

SENATE SECRETARIAT
(STARRED QUESTIONS)

LIST NO. 1

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Questions Nos. 63, 66, 88, 91, 55, 93-E, 75 and 139 deferred on 25th November, 2016
(255th Session)*

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 63 SENATOR AHMED HASSAN :**

(Notice received on 29-06-2016 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of nonfunctional thermal power plants in the country at present; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that a number of the thermal power plants are not operating at their full capacity, if so, the details thereof?*

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 66 SENATOR AHMED HASSAN :**

(Notice received on 30-06-2016 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria / procedure laid down for collection of the amount under social welfare obligation from the oil and gas exploration companies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; and*
- (b) the amount collected from the said companies during the last three years and the details of its utilization?*

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 88 SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI:**

(Notice received on 03-08-2016 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control sectarianism in the country?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 91 SENATOR AHMED HASSAN**

(Notice received on 09-08-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project; and*

(b) whether any amount has been allocated for the said project during the current fiscal year, if so, the details thereof?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 55 SENATOR NAUMAN WAZIR KHATTAK:**

(Notice received on 22-08-2016 at 03:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) established / notified in the country so far indicating also the number of the same which have been provided with the facilities of natural gas and electricity as per SEZs policy; and
- (b) the number of cases for establishment / notification of the said zones under process at present?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 93-E SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI:**

(Notice received on 23-08-2016 at 02:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the Government for the protection of minorities in Pakistan?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 75 SENATOR NUZHAT SADIO :**

(Notice received on 27-10-2016 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state;

- (a) whether the Government has identified high energy consuming industries in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has laid down any criteria / guidelines to restrict the consumption of energy by the said industries, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said criteria is being followed by those industries, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken being taken by the Government to ensure that the said criteria / guidelines are followed by those industries?

***(DEF.) QUESTION NO. 139 SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI
ADVOCATE :**

(Notice received on 07-10-2016 at 11:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter Faith Harmony be pleased to state:

(a) *the names of persons recommended by the Federal and State Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, Members of National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan for Hajj 2016 under the quota of hardship cases; and*

(b) *the names of officers / officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony who were sent as Mauvenian Hajj during the Hajj, 2016 indicating also the name of their recommending authority in each case?*

*** QUESTION NO. 1 SENATOR SIRAJUL HAO:**

(Notice received on 26-09-2016 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

(a) *the per liter price of petrol and diesel purchased from foreign countries / companies during last four years;*

(b) *the rate, including taxes, at which petrol and diesel are being supplied to the petrol pumps in the country at present; and*

(c) *the percentage of profit on per liter petrol and diesel being earned by the Government, the Refineries and petrol pump owners at present?*

***QUESTION NO. 2 SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEO SHAIKH:**

(Notice received on 07-10-2016 at 11:22 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

(a) *the estimated volume of Shale Gas reserves in the country indicating also the estimated cost of exploring and utilizing the same as a source of energy; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to carry out a detailed study / assessment in upper and lower Sindh, Balochistan and off shore basins for exploration of shale gas reserves?*

***QUESTION NO. 3 SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEO SHAIKH:**

(Notice received on 07-10-2016 at 11:22 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

(a) *the details of heads under which taxes are being collected from electricity consumers through electricity bills indicating also the justification of the same in each case;*

(b) *the name of authority which collects the said taxes; and*

(c) whether any audit of the amount collected through those taxes has been conducted during the last four years, if so, the details thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 4 SENATOR COL(R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI:**

(Notice received on 07-10-2016 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the estimated quantity / reserves of precious stones in the country with location wise breakup indicating also the types of stones presently being excavated / mined from the same at present?

***QUESTION NO. 5 SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ :**

(Notice received on 07-10-2016 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to provide legal aid to those women prisoners who cannot afford to hire a lawyer by themselves?

***QUESTION NO. 6 SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL :**

(Notice received on 10-10-2016 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land purchased by the Ministry of Housing and Works for its projects during the last five years indicating also the procedure adopted for the same; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the provision for acquiring land through the concerned Deputy Commissioner was not followed during the process of purchase of the said land, if so, the reasons thereof?

***QUESTION NO. 7 SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL :**

(Notice received on 10-10-2016 at 10:31 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names and designations of the officers in BPS-18 and above in the Ministry of Housing and Works, its attached departments and subordinate offices who are working against present positions for more than three years indicating also the date of their postings against present positions in each case?

***QUESTION NO. 8 SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI:**

(Notice received on 10-10-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct financial audit of the distribution companies to detect over billing, under billing / parking units. if so, when?

***QUESTION NO. 9 SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL :**

(Notice received on 13-10-2016 at 10:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number officials of Islamabad Police have illegally occupied Government accommodations in Islamabad, if so, their names and designations and details of action taken / being taken against them?

***QUESTION NO. 10 SENATOR SIRAJUL HAO:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

(Notice received on 14-10-2016 at 12:00 p.m.)

- (a) whether it is a fact that 5% deduction is made from the salaries of Government employees under the head of House Rent charges; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said amount is spent on the maintenance of residences allotted to higher officers of PWD and other departments instead of the residences allotted to low cadre employees, if so, the reasons thereof?*

***QUESTION NO. 11 SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI:**

(Notice received on 14-10-2016 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation has issued consent letters to retired employees of the Constitutional bodies for allotment of plots in Sector F-14 and 15, Islamabad under categories, I, III and IV but the same have not been issued to those employees of the said bodies falling in category II, if so, the reasons for this discrimination and time by which the same will be issued to them?

***QUESTION NO. 12 SENATOR COL(R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI:**

(Notice received on 17-10-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names and technical expertise of the persons working as Members of the Alternate Energy Development Board indicating also the pay, allowance and other fringe benefits admissible to them?

***QUESTION NO. 13 SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI:**

(Notice received on 17-10-2016 at 11:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the income and expenditure of OGDCL during the fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-16;*
- (b) whether any grants were provided by the Government to the said Corporation during those fiscal years, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the financial condition of that Corporation?*

***QUESTION NO. 14 SENATOR SIRAJUL HAO:**

(Notice received on 18-10-2016 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of ongoing power projects in the country indicating also the name, location, type, estimated production capacity, per unit cost of purchase of electricity, percentage of work completed and expected date of completion of the same in each case?

***QUESTION NO. 15 SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR:**

(Notice received on 21-10-2016 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government had decided to establish regional offices of OGRA in all provincial headquarters, if so, the details of the said offices established so far; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the offices of the said Authority have not been established in Quetta and Peshawar so far, if so, the reasons thereof?*

***QUESTION NO. 16 SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEO SHAIKH:**

(Notice received on 27-10-2016 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of work on the projects of Bhasha and Dasu dams indicating also the expected date of completion of the same; and*
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the said projects, separately, so far as compared to their original estimated cost of completion?*

***QUESTION NO. 17 SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI:**

(Notice received on 07-11-2016 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of authority which appoints the heads of Environment Tribunals;*
- (b) the procedure laid down for appointment of the heads of the said Tribunals; and*
- (c) the salient functions by those Tribunals?*

26*QUESTION NO. 18 SENATOR HAFIZ HAMDULLAH:

(Notice received on 10-11-2016 at 01:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Iran has completed work on transmission line on its side of the border for provision of 100 MW electricity to Gawadar but the same has not been completed on Pakistan's side so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which work on that line will be completed?

***QUESTION NO. 19 SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN :**

(Notice received on 14-11-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the estimated quantity and value in dollars of LNG to be imported by the public and private sectors, separately, during the next five years with year wise break up?

***QUESTION NO. 20 SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH :**

(Notice received on 14-11-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, designations, names of departments and date of registration of the employees of constitutional bodies who registered themselves for allotment of plots in sector F-14 and 15 Islamabad under the registrations drive phase II with category wise break up;*
- (b) *the number of plots allocated to the in service and retired employees of the said bodies in those sectors with category wise break up;*
- (c) *the names, designations, grades, dates of birth and retirement, date of registration and date of verification of particular of the in service and retired employees of those bodies who have been issued consent letters for allotment of plots in the said sectors with category wise break up; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that some retired employees of the said bodies have not been issued consent letters so far, if so, the time by which the same will be issued to them particularity to those registered under the Bara Kahu Housing scheme Phase I and retired before the launching of Phase II in pursuance of IHC Judgment in W.P. No. 2233/2016 date 28th September, 2016.*

***QUESTION NO. 21 SENATOR MUHAMMAD SALEH SHAH :**

(Notice received on 22-11-2016 at 03:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the number and locations of Government accommodations allotted on out of turn basis in Islamabad during the last one year?

***QUESTION NO. 22 SENATOR ILYAS AHMAD BILOUR:**

(Notice received on 22-11-2016 at 00:00)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the electricity produced by the Provincial Governments by installation of their own projects is purchased by WAPDA and added to the National Grid; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that WAPDA has made or is going to make an agreement with the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the purchase of electricity to be produced by that Province from its projects, if so, the terms and conditions of the same indicating also the rate at which that electricity will be purchased by WAPDA?*

***QUESTION NO. 23 SENATOR NAUMAN WAZIR KHATTAK:**

(Notice received on 25-11-2016 at 12:56 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 108, replied on 25th November, 2016 and state the persons / companies which made the 3D model giving the proven coal reserves in Hungu / Orakzai and Cherat / Gulla Khel?

***QUESTION NO. 24 SENATOR AHMED HASSAN :**

(Notice received on 25-11-2016 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount collected by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation from Government employees for purchasing land for the Bara Kahu Housing Scheme, indicating also the measurement of land purchased for the scheme so far;*
- (b) the time by which allotment and possession of plots will be handed over to those Government employees who have deposited the required amount for the same; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said Foundation has issued letters of allotment of plots of Officers in Sector G-13 and 14, Islamabad but the same have not been issued to the applicants of Bara Kahu housing scheme so far, if so, the reasons thereof?*

***QUESTION NO. 25 SENATOR AHMAD HASSAN:**

(Notice received on 25-11-2016 at 03:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of officers in grades 16 to 18 living in Government Accommodations below their entitlement are not being allotted accommodations according to their entitlement, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that rent and other charges on account of Government Accommodation are being deducted from the salaries of the said officers as per their grades and not according to the accommodations they are living in, if so, the reasons thereof?*

***QUESTION NO. 26 SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI:**

(Notice received on 28-11-2016 at 01:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has recently announced to curtail the load-shedding hours in the country upto 50%; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that no reduction has been made in loadshedding hours in Balochistan particularly in Districts Nouskhi and Kharan as per the said announcement of the Prime Minister, if so, the reasons, thereof?*

***QUESTION NO. 27 SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ :**

(Notice received on 28-11-2016 at 04:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the steps or being taken by the Government to tap all renewable energy sources in the country?

***QUESTION NO. 28 SENATOR NEHAL HASHMI:**

(Notice received on 29-11-2016 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of LPG are being increased without approval of OGRA, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to fix minimum price of LPG during the present winter season?*

***QUESTION NO. 29 SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI:**

(Notice received on 30-11-2016 at 10:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of big dams constructed in the country during the last five years with province wise break up;*
- (b) the details of big and small dams presently under construction in the country with province wise break up indicating also the estimated cost and date of completion of the same in each case; and*
- (c) the number of projects approved for construction of big dams in Balochistan during the current fiscal year?*

***QUESTION NO. 30 SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ :**

(Notice received on 01-12-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government accommodations for Government employees in Islamabad as on 02.12.2016 with category and sector wise break up;*
- (b) the mechanism evolved for maintaining seniority list of the newly promoted Government employees for allotment of those accommodations;*
- (c) the criteria laid down for change of Government accommodations; and*
- (d) the criteria laid down by the Government for determination of the right of allotment in case of more than one applicants for the same accommodation?*

***QUESTION NO. 31 SENATOR MAULANA MUHAMMAD SALEH SHAH:**

(Notice received on 02-12-2016 at 02:36 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the detail of action being taken against the illegal occupants of suites in Gulshan-i-Jinnah, Islamabad?

***QUESTION NO. 32 SENATOR MUHAMMAD SALEH SHAH :**

(Notice received on 02-12-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down by the Government for allotment of suits in Gulshan-e-Jinnah, Islamabad;*
- (b) the names and names of department of the officers who have illegally occupied suits in Gulshan-e-Jinnah, Islamabad at present; and*
- (c) the number of the said illegal occupants who have got stay orders from the law courts?*

***QUESTION NO. 33 SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI:**

(Notice received on 07-12-2016 at 10:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources on regular, contract and daily wages basis during the last four years with grade wise and province wise break up?

***QUESTION NO. 34 SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR:**

(Notice received on 14-12-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of persons working in BPS-1 to 22 in the Ministry of Water and Power, its attached departments, subordinate offices and autonomous and semi-autonomous corporations, authorities and bodies with grade wise and province wise break up?

***QUESTION NO. 35 SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR:**

(Notice received on 20-12-2016 at 10:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the number of persons working in BPS-1 to 22 in the Ministry of Housing and Works, its attached departments, subordinate offices, corporations, authorities and autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies with grade wise and province wise break up?

***QUESTION NO. 36 SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ:**

(Notice received on 23-12-2016 at 01:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any environmental study has been carried out for the coal power projects in the country, if so, the name of the agency / firm which carries out the same;*
- (b) whether it is fact that the said projects are hazardous to environment, if so, the reasons for launching same; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that hydel power potential is available in the country, if so, the reasons for not utilization the same?*

*** QUESTION NO. 37 SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ:**

(Notice received on 23-12-2016 at 01:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the import Price of LNG for the month of October, November and December 2016; and*
- (b) the rate at which LNG is being provided to the consumers?*

***QUESTION NO. 38 SENATOR AHMED HASSAN :**

(Notice received on 23-12-2016 at 02:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the installed capacity of electricity generation of Warsak Dam; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said capacity of that dam has decreased due to silt filling in the same, if so, the details thereof?*

*** QUESTION NO. 39 SENATOR MUKHTIAR AHMED DHAMRAH @ AAJIZ :**

(Notice received on 23-12-2016 at 04:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) the nature and tenure of appointment for the sitting Managing Director of OGDCL;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said Managing Director has dual nationality; and*
- (c) whether a person having dual nationality can be appointed against the said post under the rules or otherwise?*

***QUESTION NO. 40 SENATOR SYED SHIBLI FARAZ:**

(Notice received on 26-12-2016 at 3:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases initiated by NAB during the last three years with province-wise breakup;*
- (b) the number of cases against the politicians, businessmen, bureaucrats and other finalized by that bureau during the said period with province-wise breakup; and*
- (c) the recoveries made by the said bureau during that period?*

AMJED PERVEZ
Secretary

Islamabad, the
27th December, 2016