

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 10th October, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No. 75 : Set down for answering on 10th May, 2012
- (ii) Question Nos. 74, 76, 77, 79 : Set down for answering on 13th July, 2012
80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 92, 93,
94, 95, 96, 97, 98 and 100

75. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 22-03-2012 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is shortage of Government residential accommodation for the Federal Government employees in the country; if so, the steps taken to address the shortage?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: Yes, it is a fact that there is shortage of housing units for allotment to Federal Government employees. The Federal Cabinet imposed ban on new construction of official residences for the federal government employees on 13-3-1995. Therefore, no further construction of government owned accommodation at Islamabad could be carried out. However, the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation/Pakistan Housing Authority have launched various housing schemes for the Federal Government Employees on ownership basis to minimize the housing problems.

74. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state present stage of work done on electrification schemes in district Peshawar recommended by me out of my development funds for 2011-12 and the time by which the same will be completed?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: Total No. of electrification schemes in District Peshawar recommended by Haji Ghulam Ali, Senator are 22, out of which 07 No. of schemes are completed and the remaining 15 No. schemes will be completed within 02 months.

76. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 16:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the cost of production of electricity from thermal, hydel, gas and wind mills;*
(b) *the procedure to calculate the consumer cost?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Net price of electricity on the transmission system from the relevant generation is as under:

<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit Rate (Rs.Kwh)</i>
Gas	6.265
Thermal (FO+HSD)	18.647
Hydel	1.463
Wind	9.121

(b) NEPRA Act prescribes a procedure for NEPRA to calculate the consumer tariff. Accordingly, NEPRA holds public hearings studies and checks the prudent costs incurred on purchase of electricity, maintenance and development of sector. NEPRA determines the tariff and conveys to the Government for notification as provided in NEPRA Act.

77. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 16:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the cost of generation of electricity through furnace oil and natural gas and to give relief to consumers of KESC to whom electricity generated from natural gas is supplied?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) As informed by KESC the cost of generation of Electricity varies according to price of fuel and supply of gas. However, the cost of generation through furnace oil and natural gas is as follows:—

- Furnace Oil = Rs. 18.47/kwh
- Natural Gas = Rs. 6.44/kwh

79. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of rental power plants working in the country at present; and*
(b) *the rate at which electricity is being purchased from the said plants and the rate at which the same is being supplied to consumers?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) & (b) No Rental Power Plant is working in the country at present. In pursuance of decision of Honorable Supreme Court of 30-03-2012.

80. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of Independent Power Producers presently producing electricity in the country;*
- (b) the electricity produced by the said producers during the last two years with month-wise break up; and*
- (c) the rate at which electricity is being purchased from those producers and the rate at which the same is being supplied to consumers?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) There are 28 Nos: IPPs presently producing electricity in the country.

(b) Month wise break up of electricity produced during the last two years by each IPPs is attached as **Annex- A**.

(c) Average rate at which electricity is being purchased from these IPPs is mentioned against each Power Producer in **Annex- A**.

85. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of consumers of KESC at present;*
- (b) the amount collected by KESC from the said consumers since its privatization with month-wise break-up;*
- (c) the expenditures of the said company during that period with head-wise and month-wise break-up;*
- (d) the details of new projects started by KESC during that period indicating also the amount invested in each case; and*
- (e) the amount paid by Ibraaj Company and its share holders as income tax after taking over KESC with year-wise break-up?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The number of consumers of KESC as on June, 2012 are 2, 139,867.

(b) The detail is attached as said published financial statement at Annex A.

(c) The detail is attached as said published financial statement at Annex A.

(d) The following new power stations were commissioned by KESC since its Privatization:

Plant Name	MW	Amount invested as on Dec. 2011 (Amount in mn)
BQCCP	560	41,031
KCCP	220	16,078
SGTTP	90	8,640
KGTTTP	90	8,640
Total	960	65,749

(e) Attached as Annex B.
86. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the names, designation, place of domicile and length of service of the employees of KESC retrenched or compulsorily retired since privatization of the company indicating also their salary at the time of retrenchment / retirement and the amount paid to them at that time; and*

(b) *the terms and conditions of privatization of KESC under which the said persons were retrenched / compulsorily retired?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) & (b) KESC is a private sector company and all relevant and related details are in company's annual and quarterly published statements. The published financial statements June 2011 and March 2012 are attached at Annex.

87. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of Professionals posted against non-Professional posts in the Ministry?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: Only one professional has been posted by Establishment Division against the post of Joint Secretary (Power) being a technical post, to deal with all technical matters of power sector, like load management, electricity tariff, thermal power projects etc.

88. ***Mr. Rozi Khan Kakar:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 13:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to Balochistan appointed in WAPDA since 2005, against the quota allocated for the Province?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: 177 number of person belonging to Balochistan have been appointed in WAPDA since 2005 against the Quota allocated for the provinces. Detail is attached as **Annexure-A**.

Annexure-A

FORMATION BALOCHISTAN	THE NUMBER OF PERSON BELONGING TO APPOINTED IN WAPDA SINCE 2005
General Manager (Hydel)	22
General Manager (Finance) Water	17
General Manager (Finance) Power	06
Director General (HR&A)	54
Director Admn. (Water)	73
Director General (Finance) B&C	05
Total	177

90. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 22-05-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to eliminate the circular debt in order to meet the prevailing energy crisis in the country?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: • Arrangements are in process to pay long outstanding payables to IPPs.

- Tariff differential subsidies are now being paid to clear the arrears.

- Regular Monitoring of the recoveries of receivables at the highest level is being done.
- Reduction in cost of generation is being achieved through:
 - a. Conservation and new Installation of hydel and coal power plants.
 - b. Capacity improvement in power generation and consumption mix.
 - c. Improvement in efficiency of power plants.
 - d. Hectic efforts to get maximum gas for power plants.

92. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 23-05-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Chinese Government has approved \$448 Billion loan for Neelum-Jhelum project,*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that this amount will be released by Chinese Exim Bank, if so, the amount released so far;*
- (c) *whether this is a long or short term loan; and*
- (d) *the completing time of the project and the name of the company to which project awarded?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Chinese Exim Bank agreed to give loan of US \$ 448 Million and not of 448 Billion for Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project.

(b) The loan agreement between Government of Pakistan and Exim bank of China is yet to be signed. Subsequently, a Subsidiary Loan Agreement would also be signed between Government of Pakistan and WAPDA. Disbursement will start after signing of these agreements.

(c) It is long term loan.

(d) The project will be completed by 2016. The project was awarded to China Gezhouba Group Company Ltd. (CGGC) and China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) a Chinese consortium.

93. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 05-06-2012 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that supply of electricity remained suspended between Chobara, Tehsil and District

Layyah, and Tarku Adda due to theft of electricity wire of 11 KV during the months of May and June 2012, if so, the date on which the incident of theft took place indicating also the date of restoration of electricity?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: It is intimated that 4800 meter 11 KV Conductor was stolen during night hours between 21-05-2012 and 22-05-2012. The conductor was drawn from store on 07-06-2012 after completion of all departmental formalities and supply was restored on 08-06-2012 at 07.30 P.M.

94. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a new grid station at Barikot, Swat, if so, its details?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: 132 KV new Grid Station at Barikot, Swat with 2x10/13 MVA Power Transformers is approved under 6th STG Project. Land Acquisition for the same is in process with DOR Swat.

95. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) the details of grid stations in Khyber Pakhtunkhawa that were damaged due to floods in 2010 indicating also the details of loss / damage caused to each grid station;*
- (b) the number of the said grid stations repaired / rehabilitated so far; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the work of repairing / rehabilitation of Madeen grid station, damaged in the floods has not been started so far, if so, its reasons?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar:

96. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the gear switch of Mingora grid station, district Swat, is becoming defective due to weather affects; if so, the steps taken for its protection; and*
- (b) the distribution capacity of the grid station between Upper Swat and Lower Swat?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) On 21-09-2008 the militants planted bombs and destroyed the control room building of 132 KV substation Swat (Mingora) and after that

the switchgear was installed in the temporary steel shed on emergency basis to restore power supply in the area.

It is a fact that weather hazards leave their affects on switch ears, installed in the temporary shed and chances of wear & tear / deterioration are more than the equipment's installed in the proper control room. However, normally it does not affect the distribution of power supply to the public.

Construction work of new control room at 132 KV substation Swat (Mingora) has been completed and shifting of switchgear from temporary shed to the control room building will be made within 01 month approximately.

(b) Detail of sub stations with installed rated capacity of Power Transformers feeding upper & lower Swat is as under:—

132 KV substation Swat (Mingora) (Lower Swat)

1.	20/26 MVA, 132/11 KV Power Transformer T1	=	1305-A
2.	20/26 MVA, 132/11 KV Power Transformer T2	=	1305-A
3.	10/13 MVA, 132/11 KV Power Transformer T3	=	653-A
4.	6.3/7.6 MVA, 132/11 KV Power Transformer T4	=	381-A

Total Capacity	56.3/72.6 MVA = 3644-A
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132 substation Swat (Mingora) (Upper Swat)

(1) 20/26 MVA, 132 / 11 KV Power Transformer T1 = 1305-A

97. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has granted status of an attached department to the National Language Authority, if so, the date on which the approval was granted by the Prime Minister and notified in the official gazette?

Reply not received.

98. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-06-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Water and Power signed an amended agreement with KESC in April 2009, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) the details of special concessions, if any, extended to KESC through amended agreement and the justification thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the KESC has failed to implement the amended agreement, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the affairs to KESC as per amended and original agreements?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The amended IA has been signed mainly to bind the new investor to make the investment of US\$ 361,000,000 over a period of three years commencing from the revised closing date to be used for the improvement of the Generation, Transmission and Distribution systems of the company and for the purposes of meeting the working capital of the company.

(b) & (c) The amended IA is being complied in toto.

100. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-06-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the profit earned or loss sustained by each power distribution company during the last four years;*
- (b) whether audit of these companies has been conducted for the aforesaid period, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, reported in audit reports; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to make the said companies efficient and address their short coming?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) Profit and Loss sustained by each distribution company during last four years are detailed at Annexure-A.

(b) The audit of power sector is carried out on continuous basis as per following details.

Auditor General of Pakistan through Director General Audit WAPDA carried out the audit of all Distribution companies during the last four years and a No. of audit observations were issued (detail enclosed as Annex-B), which are being pursued by the Department Accounts Committee (DAC) / Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

In addition Statutory Audit is carried out to fulfill requirements of SECP & Companies Ordinance 1984 and Sales Tax audit is carried out by FBR. The Companies also have their internal audit arrangements.

(c) Following steps are being taken:—

- Effective measures through reduction of losses. The strategy is two pronged *i.e.* (i) Drive against theft (ii) Investment in network to reduce technical losses.
- Improvement in recovery position.
- Improvement in consumption Mix. Efforts are being made to increase consumption by high value customers (industrial and commercial) as compared to non-productive and low value domestic customers.

Reform Process: A well thought out reform and restructuring process is being implemented. Besides inducting professional management, capacity building of staff and officers is being carried out. Independent boards have been established to enhance commercialization, financial sustainability and good governance.

19. ***M. Hamza:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote and install solar energy system in the country;*
- (b) the amount spent on various solar energy projects in the country since 2011; and*
- (c) the generation capacity of the said projects?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) AEDB is facilitating the Private Sector for development and promotion of Alternative/ Renewable Technologies. A number of steps have been taken to develop infrastructure/ grounds for development of Solar Sector, which include:—

- Grid Code is being amended to accommodate Solar power;

Standardized project documents have been prepared for projects having tariff on cost plus basis and made available to investors; standard project documents for projects opting Up front tariff are drafted and are under discussion;

- Lenders confidence is built through supportive measures;

- Almost all leading manufacturers of the world are now involved in the local market to supply Solar equipment,
 - NEPRA is working on offering an Up front tariff for solar projects in the with other countries of the world, adopted for quick development of Solar power;
 - Facilitation and technical assistance to the provincial governments;
 - Duty / tax exemptions on solar equipment;
 - Development of private businesses engaged in Solar technology; and
 - Capacity building of public, especially provinces and private sectors.
- As a result of Government's measures, following developments have been made;

On Grid

8 Lois with an aggregate capacity of 96 MW have been issued to Private Sector companies which are at various stages of development.

Off Grid

Solar village electrification Programme under Prime Minister's directive Under which 3,000 Solar Home Systems have been installed in 49 villages of district Tharparkar, Sindh Another 51 villages in Sindh and 300 villages in Balochistan are approved for electrification using solar energy and will be implemented on release of funds.

Under the **Parliamentarian Sponsored Village Electrification Programmer**, 32 feasibilities have been prepared and submitted for approval and release of funds. Funds for 3 schemes have so far been released under PWP-II and the schemes are being implemented.

Pilot Programme for conversion of Electric/ Diesel Driven Tube - wells/ Dug - wells with Solar energy has been initiated under World Bank assistance to study the technical, financial and social viability of conversion. On successful implementation of the pilot, the World Bank will consider multimillion dollar loan for up-scaling the programme.

- Pilot Programme for Replacement of Conventional Water Heater with Solar Water Heaters has been initiated with the World Bank assistance to study technical, financial and social viability. This Pilot designed to trigger the market forces under different financial mechanisms and incentives.

- Following the Government policy of duty/ tax exemption, import/ installation of equipment for Solar Technology has increased manifold.
- 650 units of Solar water pumping systems have also been imported in the country. These water pumping systems are installed for community drinking and agriculture purpose all over Pakistan.
- 12,000 units of Solar water heaters have been imported in the county. These heaters are deployed all over the country especially in Balochistan, Gilgit Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtonkhawa and Northern Punjab.

Other Initiatives

- A program (PC-I) is undergoing for the promotion of widespread use of Solar water heaters to save a substantial amount of gas and electricity. Total target of 250,000 Solar water heaters will be installed in the country in next five years, which would save 30-40 % of gas or electricity bills.
- A PC-I for installation of 1x 50 MW Solar Thermal Power plant awaits approval of the Planning Commission. On approval, the project will be presented to donors for funding.
- A PC- I for installation of 4,000 Solar Tube-wells at a cost of Rs. 12.57 Billion has also been recommended by CDWP for approval of the ECNEC.

(b) No amount spent by AEDB.

(c) A total of 96 MW power will be generated on completion of the eight Solar power projects.

20. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state whether it is fact that PHA has not handed over possession of “E” type flats in G-11/3, Islamabad, to respective allottees who paid all the dues, if so, the reasons thereof and time by which possession of those flats will be handed over to the allottees?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation (PHAF) has not handed over possession of “E” type flats to the allottees so far because of following main reasons:—

- Diversion of Nullah passing though project area.
- Change of Foundation Design of few blocks.

- Suspension of work due to Inquiry on Time and Cost Overrun *w.e.f.* October, 2011.

At present the project is 92% complete. The inquiry has been completed and as soon as the work will be resumed at site by the Contractor, PHA Foundation will be able to hand over the possession of apartments.

21. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 10-09-2012 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) presently outstanding against KESC; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not recovering that amount so far and the time by which the same will be recovered?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) The amount receivable from KESC as of September 19, 2012 is Rs.43, 137 Millions.

(b) KESC is not making payments by claiming other government departments not paying their electricity bill, which is not acceptable to SSGCL

22. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reschedule / reduce the duration of load shedding of electricity in the rural areas of the country; and*
- (b) *the time by which heavy shortfall of electricity in the country will be reduced and the mechanism to be adopted for that purpose?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The quantum of load shedding in rural areas is determined keeping in view the availability of the generation and the system load and since the both parameters vary at different times therefore it cannot be confirmed as to when the duration of load shedding in rural areas shall reduce.

(b) Heavy shortfall of electricity in the country is experienced during dry months when there is little of hydel generation therefore till such time when more hydel generation is available reduction of heavy shortfall cannot be predicted.

23. *Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of homeless persons / families who were allotted plots / accommodation on ownership basis by the Federal Government during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to provide plots / accommodation on ownership basis to the remaining homeless persons /families?*

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (a) (A) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING FOUNDATION (FGEHF):

247 families were allotted plots by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation during the last two years. Details are as under:—

<u>Housing Scheme Phases:</u>	<u>No. of plots allotted during last two years:</u>
Phase-II	47
Phase-III	64
Phase-IV	136
Total:	247

(B) PAKISTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOUNDATION:

PHA Foundation did not launch any project exclusively catering to the housing needs of homeless families during last two years.

(b) (A) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING FOUNDATION (FGEHF):

The Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation is striving hard to launch new housing schemes. The Housing Foundation has planned construction of around 3,000 apartments scheme in Sector G-13 which is expected to take off soon. Furthermore, land has been purchased in Zone-IV, Islamabad (Bara Kahu) but project could not be launched due to Suo-Moto action taken by the Honourable Supreme Court, Last hearing was held on 01-08-2012. The date is in office.

(B). PAKISTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOUNDATION;

In 4th meeting of Board of Directors held on July 19, 2012, it was decided that 1-16/3 project will be launched on Ground + 3 floors. The envisaged project has an

estimated land of 15.6 acres. Land wing has completed all codal formalities. The proposed project will comprise of 1360 low cost apartments for the General Public as well as Federal Government employees. The project is ready to be launched shortly.

24. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 12-09-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an inordinate delay has occurred in completing the work of laying Gas Pipe Line between village Sagri and Doke Fatima, Tehsil and District Rawalpindi;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that contractor has damaged the road at site and dressing has not been done leaving excavated material without disposed and;*
- (c) *the total cost incurred on the said project indicating also the date of start and completion of work and the time by which the road will be restored to its original position?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Owing to shortage of material, delay occurred in completing the work of laying gas pipeline between village Sagri and Dhok Fatima.

(b) In order to lay the pipeline, ditching is carried out which damages the road at site. In this case too, road was damaged due to laying of pipeline. However, after completion of laying work, the road shall be rehabilitated.

(c) The total cost of this project is Rs.11.584 Million whereas the laying work is being carried out in phases. The starting date of this phase was 17-6-2011. However, the pipeline laying and restoration of road between village Sagri and Dhok Fatima shall be completed within two months, barring unforeseen circumstances.

25. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of C.N.G in the country?

Reply not received.

26. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure being adopted for collection of Workers' Welfare Fund;*
- (b) *the procedure being adopted for utilization of the said fund; and*
- (c) *the authority which approves spending of the fund?*

Reply not received.

27. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on-13-09-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the progress made on Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline project so far; and*
- (b) *the funds allocated and incurred so far on the project since its inception?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Progress on the project is going on as per the schedule. The E&PM consultant has completed the:—

- Bankable Feasibility Study;
- Front End Engineering Design (FEED) report;
- Route Reconnaissance survey; and
- Work on Detailed Route Survey (DRS) Land acquisition formalities are already lined up.

Pre-award activities (documentation) for procurement of Long Lead Items (LLI's) *i.e.* Line pipe, Compressor are in process. Response against EOI for Engineering, Procurement and construction (EPC) has been received from interested parties and under scrutiny.

(b) Funds have not yet been allocated for the project, however it is envisaged that financial requirements will be met through utilization of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess and PSE Equity Injection (as approved by ECC).

Costs to the tune of US \$ 19.963 Million have so far been incurred with regard to E & PM contract which was awarded in April 2011. The costs were met by PSE equity injection.

28. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 09:00 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 revise gas loadshedding schedule in view of closure of industries in the country?

Dr. Asim Hussain: Gas Load Shedding schedule in the industrial sector is considered keeping in view the gas availability on month to month basis on SNGPL's system and there is no proposal under consideration to revise gas load shedding schedule with respect to industries on SSGCL's system at present.

29. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the existing rate of pension admissible to the beneficiaries of EOBI; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the said rate?*

Reply not received.

30. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of aid provided or to be provided by foreign countries or donor agencies for construction of Basha and Munda Dams?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: DIAMER BASHA DAM PROJECT:

No firm commitment for funding of Diامر Basha Dam Project is available so far by any donor agency.

MUNDA DAM PROJECT :

Agency Francaise Development (AFD), a French Donor Agency has intended to provide 11 million Euro to finance the Consultancy Service Cost and 100 million Euro for implementation of the Project. Loan negotiation are in progress.

31. ***Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012)

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

- (a) the number of exploration acreage bidding rounds held by DGPC (Director General Petroleum Concessions) since June, 2009 indicating also the dates of bidding and names of blocks that were offered for bidding; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to promote oil and gas exploration activity in the aftermath of 18th amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan?*

Reply not received.

32. *Mrs. Kalsoom Perveen: (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of cities/villages/areas to which natural gas has been supplied during the last four years with province-wise breakup;*
- (b) the amount spent on supply of natural gas to the said cities/villages/areas with province-wise breakup; and*
- (c) the criteria adopted for supply of gas to the said cities/villages/areas?*

Reply not received.

33. *Mrs. Kalsoom Perveen: (Notice received on 20-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of oil and gas wells drilled in the country during the last ten years and result achieved for each well;*
- (b) the approximate expenditure incurred on drilling of a well;*
- (c) the names of companies to which contract for drilling of wells were awarded; and*
- (d) the criterion laid down and procedure adopted for awarding the contracts?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) The requisite information is at Annexure-I.

(b) An onshore oil/gas well drilling costs around US 6 to 18 million dollars whereas an offshore oil/gas well drilling cost is approximately US 40 million dollars.

(c) The requisite information is at Annexure-II.

(d) The requisite information is at Annexure-III.

Annexure-II

Drilling Companies remained active during last ten years

S. No.	Company Name
1.	Oil & Gas Development Company Limited

2. Pakistan Petroleum Limited
 3. Pakistan Oilfields Limited
 4. Mari Gas Company Limited
 5. Dewan Drilling Company Limited
 6. Great Wall Drilling Company
 7. Oil & Gas Engineering Company SPA
 8. Deutag Pakistan
 9. Schlumberger
 10. Pride Forasol
 11. Oil & Gas Exploration Company Krakow
 12. SAS Drilling
 13. CNPC Chauanqing Drilling Engineering Company Limited (CCDC)
 14. Trans Ocean Deep Water
 15. Discoveror
 16. Weatherford Oil Tool M.E. Ltd
 17. Acquamarine Drilling
 18. Global Drilling
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Annexure-III

- Exploration licences are being awarded / granted through open/competitive bidding process to Exploration & Production company(ies) who commits best work programme (seismic/drilling) in terms of work units;
- Directorate General Petroleum Concessions, being upstream regulator, manages the process of finalization of PCAs/PSAs and administers the bidding process for award of petroleum rights;
- Grant of Petroleum Rights (Exploration Licence &/or Development & Production Lease) and PCAs/PSAs are signed by the Secretary Petroleum and Natural Resources for and on behalf of the President of Pakistan. Subsequent to the grant of the Exploration Licence, the licence holders starts exploration activities in their Licence Area by conduction technical studies, seismic surveys and drilling of exploration well (s) etc. ;
- Following an oil/gas discovery is made and appraised, it is declared commercial discovery by Government and Government approves field development plan and grants Development & Production Lease to the

company for a period upto 25 years based upon the actual production profile of the field under the applicable rules and Lessee starts producing petroleum from the lease area.

34. ***Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 14:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the work of laying of gas pipeline in village Dhallah, Adiala Road, Rawalpindi, has been completed, if so, the date on which the same was completed; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that gas connections have not been provided to the residents of that village so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be provided?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 10th October, 2012

1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that transformers installed in New Pind Islam Colony, Sukkur, are not working properly, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.