

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Friday, the 8th February, 2013**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 86, 40, 42, 45, 51, 52 and 53 were originally set down for answering on 30th January, 2013 but were deferred)

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?*

Reply not received.

40. **\*Mrs. Farah Aqil:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 10:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Works be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that the road constructed by Pak PWD in Street 2, Bani Gala, Islamabad, out of my development funds for the year 2011-12, is in dilapidated condition; and*
- (b) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the sub-standard work of the said road, if so, the action taken against the contractor / officials responsible for the sub-standard work, if not, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

42. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 07-01-2013 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Government Employees registered so far for the housing scheme launched by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation with year-wise and category-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the amount collected as registration fee from the said employees with year-wise break-up?*

Reply not received.

45. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance rental ceiling of the Government employees for hiring residences, if so, when?*

**Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai:** A Summary was moved on 28-11-2012 to the Prime Minister's Secretariat on the advice of Finance Division for 25% enhancement in the existing rental ceiling, however, the Summary has been retrieved by the Finance Division. Subsequent action the Finance Division is awaited.

51. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the estimated number of homeless families in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide housing facilities to the said families?*

**Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai:** (a) The housing backlog as estimated according to the 1998 census was 4.30 million units which is now projected as 7 million units, thereby rendering about 7 million families as homeless.

(b) To overcome the housing backlog and recurring shortfall Prime Minister has announced a Housing Programme for construction of one million housing units throughout the country which is under implementation at Federal level and also by Provincial Governments.

52. **\*Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 16:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names and designations of Officers in BPS-22 who have been allotted one kanal plots under the Prime Minister package since its inception indicating also the number and location of plot in each case;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the apex Court has recently struck down some of the said allotments, if so, the details of such allotments with names of the allottees;*
- (c) the reasons for striking down the said allotments and steps taken to allot them plots; and*
- (d) the names and designation of the officers in BPS-22 who have not been allotted plots under the said package so far indicating also the reasons thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to allot them plots?*

Reply not received.

53. **\*Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 16:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is fact that the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation initiated a housing scheme at Bara Kahu, Islamabad, in 2009;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court of Pakistan has taken notice of the scheme, if so, the findings of the court; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for provision of plots to the employees who have been retired after the initiation of the Bara Kahu housing scheme or retiring till the finalization of the case by the Supreme Court?*

**Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai:** (a) Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation with the approval of the Executive Committee / Board of Directors of Housing Foundation purchased 3000 kanals of land in Bare Kahu, Zone-IV, Islamabad for developing a housing scheme on ownership basis for Federal Government Employees in 2009.

(b) Supreme Court took *Suo-Moto* Notice in May 2009. M/s Green Tree (Pvt) Ltd. had submitted various options before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan to resolve the matter. The Supreme Court has directed Executive Committee on 22-11-2012

to review its decision. The Executive Committee meeting held on 29-11-2012 to constitute a sub-committee and present its report within 15 days. The report of the committee will be submitted to Executive Committee, immediately. The Hon'able Supreme Court will be intimated accordingly.

(c) Registration of Federal Government Employees for allotment of plot/apartment on first come first serve basis serving and retired Federal Government employees. The quota for retired employees has been enhanced as under:—

- i. Employees of Federal Government who would retired during the period 01-07-2009 to 31-12-2010. 10%
  - ii. Old retirees who did not get any plot from FGEHF/CDA 10%
- @77 . **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 11-01-2013 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state the total amount spent on the celebration of cultural week in Islamabad in December, 2012?*

**Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki:** An amount of Rs.190,53,522 was incurred on celebration of Pakistan Week from 1-1-2013 to 07-01-2013 at Lok Virsa, Islamabad.

80. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 08-01-2013 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantum and value of electricity stolen or wasted during the last five years with year-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the reasons for the theft and wastage of electricity?*

Reply no received.

81. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) collected registration fee from Government employees in connection with allotment of plots in a housing scheme in 2010, if so, the name of the bank authorized to collect that fee;*

- (b) *the time by which the scheme will be launched indicating also the sector earmarked for the purpose; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for determining priority / seniority for allotment of plots in the said scheme?*

Reply not received.

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@Transferred from Cabinet Division.

82. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the initial amount of contribution made by the Government to the Workers Welfare Fund; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Federal Government for further contribution in the Workers Welfare Fund alongwith its details?*

**Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain:** (a) **Initial contribution.**

An initial contribution of Ten Crores of Rupees was made by the Federal Government to Workers' Welfare Fund.

(b) **Steps being taken by the Federal Government for further contribution in the WWF.**

- (i) Contributions under the WWF Ordinance, 1971 by employers of industrial establishments in the private sector, equivalent to 2% of their declared income exceeding Rs.500,000 in any year of account.
- (ii) Funds left over after distribution of worker's share in Workers Profit Participation Fund (equivalent to 5% of the profit of a company) established under the Companies Profits (Workers Participation) Act, 1968, are transferred to the Workers Welfare Fund by 896 companies presently.

As regards the receipts at (ii) above, the contributing companies deposit the left-over amount of the WPPF with the Federal Treasury, NBP and State Bank of Pakistan. The contributing companies are required as per law, to submit the distribution accounts of WPPF to the WWF Secretariat alongwith a copy of the Bank Challan. On receipt of bank challans, the WWF Secretariat verify / reconcile these challans with the Federal Treasury Office and the AGPR (that whether the WWF receipts are booked correctly under the proper head of account or not and if not, get the accounts corrected). The total collection is Rs. 153 Billion as on 30-06-2012 since inception of WWF. Efforts are being made in order to enhance the network of WPPF by following up the new industrial establishments and those which are not paying any contributions.

82A. \*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has recently negotiated and executed daily sale of 120 tons of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) with Sui Northern Gas Company Limited (SNGPL) in violation of prescribed rules, if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *the method adopted for the said sale agreement?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) OGDCL has neither recently negotiated nor executed any agreement with SNGPL regarding daily sale of 120 M.tons of LPG in violation of any rule or instructions of Honorable court.

(b) OGDCL is presently producing LPG from following fields:

Field	Daily Production (M. Tons/Day)	Allocation Preserved by Court (M. Tons/Day)	Allocation against Signature Bonus (M.tons/day)	Un-allocated Quantity (M.tons/day)
Bobi	50	15	30	Nil
Chanda	15	Nil	25	Nil
Dakhni	24	Nil	24	Nil
Kunner	21	Nil	35	Nil
Kunner	120	Nil	Nil	120
Pasaki				
Deep (KPD)*				

\*LPG production stopped w.e.f 27-11-2012 to date due to fire incident at JJVL Plant.

In view of above presently approximately 120 M.tons per day of LPG is being produced from OGDCL's KPD field gas processed at JJVL Plant. The LPG Production and Distribution Policy 2011 provided method for disposal of LPG produced by Public Sector E&P Companies where in it was referred that "E&P Companies shall sell their LPG to Sui Companies. In case the Sui Companies are unable to lift LPG or surplus availability of LPG with the E&P Companies, the same will be supplied to private sector LPG Marketing Companies on terms and conditions to be settled between the buyer and seller". However, later Honorable Lahore High Court in a Writ Petition No.21798/2011 dated 03-10-2011 has granted stay against distribution of LPG to Sui Companies (copy annexed). OGDCL, therefore, has temporarily offered the LPG produced from KPD to all OGRA licensed LPG Marketing Companies. These Companies lift LPG on the sequential order as per lifting schedule placed on our official website.

83. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 10-01-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the daily demand and supply of gas in the country at present and steps taken to explore new reservoirs?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** Daily production of raw gas in the country at present is: 4273 MMCFD out of which 3886 MMCFD is available to sale as against constrained demand of 5416 MMCFD.

The Government has taken following steps to explore new reservoirs in the country:—

- (i) Currently 132 exploration licences for exploration of oil & gas reservoirs are being operated by various exploration & production companies.
- (ii) Sixty (60) blocks for exploration of oil & gas reservoirs have been advertised for award of exploration licences on competitive basis.
- (iii) For fiscal year 2012-13, forty four (44) exploration wells have been planned for exploration of oil & gas reservoirs.
- (iv) Council of Common Interest (CCI) has approved “Tight Gas (Exploration & Production) Policy, 2011” which offers 40-50 % premium over the respective zonal price of Petroleum Policy 2009. Moreover, an additional 10% premium would be given for these TG volumes that are brought into production within 2 years of announcement of this policy.
- (v) Petroleum (Exploration & Production) Policy, 2012 has been recently notified that offers lucrative incentives to the investors for investment in exploration of oil & gas sector of Pakistan.
- (vi) Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has approved Low BTU Gas Pricing Policy, 2012 wherein additional incentives to the investors has been given to develop Low BTU fields as soon as possible.
- (vii) In offshore fourteen (14) exploration licences have been awarded for exploration of oil & gas reservoirs.
- (viii) Efforts are being made to enhance exploration activities in all the areas of Pakistan by improving law & order and providing conducive environment to local and foreign E&P companies.

- (ix) Efforts are being made on more exploration in deeper prospects and under explored geological frontiers to add new oil & gas reservoirs.
- (x) In addition, “**Shale Gas, Marginal and Stranded Gas & Flare Gas Guidelines 2012**” are being prepared in order to exploit the hydrocarbon potential to alleviate shortage of energy being faced by the country.
- (xi) In order to introduce Petroleum (Exploration & Production) Policy, 2012 Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources has arranged Pakistan Exploration Promotion Conference (PEPC), 2012 in Houston (USA) and London (UK) to attract foreign investment.

84. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of technical and ground threats being faced by Tarbela Dam to its life and remedial steps taken thereof?*

**Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar:** The technical and ground threats being faced by Tarbela Dam and remedies being undertaken are submitted as under:—

A. **TECHNICAL THREATS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES**

1. SINKHOLES

Two types of sinkholes were developed at the main Dam blanket and fill material of the dam. Sinkholes at main dam upstream Blanket was treated by dumping the specified material on sinkhole location through large boats (barges). Sinkholes developed in the fill of the embankments were treated by injecting specified material.

No further treatment was done as per consultant’s advice. An efficient observation system is working to cope with emergent situation/future development. Up till now 501 sinkholes were appeared/observed.

2. SILT ATION

Tarbela inflows are largely from glacier melt. The soil particles in flowing water are settled in the reservoir as they enter into the stagnant water. An estimated 200 million tons of sediment enter the lake/reservoir on yearly basis. This has resulted 32.02% reduction of storage capacity of reservoir.

**REMEDIAL STEPS**



- By raising of the minimum conservation level of water from 1300 to 1378 feet, movement of silt delta has been restricted.
- Different studies were conducted/completed through Consultants to get a viable solution of siltation problem. M/s Mot MacDonald of UK and MMP Pakistan in association HR Wallingford of UK will advise/provide efficient Sediment Management System.

## B. GROUND THREAT AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

Tarbela Dam is located on the border of KPK and Punjab. (Due to thorough fare people of the area use the Topi- Ghazi-Haripur/Hassanabdal Road so threats of sabotage cannot be ruled out).

### *REMEDIAL SPTEPS*

4900, Rangers personal were deployed at the Project enabling to save it from untoward activity/threat. Four additional surveillance systems have been deployed to record the movement at check posts and important critical locations. Seven additional check posts/bunkers are under process for construction. Civilian movement has been restricted. Electronic gadgets have also been placed at important locations to screen movements of visitors.

85. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- the date on which summery for allocation of Sector F-14, Islamabad for Housing Scheme for Government employees was submitted to the Prime Minister of Pakistan; and*
- the steps taken by the Ministry of Housing so far to pursue the case with the Prime Minister and make arrangements for early development of the siad sector for Government employees?*

Reply not received.

86. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- the date on which development work was started on officer's Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad;*
- the number of interruptions in the development work took place since its start indicating also the reasons for each interruption; and*

(c) *the name of officers / officials found responsible for interruptions in the development work and action taken against them?*

Reply not received.

87. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-01-2013 at 15:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No. 34, replied on 10th October, 2012, and state:*

- (a) *the names and parentage of persons who have applied for gas connections in village Dhalla, Adiala Road, Rawalpindi;*
- (b) *the names of those applicants who have been issued demand notices for provision of gas connections indicating also the names of those persons who have deposited the amount / fee for connection with date wise breakup;*
- (c) *the names of the said applicants who have been provided gas connections and the time by which the remaining applicants who have deposited the demand notices will be provided gas connections; and*
- (d) *the time by which demand notices will be issued to those applicants who have not been issued the same so far?*

Reply not received.

88. **\*Mr. Abdul Haseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 21-01-2013 at 18:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether accounts of WAPDA have been audited during the last five financial years, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, pointed out in those audit reports; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said irregularities and action taken against them?*

**Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar:** (a) The office of the Auditor General of Pakistan through D.G. Audit WAPDA carried out the audit of accounts of WAPDA on regular basis. The number of audit observations raised during last five years by audit is given as under:—

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S.No.	Year of Audit Report	No. of Audit Observation
1.	2011-12	319

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2.	2010-11	78
3.	2009-10	77
4.	2008-09	71
5.	2007-08	74

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(b) The nature of irregularities noticed by audit is given below:—

- (1) Fraud/Embezzlement.
- (2) Mis-appropriation/ Shortage of material.
- (3) Violation of operational rules and procedure.
- (4) Financial indiscipline.
- (5) Lapses in procurement.
- (6) Lapses in Administration/ HRM.
- (7) Contract mis-management.
- (8) Infructious / wasteful expenditure
- (9) Asset management.
- (10) Theft Cases.

(b) List showing the names and designation of the persons and action taken against them is annexed.

89. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 22-01-2013 at 14:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total amount deposited so far by the allottees of the Officer's Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the amount utilized out of the same so far with head wise break up; and*
- (c) *the balance amount indicating also the head of account where it has been kept?*

Reply not received.

90. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 22-01-2013 at 14:40 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is fact that a number of allottees of the Officer's Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad, are not depositing their installment in time due to inordinate delay in development work of the scheme; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the terms of the said scheme provide for 2% penalty on late payment, if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove this penalty and reconsider / revise the schedule for payment in view of the slow pace of development work on the scheme?*

Reply not received.

91. **\*Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 24-01-2013 at 13:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantum of natural gas produced in the country since January 2012 with month-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the quantum of natural gas supplied for power generation, fertilizer companies, commercial and domestic users, separately, during the said period with month-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *the shortage of gas noticed during the winter season 2012-13, and steps taken to supply more natural gas to domestic consumers?*

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

(b) The requisite information is at **Annexure-II.**

(c) The requisite information is at **Annexure-III.**

Government of Pakistan is taking following steps to overcome the shortage of sui gas in the country.

1. Enhancement of indigenous gas production.
2. Import of gas/LNG.
3. Promotion of LPG air mix.

In addition, government is taking following interim measures to overcome the shortage of gas in the country.

- Management of distribution of Natural gas through Load Management Programme from time to time.
- Import of CNG kit was banned, this step has restricted further usage of CNG in automobiles.
- Awareness campaign is being launched through print and electronic media for creating awareness amongst general public/domestic consumers on conservation of Natural Gas.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 7th February, 2013.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*