisite information is as follows:

| S.No. | Name of Ambassador | Country |
|---|---|-------------------|
| A. Ambassadors who have completed their Tenure | | |
| 1. | Ms. Fauzia Nasreen | Australia |
| 2. | Mr. Munawwar Saeed Bhatti | Belgium |
| 3. | Ms. Kausar Ahsan Iqbal | Bulgaria |
| 4. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Sallah-ud-Din | Brunei Darussalam |
| 5. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Ijaz Hussain Awan | Brunei Darussalam |

| | | |
|--|---|----------------------|
| 6. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Syed Khalid Amir Jaffary | Bosnia & Herzegovina |
| 7. | Miangul Akbar Zeb | Canada |
| 8. | Mr. Masood Khan | China |
| 9. | Ms. Fauzia Abbas | Denmark |
| 10. | Mr. Shafkat Saeed | France |
| 11. | Mr. Zamir Akram | UN Mission, Geneva |
| 12. | Mr. Salman Bashir | India |
| 13. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Ahsan Ashar Hayat | Jordan |
| 14. | Syed Hasan Habib | DPR Korea |
| 15. | Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan | Kuwait |
| 16. | Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan | Libya |
| 17. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Siddique | Mauritius |
| 18. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Ulfat Hussain Shah | Mauritius |
| 19. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Masood Aslam | Mexico |
| 20. | Mr. Masood Khan | UN Mission, New York |
| 21. | Mr. Abdul Hamid | Norway |
| 22. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Asif Duraiz Akhtar | Nigeria |
| 23. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Ashraf Saleem | Nigeria |
| 24. | Mr. Gul Haneef | Portugal |
| 25. | Mr. Umer Khan Alisherzai | Saudi Arabia |
| 26. | Mr. Shaheen A. Gillani | Sri Lanka |
| 27. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Qasim Qureshi | Sri Lanka |
| 28. | Mr. M. Ziad Khan | Sudan |
| 29. | Mr. Muhammad Haroon Shaukat | Turkey |
| 30. | Mr. M. Khalid Khattak | Russia |
| 31. | Mr. Jamil Ahmed Khan | United Arab Emirates |
| 32. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Ahmed Nawaz Saleem Mela | Ukraine |
| 33. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Wajahat Ali Muftee | Ukraine |
| B. Current Ambassadors (Non-Career) | | |
| 1. | Mr. Kamran Shafi | Cuba |
| 2. | Brig. (Retd) Muhammad Zareef Malik | Brunei Darussalam |
| 3. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Yousaf | Bosnia & Herzegovina |
| 4. | Mr. Masood Khalid | China |
| 5. | Mr. Noor Muhammad Jadmani | Iran |
| 6. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Shafaat Ullah Shah | Jordan |
| 7. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Javed Zia | Libya |
| 8. | Vice Admiral (Retd) Sayyid Khawar Ali | Maldives |
| 9. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Raza Muhammad | Mauritius |
| 10. | Lt. Gen. (Retd) Agha Muhammad Umer Farooq | Nigeria |
| 11. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Syed Shakeel Hussain | Sri Lanka |
| 12. | Mr. Rafat Mahdi | Spain |
| 13. | Air Marshal (Retd) Syed Athar Hussain Bukhari | Syria |
| 14. | Mr. Jalil Abbas Jilani | USA |
| 15. | Maj. Gen. (Retd) Athar Abbas | Ukraine |

85. ***Engineer Dawar Khan Kundi:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistanis living abroad facing issues regarding the attestation of their documents;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to resolve those issues in a systematic manner on priority basis; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Based upon feedback received from our diplomatic Missions abroad, Pakistanis are not facing any serious issues relating to attestation of documents. All documents are expeditiously processed and attested, as long as original copies are produced, duly attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Special care is taken in attestation of Power of Attorneys. The executant must sign the Power of Attorney in front of the consular officer. A confirmation copy is invariably sent of Power of Attorneys to prevent fraud. Therefore, the attestation of Power of Attorney takes a little longer time, from two to four weeks, to complete the process.

(b) Possibility of online verification system for educational documents, driving licenses, birth and marriage certificates and NADRA documents is being explored.

86. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state: the year-wise total quantity of Gypsum exported to India during the last three years?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): The year-wise export of Gypsum to the World and to India for last three years are as under:—

| | 2012-13 | | 2013-14 | | 2014-15 | |
|----------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Quantity | value | Quantity | value | Quantity | value |
| GYP SUM | | | | | | |
| World | 80,367 | 15,927 | 74,313 | 14,084 | 88,226 | 14,188 |
| India | 79,698 | 15,818 | 73,006 | 13,864 | 87,592 | 14,092 |

Quantities: MT
Value: Thousand US\$

Pakistan's exports of gypsum to India constitute more than 99% of its global exports of gypsum. There is overall increase in quantity of gypsum exports to India in last three years with slight dip in FY 2014. In value terms, the exports show a minor decline which is attributable to variation in US\$ rates. This increase in exports of gypsum is a result of rise in demand of Pakistani Gypsum from Indian cement industry.

87. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the expenditures of the Pakistani Embassies abroad?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Despite Pakistan's important role in fight against terrorism and increase in Pakistan's presence/participation in various international forums and fluctuation in exchange rate of Pak Rupee vs. US\$ which has direct impact on the budget for our embassies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs has tried its utmost to keep the expenditure of Pakistan's Missions Abroad at a bare minimum level.

Following steps have been taken to reduce the expenditure:

- (a) Strict adherence to the instructions for Austerity Measures issued by Finance Division.
- (b) Closed Pakistan's Mission at Chile.
- (c) Down gradation of two missions (Parep Dar-us-Salam and Dublin).

As a result the budget allocation to our embassies has been reduced over last two years.

Further the budget allocation for our embassies is spent in Foreign exchange. The Pak rupee has depreciated against US\$ by 11.8% over the last two years. Resultantly embassies have to further curtail their expenditure to remain within the allocation.

88. ***Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the benefits accrued after given the status of Generalized System of Preferences by the European Union to Pakistan?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): As a result of GSP Plus, Pakistani's exports to EU have increased from US\$ 6.21 billion during 2013 to US\$ 7.54 billion in 2014. Pakistan's exports to EU registered an increase of US\$ 1.32 billion in one year. This represents an increase of 21%. Many sectors including Textiles which was facing a custom tariff from 6.4% to 12%, Leather up to 6% and Footwear upto 6% etc. have now duty free access in EU; this has helped Pakistani products to become more competitive vis-à-vis its competitors. Hence Pakistan's exports to EU have grown more rapidly in 2014 than many of its regional competitors including Bangladesh, India and Vietnam. However it is important to note that as a result of existing financial crisis in EU, value of Euro is depreciating vis-a-vis US\$ and hence export earnings of all the countries have been impacted adversely. The data for the year 2015 is not complete yet however despite deepened financial crises Pakistani exports grew by 9.42 % for the period January-October, 2015 as compared to the same period in 2014 in terms of Euros.

89. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to give access to Pakistani vegetables and spices to international markets?

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): Ministry of Commerce has taken following steps to secure enhanced market access for vegetables and spices.

- (a) Preferential market access has already been secured for vegetables like onions, tomatoes, cauliflower, potatoes, Garlic, Cucumbers and spices in FTAs/PTAs concluded by Pakistan with China, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Mauritius etc.
- (b) Pakistan is eligible for duty free entry of goods into USA and Europe through the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and GSP Plus program, respectively. Under these schemes vegetables and spices enjoy duty free/Preferential access to these markets.

- (c) Stringent SPS requirements are also a Non Tariff Barrier in various destination markets of Pakistan. Ministry of Commerce takes up the case of these SPS requirements in various bilateral meetings like Joint Trade Committees or Joint Ministerial Commission meetings. Moreover, Capacity building sessions are arranged to create awareness among the exporters of SPS requirements of various countries. For instance, an awareness session was arranged to create awareness among the exporters of SPS requirements of Russia in December, 2014.
- (d) Pakistan's export data of vegetables and spices is placed at Annex-I.
- (e) Efforts are also being made to include vegetables and spices in future FTA of Pakistan for example with Turkey and Thailand.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

90. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the year-wise details of financial assistance provided to the National Sports Foundation (NSF) by the Government during the last three years; and*
- (b) the performance made and services provided by NSF during the said period?*

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

(a) No financial assistance has been provided to the National Sports Foundation as the said body is not affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board.

(b) Since no National Sports Foundation is affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board, hence the question of performance of that body does not arise.

ISLAMABAD:
The 16th February, 2016

ABDULJABBAR ALI,
Acting Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Wednesday, the 17th February, 2016**

90. **Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

Will the Minister for Textile Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) *the percentage of Pakistan’s cotton crop being sown with BT cotton seed; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to certify the said seed?*

Minister for Textile Industry: (a)

- i. During 2015-16, total area under BT cotton varieties was 8.123 million acres against total cotton area of 5.582 million acres in Punjab. Hence BT cotton area share was 91.78% of the total cotton area in the Punjab.
- ii. In Sindh Province about 85% Cotton Crop sowing is made with the BT Cotton seed.

(b) Reply received from Federal Seed Certification & Registration Department is as under:–

1. The Department of Federal Seed Certification and Registration Department (FSC&RD) has conducted DUS (Distinctness Uniformity and Stability) study of different high yielding BT cotton varieties.

2. FSC&RD has convened consultative meetings on cotton for increasing the availability of certified sees.
3. For the previous cotton sowing season, 34521 MT certified BT cotton seed was available, which was 86% of the total seed requirement. For the current cotton sowing season, Federal Seed Certification and Registration Department carried out timely crop inspection of BT cotton of all the growers registered with the seed producing companies.

73. **Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of international conferences and events relating to women issues attended by the Prime Minister so far; and*
- (b) *the details of Memorandum of Understandings signed and commitments made on said issues alongwith the follow-up of those covenants?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif participated in the Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment held in New York on 27 September 2015 during the UN General Assembly.

(b) Pakistan ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on 12 March 1996. Fourth Periodic Report was submitted in 2013. A Follow-up report was also submitted in November 2015.

Pakistan adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BD & PFA) in 1995. Pakistan submitted its last report in 2005 and the current report is being finalized by the Ministry of Human Rights.

Pakistan is committed to the promotion and protection of the rights of women, including their political and economic empowerment. In order to fulfill objectives of its international obligations, Pakistan has taken a number of initiatives at home which include the following:

- i. Establishment of National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) (July 2000).
- ii. Establishment of Women Development Departments in all provinces (1996).
- iii. National Plan of Action for Women (1998).
- iv. National Policy on the Development and Empowerment of Women (2002).
- v. Reserved quota for women in the Parliament (60 seats) and provincial assemblies (ranging from 21% to 33%).
- vi. 50% quota for young female entrepreneurs in Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan (2013).

124. **Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state the location-wise name of the skill development institutions working in the country at present?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi) Workers Welfare Fund, Islamabad: Location-wise names of Vocational Training Institutions working under the administrative control of Workers Welfare Fund Islamabad at present as under:—

| S. No. | Name of Institutions | Location |
|--------|---|---|
| 1. | Vocational Training Institute for Boys. | Kothi No.06, Near Islamia College, New Civil Line, Sargodha Road, Faisalabad. |
| 2. | Vocational Training Institute for Boys. | Canal Road, Huma Rao Colony, Near Fauji Foundation, House No.02, Jhang Saddar, Jhang. |

| S. No. | Name of Institutions | Location |
|---------------|--|--|
| 3. | Vocational Training Institute for Girls. | Rao Town, Dar-ul-Sakina Road, Near Fauji Foundation School, Moza Civil Station, Jhang. |
| 4. | Vocational Training Institute for Boys. | House # 02, Near Sugar Mills Road, Layyah. |
| 5. | Vocational Training Institute for Boys. | Bajjna Mera, Post Office Bajjna Teh. & Distt. Mehsehra. |

Overseas Pakistanis Foundation:

No Skill Development Institute is working under the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation.

However, in Peshawar OPF is running a Vocational Training Centre, where following short courses are conducted.

- (a) Electrician.
- (b) Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

43. **Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the per match compensation is being paid to the players of National Cricket Team at present?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): The National Cricket Team is given the following compensation per match:

Category A:

Test : PKR 550,000/- per match

ODI : PKR 363,000/- per match

T20 : PKR 275,000/- per match

Category B:

Test : PKR 480,000/- per match

ODI : PKR 302,000/- per match

T20 : PKR 220,000/- per match

Category C:

Test : PKR 410,000/- per match

ODI : PKR 242,000/- per match

T20 : PKR 165,000/- per match

44. **Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the per match compensation is being paid to the players of National Boxing Team in the country at present?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): At present no match compensation is paid to the Pakistan Boxing Federation team. However, US\$ 20/- per head per day is paid on account of pocket allowance during mega sports events *i.e.* Olympic, Asian, Commonwealth, South Asian Games etc.

45. **Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of persons presently working in the Ministry and its attached departments/subordinate offices/institutions alongwith the grade and province wise details thereof?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: * At present, 453 officers are working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under BS17-22. Province and Grande-wise details in respect of the officers at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are placed at Annexure B.

* As for Staff strength, there are a total of 414 officials under BPS 1-2 and 1219 officials under BPS 3-16 currently working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Province and Grand-wise details in respect of these officials are placed at Annexure C.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

46. **Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the salary and other facilities are being paid to the diplomats and other employees of all categories working in Pakistan Embassies abroad at present?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: At Pakistan's Embassy abroad, the officers/officials are paid their basic salary along with Foreign Allowance in dollars as admissible under Rules for each respective Grade and Mission. The Foreign Allowance is paid to the officers/officials with a view to supplement their income in a Mission due to difference in the cost of living and to meet the expenditure which may have to be incurred on account of posting abroad. In addition, with the purpose of enabling the officers to cultivate relationships, the officers are also reimbursed Entertainment allowance as an integral part of the Foreign Allowance, according to the grade wise entitlement of the officer for the respective country.

47. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for checking "Haram" elements/ingredients used in dry milk imported during the last five years; and*
- (b) the name of countries from where dry milk is being imported at present?*

Transferred to Science and Technology Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

48. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that new weapons import policy 2015 is being implemented;*
- (b) *if so, the key elements thereof; and*
- (c) *the name of countries from where weapons are being imported at present?*

Minister for Commerce (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan): (a) Yes, Ministry of Commerce has notified the new policy order for import of arms & ammunition by commercial importers vide SRO.1112(I)/2014 dated 16-12-2014 (**Annex-I**). In this regard all the previous Value Based Authorizations (VBAs) have been suspended since 1st July, 2014. The new Quantity Based Authorizations (QBAs) would be issued to the applicants who would approach this Ministry through relevant Provincial Home Departments, FATA Secretariat, Ministry of Interior & ICT, in accordance with the new policy. The guidelines for forwarding the applications to this Ministry have been issued to the Provincial Home Departments, FATA Secretariat, Ministry of Interior & ICT.

(b) The key elements of the new arms & ammunition import policy order are as follows:—

- i. Quantity based ceiling
- ii. Imports through L/C only
- iii. Clearance through Customs Collectorate in whose jurisdiction the business office is located.
- iv. Applications have to be routed through Provincial Home Departments, FATA Secretariat, Ministry of Interior & ICT.
- v. Introduction of category pass book to maintain the quota utilized and the balance quantity.
- vi. Ministry of Commerce may conduct periodic audit of bank record on annual basis.
- vii. Mechanism of weapons classified *i.e.* Prohibited Weapons (PW) and Non-Prohibited Weapons (NPW).

- viii. All QBAs shall be entered into WeBOC system to ensure foolproof computerized debiting and crediting of authorized quantities.

The major countries from where weapons are being imported are China, Czech Republic, Russian Federation, Korea Republic and Philippines etc. The details are at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

49. **Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date on which the construction of the security block of the Ministry was started alongwith the details of cost thereof;*
- (b) *the details of irregularities found therein alongwith the loss suffered to the national exchequer therefrom; and*
- (c) *the action taken against the responsables therefor?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The PC-I of the Special Project of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the tune of Rs. 248/- million was approved in February 2005 and subsequently first revision to Rs. 605/- million and 2nd revision of PC-I was approved to Rs. 998/- million in 2013.

(b) The audit of the Special Project for the year 2010-2011 was conducted by the DG Works. Audit for 2011-15 is being conducted currently by the Auditor General. The PAC in its meeting of 07th January, 2016 also discussed the audit paras.

(c) The audit team in para 29 of AIR 2010-11 pointed out double payment for consultancy charges in respects of furniture items which was discussed in PAC and directed to refer the case to FIA for investigation and recovery from the consultant. The same has been referred to FIA in January 2016.

50. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

the relocation plan of the Government for Internally Displaced Persons in the country?

Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch): The relocation plan of the Government for TDPs (families) is as below:—

| | | | |
|---|---------|---|-------|
| • | NWA | = | 68700 |
| • | SWA | = | 57127 |
| • | Orakzai | = | 19721 |
| • | Khyber | = | 9834 |
| • | Kurram | = | 16907 |

The details are stated at Annex-I.

(Average family size is **6.2 persons** per family. Total individuals are **1068191.00**)

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

51. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state the name of Government departments responsible to ensure Halal Certification of imported eatables in the country?

Transferred to Science and Technology Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

52. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the pension is not being given to the retired employees of the Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) from the Pakistan Post (PP); if so, the reasons therefor; and*

(b) *the time by which the pension will be given to the said retired employees by the PP?*

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi): (a) Under Regulation — 38 and 40 of the Employees Old-Age benefits Institution (Employees Pension and Gratuity) Regulations 1987 the payment of pension to the retired employees of the Institution is required to be paid through Bank account instead of Pakistan Post. Therefore, Institution is disbursing monthly pension to the retired employees of the Institution through banks.

(b). The Institution has not received any complaint against the payment of pension and gratuity through Bank therefore no proposal is under consideration to make payment of pension through Pakistan Post.

53. **Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the name of countries with whom foreign relationships have been improved during the last two years?

Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Prime Minister’s vision for Pakistan is based upon that of our founding Father Quaid-i-Azam, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, that of “peace within and peace without” and a foreign policy of “friendliness and goodwill towards all nations of the world”. A stable regional environment is of paramount importance for socio-economic growth, and implementation of government’s development agenda. Therefore, Pakistan seeks a peaceful and prosperous neighbourhood with amiable and mutually beneficial ties with all its neighbours, including India.

In line with the Prime Minister’s directives, Pakistan’s foreign policy under the present government is focused on securing a peaceful environment for the uplift of the economy, attracting foreign investment and securing stable and peaceful security environs. During the years 2013-15, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs vigorously pursued the task of improving relations with all countries including the major powers and promoting its economic agenda towards achieving sustainable development goals. In this regard, high-level political as well as economic interactions with world leaders at bilateral and multilateral forums took place frequently. Pakistan not only maintained relations with friendly countries but also deepened and diversified its engagements to expand areas of cooperation and collaboration in realizing above-mentioned guidelines.

The Ministry and its Missions abroad continued their efforts in economic and public diplomacy. Numerous projects and programmes to project the positive image of Pakistan were undertaken during this period. The Missions used interactive sessions and arranged cultural events to showcase the dynamic culture of various regions of the country. These events not only helped portray Pakistan's rich cultural heritage but also projected it as a market for foreign investors.

We are committed to a process of constructive engagement with Afghanistan, turning a new leaf in our relations with Iran and resuming the dialogue process with India for the sake of peace and stability in the region. Our policy of non-interference and "no favourites" in Afghanistan has borne fruit. With the new dispensation in Afghanistan our relations are on an upward trajectory and have undergone a qualitative transformation. We are hopeful that our efforts under the recent quad lateral arrangement will bear fruit.

Our engagement with the People's Republic of China remains steadfast and productive. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor has emerged as a central plank in our mutual efforts to deepen economic cooperation and enhance connectivity to benefit the peoples of both countries and the region.

Our relations with Iran and Turkey are also exemplary and are bound together by strong bonds of friendship and cooperation. Within the region, both Iran and Pakistan are important stakeholders in ensuring peace and stability, especially in Afghanistan. We are hopeful that Iran Pakistan pipeline will be completed soon and will be of benefit to the whole region. Pakistan and Turkey enjoy a very special relationship which further deepened after we upgraded our ties to a Strategic level in 2013.

While relations with some of our neighbours have improved, our ties with India remain incident prone and tension riddled. We are ready to develop friendly relations with India and remain committed to a meaningful and comprehensive dialogue process to resolve all outstanding issues, Jammu & Kashmir being the foremost. We believe that dialogue is the only way forward in resolving the Kashmir issue based upon the United Nations' resolutions and in accordance with the wishes of the people of Kashmir.

Our engagement with Europe remains strong and our relations with Russia continue to assume importance. The presence of a large Pakistan Diaspora acts as a bridge between Pakistan and Europe. During last two years, Pakistan has deepened its relations with Belarus.

Relations with US are steady and positive. The recent exchange of high-level visits of the Prime Minister and COAS were imperative in extending the message of Pakistan's goodwill and friendship to the United States.

Southeast Asia is an economically vibrant region and Pakistan's relations with countries of this region are growing rapidly. Our bilateral trade with ASEAN has crossed US\$ 7 billion in 2015, and is expected to increase further in the years ahead. We aim to conclude a Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN and acquire its Full Dialogue Partnership status, which would widen the scope of our relations with ASEAN.

Rich in minerals and natural resources with a healthy growth rate, Africa is receiving renewed focus from around the globe. For Pakistan, too, it holds great potential. The Government's vision for Africa is to develop strong, close and cooperative relations by enhancing economic and trade relations, establishing Joint Ventures, public-private partnerships and institutionalizing relations with civil society.

Another region with which Pakistan is further increasing diplomatic outreach is the Middle East. The visit of the Prime Minister to Iran and Saudi Arabia signals Pakistan's desire for rapprochement and normalization of relations between the two countries. Pakistan has always maintained its neutrality and offered support to the dialogue process between Muslim countries. Recently, the Prime Minister paid a state visit to the Kingdom of Qatar at the invitation of H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar. The visit aimed at further enhancement of bilateral relations in various fields, including energy cooperation, trade and investment, defence and increase in employment opportunities for the Pakistani workforce in Qatar. Similarly, other countries in the region including Bahrain, UAE, and other countries have been appreciative of Pakistan's support and contribution to the region in political, diplomatic and economic terms.

54. Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:

Will the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that plan has been made to promote games other than cricket in the country; if so, the steps taken/benefits provided by the Ministry in this regard during the tenure of the present Government?

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination (Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada): The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) coordinates closely with the National Sports Federations to promote various games in the country.

At present **38 National Sports Federations** are affiliated with Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) The Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) through PSB gives them grant in aid, in shape of Annual and Special Grants. **Annual grant** to meet their day to day expenditures, organization of National Championships and **Special Grants** to participate in the International Competitions at home and abroad and where necessary for organization of International Competitions in the country. **The detail of grant** released for the last 3 years is attached at **(Annexure-A)**.

- (i) Additionally PSB organizes National Training Camps for participation of Pakistan teams in **Olympic, Asian, Commonwealth, South Asian Games etc.** and in other specific International Competitions. All trainees are provided boarding, lodging, equipments and training kits.
- (ii) PSB also bears expenses on participation of National teams in all of the above said competitions. In addition PSB provides uniforms to the participating teams.
- (iii) **Services of Foreign Coaches** are obtained where the National Sports Federations deem necessary to improve the performance of National players at International level.
- (iv) The PSB keeps on **monitoring** the performance of National Sports Federations by evaluating their activities and performance at International level. Also Annual grants to National Sports Federations are released on submission of their audited reports. Federations which fail to submit audited reports are not released annual and special grants till they forward the reports.

- (v) **The elections of National Sports Federations** are properly monitored. One rep. of PSB attends the General Council Meeting of the Federations in which the office-bearers of the Federations are elected.
- (vi) For smooth functioning of the National Sports Federations they are coordinated by PSB for taking steps required for promotion of the particular discipline.
- (vii) **Playing facilities** are also provided to players in all the PSB centers at **Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar** and **Quetta**. The performance of Sports disciplines is the responsibility of National Sports Federations.
- (viii) The National Sports Federations submit their participation reports in international events to PSB. After examination of the report, issue instructions to the Federations for necessary improvement.
- (ix) **The Executive Committee** of PSB also discusses the performance of the Federations at international level and issues necessary instructions where required.

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55. **Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of visits made by the present Prime Minister of Pakistan abroad;*

(b) *the total number of officials accompanied with him during the said visits; and*

(c) *the total expenditure incurred thereupon?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a)

| Total no. of visits from 2013-2016 | Total no. of accompanying Officers | Total expenditure |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| 65 | 631 | 638,276,004 |

(b) & (c) The details are as under:

| Sr. No. | Country and duration of Visit | Total number of officers accompanying the Prime Minister | Total Expenditure (Rupees) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | China (3-6 July 2013) | 12 | 19,886,981 |
| 2. | Hong Kong (7-8 July 2013) | 10 | 200,411 |
| 3. | Turkey (16-19 Sep. 2013) | 11 | 4,166,476 |
| 4. | UK (22-23 Sep., 2013) Transit | 04 | 5,961,482 |
| 5. | UK (29-30 Sep., 2013) Transit | | |
| 6. | USA (23-29 Sep 2013)- UNGA | 08 | 82,302,680 |

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| 7. | UK (19-20 Oct 2013) Transit | 17 (total no. of officers in three visits) | 17,437,200 |
| 8. | UK (24-25 Oct 2013) Transit | | |
| 9. | UK (27 Oct. - 1 Nov. 2013) Official | | |
| 10. | USA (20-23 Oct.2013) | 09 | 31,563,123 |
| 11. | Sri Lanka (14-17 Nov. 2013) | 09 | 9,267,876 |
| 12. | Uzbekistan (28-30 Nov. 2013) | 10 | 2,785,151 |
| 13. | Thailand (17-19 Nov. 2013) | 09 | 7,227,255 |
| 14. | Myanmar (19 Nov. 2013) | 04 | 744,450 |
| 15. | Afghanistan (30 Nov. 2013) | 08 | 158,335 |
| 16. | Turkey (12-15 Feb. 2014) | 16 | 3,161,374 |
| 17. | The Netherlands (23-25 Mar. 2014) | 12 | 11,207,803 |

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|-----|-------------------------------------|----|------------|
| 18. | UK (25-28 Mar., 2014) | 07 | 3,424,473 |
| 19. | Hong Kong (Apr. 2014) | 13 | 592,361 |
| 20. | China (9-11 Apr. 2014) | 12 | 8,116,709 |
| 21. | UK (29 Apr.- 04 May 2014) | 13 | 19,911,195 |
| 22. | Iran (11-12 May 2014) | 07 | 2,791,940 |
| 23. | India (26-27 May 2014) | 11 | 3,941,006 |
| 24. | Tajikistan (17-18 June 2014) | 09 | 1,812,032 |
| 25. | UK (23-24 Sep., 2014) Transit | 04 | 13,182,481 |
| 26. | UK (27-29 Sep., 2014) Transit | | |
| 27. | USA (24-27 Sep. 2014) UNGA | 14 | 38,325,217 |
| 28. | China (7-9 Nov. 2014) | 16 | 11,001,186 |
| 29. | Germany (10-11 Nov. 2014) | 11 | 5,732,765 |

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| 30. | UK (11-14 Nov. 2014) | 07 | 7,038,783 |
| 31. | Nepal (25-28 Nov.2014) | 12 | 5,624,051 |
| 32. | UK (2-6 Dec. 2014) | 08 | 6,052,868 |
| 33. | Bahrain (7-8 Jan.2015) | 10 | 1,378,338 |
| 34. | Saudi Arabia (15-17 Jan. 2015) | 05 | ** |
| 35. | Saudi Arabia (23-24 Jan. 2015) | 06 | 333,009 |
| 36. | Saudi Arabia (4-6 Mar. 2015) | 15 | 3,204,962 |
| 37. | Turkey (3 Apr. 2015) | 07 | 291,460 |
| 38. | Saudi Arabia (23 April. 2015) | 14 | ** |
| 39. | UK (24-29 April 2015) | 11 | 9,881,618 |
| 40. | Afghanistan (12 May 2015) | 16 | 202,800 |
| 41. | Turkmenistan (20-21 May 2015) | 08 | 1,456,913 |
| 42. | Kyrgyzstan (21-22 May 2015) | 08 | 2,033,114 |
| 43. | Tajikistan (09-10 June 2015) | 09 | 2,132,142 |

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| 44. | Russia (8-10 July 2015) | 11 | 10,446,585 |
| 45. | Norway (6-8 July 2015) | 11 | 10,647,241 |
| 46. | Belarus (10-12 August 2015) | 14 | 10,276,519 |
| 47. | Kazakhstan (25-26 August 2015) | 13 | 3,608,569 |
| 48. | U.A.E (20 Sep. 2015) | 07 | 411,343 |
| 49. | UK (22-24 Sep., 2015) Transit | 07 | 10,501,533 |
| 50. | UK (01 Oct. - 3 Oct. 2015) Transit | | |
| 51. | USA-UNGA (24 Sep. – 30 Sep. 2015) | 17 | 79,954,664 |
| 52. | UK (18-19 Oct., 2015) Transit | 04 | 8,491,622 |
| 53. | UK (24-26 Oct., 2015) Transit | | |
| 54. | USA (20-23 Oct. 2015) | 16 | 18,248,758 |
| 55. | Uzbekistan (17-18 Nov., 2015) | 17 | 2,785,121 |

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| 56. | CHOGM Malta (27-29 Nov. 2015) | 12 | 25,537,642 |
| 57. | France (29 -30 Nov. 2015) | 11 | 32,249,183 |
| 58. | UK (30 Nov.-03 Dec. 2015) | 06 | 7,520,712 |
| 59. | Turkmenistan (12 -13 Dec. 2015) | 12 | 1,530,247 |
| 60. | China (14-15 Dec. 2015) | 17 | 6,961,967 |
| 61. | Sri Lanka (04 -06 Jan. 2016) | 11 | 9,783,543 |
| 62. | Saudi Arabia (18 Jan. 2016) | 12 | ** |
| 63. | Iran (19 Jan. 2016) | 12 | 508,435 |
| 64. | Switzerland (19-24 Jan. 2016) | 11 | 54,280,300 |
| 65. | Qatar (10-11 Feb., 2016) | 18 | ** |

*The information is based on the expenditure details received from the Pakistan's Missions abroad and the local agencies concerned.

**Expenditure statement yet to be received from the Mission and local agencies concerned.

56. **Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for States and Frontier Regions be pleased to state the total number of temporarily displaced persons in the country at present?

Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Lt. Gen (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch): The total number of TDPs (families) are stated as below:—

TDPS STATISTICS (UPDATED 02nd FEB 2016)

| Agency | Balance |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Khyber | 9834 |
| NWA | 68700 |
| SWA | 57127 |
| Orakzai | 19721 |
| Kurram | 16907 |
| FR. Tank | 376 |
| Bajaur | 0 |
| Mohmand | 0 |
| Total | 172665 Families. |

ISLAMABAD:
The 16th February, 2016.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Acting Secretary.