

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on

Friday, the 12th February, 2010

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No.55 was originally set down for answering on 13th January, 2010 during 57th Session but was deferred)

55. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-11-2009 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons sent on Hajj through regular and private schemes during the last three years and current year with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the details of the Hajj Quota enhanced by the Government of Saudi Arabia for Pakistan during the said period and the mode of its distribution?*

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a) I. Province-wise breakup, in respect of Regular Hajj Scheme, is as under:—

Province	Hajj Dec. 2006	Hajj 2007	Hajj 2008	Hajj 2009
Punjab including ICT/AJK/NA	46801	47070	48683	46612
Sindh	9674	11264	13105	11519
NWFP including FATA	13346	14579	16309	12761
Balochistan	7723	6448	6881	4744
Total	77544	79361	84978	75636

II. Province-wise breakup, in respect of Private Hajj scheme, is as under:—

Province	Hajj Dec. 2006	Hajj 2007	Hajj 2008	Hajj 2009
Punjab including ICT/AJK/NA	35365	36007	33648	38663

Sindh	26070	25801	24004	24928	
NWFP including	11645	13045	15726	13956	FATA
Balochistan	4120	5150	6165	7040	
Total	77200	80003	79543	84587	

(b) Details of quota originally allocated at the time of signing agreement and the detail of quota enhanced subsequently during the year is as under:—

Year	Original Quota allocated	Quota enhanced subsequently	Total quota after Enhancement	Mode of distribution	
				Govt. Scheme	HGOs Scheme
Hajj Dec. 2006	150000	5000	155000	3000	2000
Hajj 2007	159588	0	0	0	0
Hajj 2008	164647	0	0	0	0
Hajj 2009	159647	5000	164647	0	5000

31. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

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

- the number of vehicles owned by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and its subordinate offices; and*
- the amount spent on the maintenance / repair and fuel of the said vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Number of vehicles owned by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and its sub-ordinates offices is at Annexure-I.

(b) Amount spent on the maintenances /repair and fuel of the said vehicles during the last three years with year-wise break up is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

NUMBER OF VEHICLES
OWNED BY SNGPL
AS ON 30-06-2009

Sr#	Regions	Total
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1.	Abbottabad	19
2.	Bahawalpur	24
3.	Faisalabad(D)	40
4.	Faisalabad (T)	77
5.	Gujranwala	25
6.	Head Office	107
7.	Islamabad	77
8.	Lahore Region	61
9.	Multan (D)	31
10.	Multan (T)	58
11.	Peshawar	35
12.	Projects	384
13.	Wah (T)	33
Total		971

Annexure-II

SUI NORTHERN GAS PIPELINES LIMITED
NUMBER OF VEHICLES OWNED BY SNGPL
AS ON 30-06-2009

Number of Vehicles 971

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE / FUEL STATEMENT
FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09

Financial Year	Repair / Maintenance Expenses (Rupees in million)	Fuel Expenses (Rupees in million)	Total (Rupees in million)
2006-07	52.509	190.267	242.776
2007-08	56.242	219.370	275.612
2008-09	64.391	298.828	363.219
Total	173.142	708.465	881.607

34. ***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 23-01-2010 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply natural gas to district Dir, if so, its details?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Yes, there is a proposal to supply gas to Lower Dir as per following details:—

- ◆ The Government has approved supply of gas to Chakdara and Talash including Gulabad and Ouch in district Dir.
- ◆ Total cost of the project is Rs.516.82 million (Rs.307.66 million will be borne by the company and Rs.209.16 million by the Government).
- ◆ The Government has released its share of Rs.209.16 million in November, 2009.
- ◆ The detailed designing for laying of transmission spur alongwith land acquisition is in progress and it is anticipated that the project will commence by December, 2010, barring unforeseen circumstances.

36. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Senate Starred question No. 62, replied on 13th January, 2010 and state:

- (a) *the daily, monthly and annual income from each oil and gas fields in Sindh; and*
- (b) *the number of persons working on the said fields with province-wise and district-wise breakup?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Detailed information on parts (a) and (b) of the question is given at Annex-I.

37. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount of rent charged from pilgrims for tents in Mina during Hajj, 2009;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of pilgrims of Maktab No.59 were not provided tents despite payment of the rent, if so, its reasons;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the officers of Pakistan Hajj Mission, Makkah did not respond to complaints of the pilgrims of the said maktab, if so, the action to be taken against the officers concerned; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to refund the amount of rent of tents to those pilgrims, if not, its reasons?*

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a) The amount of tent charges deducted from pilgrims is as follows:—

1. SR 390/- for old Mina;
OR
2. SR 300/- for new Mina. (as the case may be)

(b) A Complaint and information cell was established at Pakistan Hajj Mission at Mina and Makkah Mukarramah. No complaint for non-provision of tents by Maktab No.59 was received. Even after completion of Hajj 2009, no such complaint has been received in the Ministry.

(c) As no complaint was received from the pilgrims of the said Maktab, therefore, the question for taking action against officers of Pakistan Hajj Mission does not arise.

(d) In view of the position, as explained above, no such proposal is under consideration.

38. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 11:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure laid down for hiring buildings for pilgrims in Makkah and Madina;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of buildings hired for the Hajj 2009 were without basic necessities including Alkaram Place in Madina;*
- (c) *the number of complaints lodged in Pakistan Hajj Mission and the action taken thereon; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take action against the officers involved in the process, if so, its details?*

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a) Following procedure for hiring of Buildings was observed:—

- o Hiring may be done by observing codal formalities on first come first serve basis.
- o The buildings consistently rated FR (Fine recommended) and (Recommended) in the previous year may be hired.
- o The determination of rent in Makkah Mukarramah may be based on quality of building and distance from the Haram having rent not more than SR.3200/- per pilgrim;
- o Accommodation in Madina Munawwarah may be hired from Accommodation Groups at SR.400 per pilgrim per cycle, to be paid on actual occupancy basis within 1,000 meters.

(b) As per Saudi law, no Building can be hired without basic necessities. There are two buildings namely 'Fundaq Al-Karam and 'Qasr Al-Karam' in Madina Munawwarah.

- I. Fundaq Al-Karam: It is three star Hotel in Central Area (Markazia) at a distance of 250 meters from the boundary wall of Haram.
- II. Qasr Al-Karam: It is one of the best buildings rated by the committee in B+ category, located out side Markazia at a distance of 710 meters in locality of Hashmia having capacity of 207 pilgrims. Bath pressure is 6.08 persons. It was offered by Al Massah group. No complaint has been lodged by the pilgrims against this building as per record of Pak Hajj Mission Madina Munawwarah.

(c) 45 general complaints in Pre-Hajj and 16 complaints in Post Hajj periods relating to buildings were received and disposed off to the satisfaction of the Hujjaj.

(d) As all complaints were disposed off to the satisfaction of Hujjaj, therefore, question for taking action against officers of Pakistan Hajj Mission does not arise.

39. *Mst. Afia Zia: (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 12:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of development schemes proposed for new Balakot city; and*
- (b) *the number of the said schemes on which work has been started?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: (a) There are a total of 17x proposed development schemes for New Balakot City is Annexed.

(b) Work on 5 schemes *i.e.* basic infrastructure facilities (Water Supply, Sewerage System, Drainage System, Culverts, Bridges and Roads), has been started.

40. *Mst. Afia Zia: (Notice received on 25-01-2010 at 12:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide plots or accommodation to the earthquake affectees of Balakot in new Balakot city, if so, the procedure and criteria laid down in this regard?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: (a) Yes, there is a proposal under consideration by the Government of Pakistan to provide **Plots** to the Earthquake Affectees of Balakot (Red Zone) in New Balakot City. The procedure adopted for allotment of plots is based on survey carried out by Union Council Nazims, Representatives of Local Community, NESPAK and District Administration. The criteria set as per ERRRA strategy is that the plots will be allotted to the owner's of houses living in Red Zone of Old Balakot Town.

41. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 26-01-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the purpose of visit and ,amount spent in each case?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Names and designation of the officers of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited sent abroad on official visits during the last three years including the purpose of visit and amount spent year-wise in each case is at Annexure-I.

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

42. ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 26-01-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that natural gas has not been supplied to the adjacent areas of Gurguri and Makori gas fields including Tehsil Hangu, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply gas to those areas, if so, when?

Syed Naveed Qamar: No, in-fact SNGPL is providing gas to adjacent areas of Gurguri and Makori gas fields, including that of Tehsil Hangu.

44. ***Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan Safi:** (Notice received on 26-01-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply natural Gas to Burma Town, Jabba, Pendorian, New Shakarial and Sowan (Rural Areas of Islamabad), if so, when?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Currently, there is no plan to supply gas to Burma Town, Jabba, Pendorian, New Shakarial and Sowan due to financial and physical constraints faced by the Gas Company and the huge gap between gas demand and supply.

45. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 27-01-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the percentage of decrease in the oil prices in international market from September 2008 to January 2009;*
- (b) the percentage of decrease in oil prices in Pakistan during the said period; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to decrease the oil prices in Pakistan in accordance with decreased prices in international market, if so, when?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The percentage of average decrease in oil prices in international market from September 2008 to January 2009 is as under:—

Product	1-Sep-08	30-Jan-09	Decrease (%)
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MS 95 RON (\$/bbl)	113.48	56.31	57.17 (50%)
Naphtha (\$/ton)	937.66	406.01	531.65(57%)
SKO (\$/bbl)	130.11	57.01	73.10(56%)
HSD(\$/bbl)	124.68	52.92	71.76(58%)
FO (\$/ton)	674.75	261.12	413.63(61%)
Crude (\$/bbl)	112.30	43.21	69.09(62%)

(b) The percentage of oil prices decrease in Pakistan during the September 08 to January 09 is as under:—

As of 1st September 2008				Rs./litre
Product	Price without Tax	Tax		Ex-depot sale price with Tax
		PDL	GST	
MS	55.06	19.65	11.95	86.66
HOBC	62.00	20.83	13.25	96.08
Kerosene	50.32	—	8.05	58.37
HSD	55.72	—	8.92	64.64
LDO	48.71	—	7.79	56.50

As of 30th January 2009				Rs./litre
Product	Price without Tax	Tax		Ex-depot sale price with Tax
		PDL	GST	
MS	22.39	27.32	7.95	57.66
HOBC	24.71	37.43	9.94	72.08
Kerosene	31.77	12.95	7.15	51.87
HSD	34.25	14.98	7.88	57.14
LDO	29.28	12.10	6.62	48.00

Change /DecreaseRs./litre		
Product	Decrease (%)	Decrease (%)
MS	32.67 (59%)	29 (33%)
HOBC	37.29 (60%)	24 (25%)
Kerosene	18.55 (37%)	6.5 (11%)
HSD	21.44 (38%)	7.5 (11%)
LDO	19.43(40%)	8.5 (14%)

(c) It has been decided that the impact of increase/decrease in international market price will be passed on to the consumer as per formula.

48. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 27-01-2010 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons working in the Ministry of Religious Affairs with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of vacant posts in the Ministry and the time by which these will be filled in?*

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a) Province wise break up of persons working in the Ministry is as under:—

Province wise details.	Number of posts
Punjab	148
Sindh	17
NWFP	32
Balochistan	05
FATA	02
NA	07
AJK	12
Total:	223

(b) The following posts are lying vacant in the Ministry and will be filled in as mentioned against each in the remarks column: —

Sl. No.	Name of Post	BPS	No. of posts	Remarks
1	Director General (R&R)	20	1	100% Promotion post. The case for the promotion of senior Director (BS-19) will be processed by C.S. Board.
2	Consultant	18	1	The post has been referred to the Ministry of Finance/ Establishment Division for conversion as Section Officer.
3	Deputy Director (R&R)	18	1	Case referred to FPSC for recruitment.
4	Assistant Director	17	2	Referred to FPSC for recruitment.
5	Data Base Administrator	17	1	Recruitment Rules of the post are being framed.
6	Programmer	17	1	Recruitment Rules of the post are being framed.
7	System Operator	16	1	Recruitment Rules of the post are being framed.
8.	Data Processing Assistant	16	4	Case referred to FPSC for recruitment.
9.	Stenotypist	12	3	Posts were advertised. Test/Interviews held and will be finalized soon.
10.	Punjab - 01 AJK - 01 (Sindh-U) - 01 Assistant (Balochistan Quota)	14	01	Post was advertised. Test/Interviews held and will be finalized soon.
TOTAL:			16	

49. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 27-01-2010 at 15:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of houses dehi red by the Ministry of Housing and Works during the last seven years; and*
- (b) *the names of owners of the said houses to whom Ministry did not pay the rent for the period during which it remained in government occupation and the time by which the same will be paid to them?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) Hiring of houses were decentralized and relevant record transferred to the departments of allottees in the year 2004. Moreover, as a result of incident of Lal Masjid on 3rd July, 2007, the pending record of dehi red houses with Estate Office Islamabad has been burnt.

(b) Payment to the owners of dehi red houses have already been released. However, someone having any pending claim can approach Estate Office alongwith supporting record to clear his outstanding dues.

50 ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 28-01-2010 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply natural gas to union councils Hinjal, Sukari, Amandi and Fatima Khel, District Bannu, if so, when?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Currently, there is no plan to supply gas to union councils Hinjal, Sukari, Amandi and Fatima Khel, District Bannu due to financial and physical constraints faced by the Gas Company and the huge gap between gas demand and supply.

51. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 28-01-2010 at 12:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of members on the Board of Directors of OGDCL, PPL, PSO, Sui Northern, Sui Southern and PARCO with province-wise break up?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Number of members on the Board of Directors of OGDCL, PPL, PSO, SNGPL, SSGCL and PARCO with province-wise break up are at Annexure-I, II, III, IV, V and VI respectively.

52. ***Dr. Abdul Khaliq Pirzada:** (Notice received on 28-01-2010 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons working in the Ministry of Housing and Works with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of vacant posts in the Ministry and the time by which these will be filled in?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) There are 170 persons working in the Ministry. Province-wise breakup is as under:—

Punjab	98
NWFP	37

Balochistan	02
NA/FATA	04
Sindh	22
AJK	07
Total	170

(b) 08 posts of officers are lying vacant and will be filled by the Establishment Division. Three posts of staff members are also vacant for which recruitment process is in progress and is expected to be completed by March/April, 2010.

Islamabad :
The 11th February, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.