

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 7th May, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 20, 9, 10, 11, 12, 4-A, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 22-A Deferred on 15th April, 2015 (114th Session))

***Question No. 20 (Def.). Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 13-11-2014 at 11:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.34, replied on 30th October, 2014 and state:

- (a) the date on which agreement for purchase of land for Government Employees Housing Scheme, Bara Kahu, Islamabad, was signed with M/s Green Tree (Pvt) Ltd;*
- (b) whether development work of the said housing scheme was incorporated in the initial agreement, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for involving M/S Green Tree (Pvt) Ltd. in the development work of that scheme at later stage;*
- (c) the last date of hearing of the case filed by M/S Green Tree (Pvt) Ltd. in Islamabad High Court and the names of persons who appeared before the Court on behalf of the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to settle the matter with M/S Green Tree (Pvt) Ltd. in the best interest of the Government employees?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) FGE Housing Foundation executed an agreement with M/s Green Tree for the purchase of 3000 kanals of land at Bhara Kahu on 01-04-2009.

(b) Clause-21 of the agreement executed between FGE Housing Foundation and M/s Green Tree Pvt. Ltd. States that **“Before the execution of development works are taken in hand a comprehensive Contract Document based of standard conditions would be executed between the parties which shall govern the execution of works entrusted to the care of party of the First Part in its capacity as a contractor.”**

(c) The last date of hearing of the case filed by M/s Green Tree (Pvt.) Ltd. in Islamabad High Court was 25-02-2014 and Mr. Waqas Ali Mahmood, D.G. FGEHF, Malik Zafar Abbas, Director (Law), FGEHF, Dr. Rana M. Shamim Advocate and Mr. Ahmed Hassan Rana Advocate appeared before the Court on behalf of the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation.

(d) The matter was submitted before the Executive Committee FGEHF in its 132nd meeting held on 08-01-2015 Director General, FGEHF briefed in detail about the prolonged issue of suspension of work in Housing Scheme (Phase-VI) of Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) in Bara Kahu. Further it was briefed about the ongoing efforts with regard to litigation in the superior courts in order to resolve this long outstanding issue, which had caused considerable anxiety amongst prospective allottees of Bhara Kahu Housing Scheme.

The Executive Committee decided that :-

- i. Legal notice be served to M/s Green Tree (Pvt.) Ltd. for failure to provide services as per spirit of Agreement. The case at Judicial forum be pursued vigorously, if need arose, to protect the interest of prospective allottees of Housing Foundation. An application for speedy hearing be filed in the court, in need arose.**
- ii. Partial number of Provisional Allotment Letters of the plots be issued in each category.**

In the light of Executive Committee / Board of Directors decision, a Legal Notice has been served by Housing Foundation to M/s Green Tree on 09-01- 2015. The Honorable Islamabad High Court, on the request of M/S Green Tree (Pvt) Limited, issued stay order on 22-12-2014 against the Bhara Kahu Housing Scheme. The stay order was received in the Housing Foundation on 27-01-2015. The FGE Housing Foundation moved stay vacation application in Islamabad High Court and the court fixed date for final arguments on 25-02-2015. Accordingly, the case was heard on the point that the said intra court appeal is not maintainable and the High Court has given last opportunity to M/S green tree for submission of their version in writing within 7 days and directed that there will not be any further adjournment in the case. The Intra Court Appeal filed by M/s Green Tree was vigorously pursued by the Housing Foundation in the Islamabad High Court and the same has been withdrawn by the M/S Green Tree from the Islamabad High Court on 08-04-2015.

Now, the M/s Green Tree filed a fresh Civil Suit in Islamabad High Court. In the said suit, they again tried to get stay order but they could not get at yet.

On the other hand, the process of allotment to eligible members is in progress and infrastructure work at site shall be started shortly.

***Question No. 9 (Def.). Begum Najma Hameed:**

(Notice received on 13-03-2015 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to Senate starred question No.216 replied on 30th October, 2014 and state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the electricity meters installed in village Kajla, Union Council Nikka Pani, Tehsil Oghi, District Mansehra were wrongly shown as "defective / stop" in electricity bills since March, 2014, if so, the authority which checked those meters and declared the same as defective; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to conduct an inquiry into the said matter and take action against those found responsible for the same?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) No. The electricity meters were actually sluggish/defective and required replacement. In this connection 48-Nos. meters were released and are being replaced. SDO/XEN concerned checked the meters and declared defective.

(b) There is no proposal to conduct enquiry in the said matter.

***Question No. 10 (Def.). Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 13-03-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the amount, in US dollars, of foreign direct investment made in the country from 1st July, 2014 to 31st January, 2015, with sector-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the amount, in US dollars, of capital and profit repatriated out of the country during the said period with sector-wise break-up?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) made in the country from 1st July, 2014 to 31st Jan, 2015 is US\$ 545.4. Sector-wise break up is at **Annex-I**.

(b) Profit/dividend repatriated during the said period is of US\$ 706.9 million. Sector wise break-up is at **Annex-II**.

***Question No. 11 (Def.). Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 13-03-2015 at 04:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of feeders established under the Chakdara and Timergara Grid stations;*

- (b) *the details of scheduled and unscheduled load shedding carried out on each of the said feeders during the last two years; and*
- (c) *whether it is fact that on the newly established Sado Dushkhel feeder more load shedding has been carried out as compared to other feeders, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) There are 28 No. feeders established under the Chakdara and Timergara Grid Stations, the list of feeders is attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) The details of scheduled and un-scheduled load shedding carried out on each of the said feeders are attached as **Annex-B**.

(c) 08 hours Composite Efficiency Index (CEI) based load shedding is being carried out on the newly established 11 KV Sado Dushkhel Feeder which is not more than other 11 KV feeders at the same Grid Stations.

Annexure-A

A. Number of feeders Established Under 132KV Chakdara, Timergara & 66KV Timergara Grid Stations

of Grid	Name of Feeder	S. No.	Name
		1.	Badwan
		2.	Batkhela
		3.	Chakdara
		4.	Jalala
		5.	Ouch
		6.	Pidc
		7.	Thana
	132KV Chakdara	8.	Ala Dand
		9.	Asband
		10.	Express Batkhela
		11.	Hisar Baba
		12.	Khan Pur
		13.	Hund
		14.	Zafar Park
		15.	Talash Express
		16.	Maidan
		17.	Mayar
		18.	New Timergara
		19.	Timegoara (Old)

20.	132KV Timergara	Doshkhel
21.		Aka Khel
22.		New Mayar
23.		Odigram
24.		Lal Qila
25.		Tormong-2
26.	66KV Timergara	33KV Samar Bagh
27.		Tormang
28.		Warsak

Annexure-B

B. Detail of Schedule & Un-Schedule loadshedding under 132 kv Chakdara, Timergara & 66 kv Timergara

Month	Schedule Load Shedding (Hrs)	Un-Scheduled Load Shedding (Hrs)
Mar-15	11	2
Feb-15	11	2
Jan-15	9	3
Dec-14	9	2
Nov-14	9	1
Oct-14	9	1
Sep-14	5	2
Aug-14	5	1
Jul-14	5	2
Jun-14	7	2
May-14	6	4
Apr-14	8	2
Mar-14	9	2
Feb-14	9	3
Jan-14	9	5
Dec-13	7	0
Nov-13	8	0
Oct-13	11	2
Sep-13	8	1
Aug-13	8	1
Jul-13	8	0
Jun-13	8	6

May-13	8	4
Apr-13	11	2

Note: 08 hours load shedding is being carried out on 11kv Dushkhel feeder as per CEI.

***Question No. 12 (Def). Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**
(Notice received on 13-03-2015 at 04:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the expenditures incurred on repairing and maintenance of federal lodges in the country during the last five years; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that federal lodge in Peshawar is in dilapidated condition, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be repaired?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Expenditure Incurred on repairing and maintenance of Federal Lodges in the country during the last five years.

Name of Zone	Expenditure Incurred
Central Zone, Lahore	892,284/-
South Zone, Karachi	12,421, 931/
North Zone, Islamabad	675, 877/-
West Zone, Quetta	20, 085, 640

Details of expenditure (Annex-A)

(b) It is a fact that F.G. Lodge Peshawar is in a very dilapidated condition. The only main reason is acute shortage / paucity of funds on account of repair and maintenance. It is pertinent to mention here that a PC-I amounting to Rs. 22. 984 Million has principally been approved by DDWP and its approval is awaited due to the vetting of PC-I by Planning Commission. The PC-I is lying pending for vetting with Planning Commission and is yet not received back. As and when the PC-I gets approved, alongwith release of funds, maintenance work will be taken up without any delay.

Annexure-A

The detail of expenditure incurred on maintenance and repairing of Federal Lodges in the country during the last five years is hereunder:—

- (a) **Central Zone, Lahore**

(i) Federal Lodge Wafaqi Colony, Lahore

Year	Expenditure
—	—
2010-11	—
2011-12	—
2012-13	—
2013-14	884.164
Total	884.164

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(ii) Federal Lodge Chamba House, Lahore

Year	Expenditure
2009-10	—
2010-11	—
2011-12	—
2012-13	—
2013-14	8.120
Total	8.120
Grand total	892,284/-

(b) South Zone, Karachi

(i) Federal Lodge No. 1, (Oasr-e-Naz)

Year	Expenditure
2009-10	1,407,101/-
2010-11	2,390,169/-
2011-12	1,526,267/-
2012-13	1,681,329/-
2013-14	1,744,679/-
Total	8,749,545/-

(ii) Federal Lodge No. II (Officers Hostel)

Expenditure

Year

2009-10	657,443/-
2010-11	707,410/-
2011-12	1,107,821/-
2012-13	729,902/-
2013-14	469810

Total	3,672,386/-
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Grand Total	12,421,931/-
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- (c) North Zone, Islamabad
- (i) Federal Lodge No. I, Islamabad
- (ii) Federal Lodge No. II, Islamabad
- (iii) Chummary Lodge, Islamabad.
- (iv) Fatima Jinnah Hostel, Islamabad
- (v) Federal Lodge No.I, Peshawar.

Year	Expenditure
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2009-10	2,288,486/-
2010-11	2,431,251/
2011-12	378,021/-
2012-13	620,507/-
2013-14	377,283/-

Total	6,095,548/
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- (d) **West Zone, Quetta.**
- (i) Federal Lodge No. I.
- (ii) Federal Lodge No. II.
- (iii) Federal Lodge No. III.

Year	Expenditure
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2010-11	310,734/
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2011-12	88,645/
2012-13	112.224/-
2013-14	164.274/-
2014-15	—
Total	675,877/-

***Question No. 4-A (Def.). Ms. Nighat Mirza:**

(Notice received on 16-03-2015 at 02:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Mr. Adil Gilani, Advisor of Transparency International Pakistan, has been appointed as consultant in the Prime Minister's Inspection Team, if so, whether notification of the same has been issued;*
- (b) *whether Mr. Adil Gilani, while being Advisor of Transperancy International Pakistan, will be able to perform his functions impartially as a Government functionary; and*
- (c) *the reasons for making the said appointment despite of the fact that NAB and FIA are there to deal with such matters?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) Mr. Adil Gillani has been appointed as Honorary Consultant in the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission. Notification is not issued, being not required as he is not paid any salary. Orders of his appointment have however been issued as per **Annex-A**.

(b) He has no concern with any matter in PMIC, nor involved in any decision making process. He has consultancy role alone.

(c) PMIC is the eyes and ears of the PM and conducts Inspection/Inquiries to ensure good Governance and accountability as per the directive of the PM. FIA, and NAB are based on complaint basis covering criminal and corruption cases, while PMIC range is not complaint based. It helps the Prime Minister in any matter requiring enquiry of cases at senior/expert level promptly on fast track basis.

***Question No. 13 (Def.). Mr. Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on the Officers Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad, is far behind the schedule, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government to expedite work on the said scheme and complete it at the earliest?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Yes, the work on PHAF Officers Residential, Islamabad (previously called Kurri Project) has been delayed due to following reasons:—

- i. Issued of possession of land.
 - ii. Dispute between the contractor of infrastructure work, M/s MAAKSON and the client PHAF regarding payment of earth cutting items.
 - iii. Matters pertaining to design etc.
 - iv. Earth filling in plots areas beyond 3 feet and upto more than 10 feet on which design consultant has proposed that construction of houses which was not technically feasible.
 - v. Non cooperative attitude of design consultant / ill planning by the design consultant.
 - vi. Non-hiring of detailed supervisory consultant
 - vii. Plots versus grey structure.
- (b) PHAF has taken following steps to expedite work on said scheme:
- i. M/s Engineering & Management Services has been hired as detailed supervisory consultant who has completed detailed review of work by carrying out detailed surveys of site and soil tests etc. The consultant has also completed the methodology for execution of further work and work plan has been finalized.
 - ii. The contractor has submitted the schedule of work.
 - iii. The schedule of deployment of machinery has also been submitted.
 - iv. EOT has been given to the contractor.
 - v. Meanwhile the contractor has remobilized on the site and the work has resumed on the site, which will in full swing in a month's time.
 - vi. The demand note for electrification of project has been paid to IESCO. The department has started its planning from main feeder.
 - vii. SNGPL is being pursued for approval of gas connection.

***Question No. 14 (Def.). Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of development and social welfare projects launched by PPL, Kandkkot field in the areas of its operation during the last five years indicating also the date of launching in each case; and*
- (b) *the details of production bonus share which was due and of that paid for district Kashmore / Kandkhot during the said period?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Details of the Social Welfare Schemes launched/ongoing by PPL during last five years are attached at **Annexure-I**.

- (b) Production Bonus obligation is not applicable.

***Question No. 15 (Def.). Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, permanent addresses and place of domicile of the local skilled and unskilled persons appointed in the Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Kandhkot Field, on permanent and contract basis during the last five years;*
- (b) *the criteria / procedure laid down for appointment of skilled and unskilled labour in the said company on regular and contract basis; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact a number of skilled and unskilled persons have been appointed in that company for the said field from outside District Kashmore during the said period, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) List of employees appointed by PPL or regular basis at Kandhkot Gas Field during the last 5 years is attached as Annexure "A" PPL has not hired any employee on PPL employment contract during the last 5 years *i.e.* 2010-14. However, due to operational requirements at its designated fields, PPL is utilizing services of outsourced labour through various service contractors (list of existing contractors with labour hired by them at Kandhkot Gas Field is attached as Annexure "B").

- (b) Skilled positions are advertised in press and first preference is given to local persons of the district where production fields are located and then of the province followed by applicants from rest of the country who meet minimum job specifications. For employment in unskilled category only locals are hired at field locations.

(c) Yes. PPL has appointed regular / contract employees in both skilled and unskilled categories on the basis of criteria given at (b) above.

***Question No. 16 (Def.). Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 17-03-2015 at 04:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of child care centers / institutions registered under the juvenile justice in the country,.*
- (b) *the details of financial assistance provided to such centers / institutions since 2011-12 with year-wise break-up;*
- (c) *the details of cases of child exploitation, sexual abuse and lack of residential care facility in those centers/institutions brought to the notice of the Government during the said period and action taken or being taken against the concerned centers/institutions; and*
- (d) *the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to identify and register all child care institutions in the country?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) In the wake of 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject has been transferred to the provinces. Accordingly, the Provincial Governments were requested to provide the information (Annexure-I). All the provincial governments have reported that no child care centers /institutions is registered under the Juvenile Justice in Pakistan(Annexure-II), however, such centers have been established under different Acts. The detail is given below:

i. **Punjab:**

In Punjab, two Borstal Institutions have been established at Bahawalpur and Faisalabad to provide welfare and rehabilitation services to the juveniles. The institutions have been established under the Punjab Borstal Institution Act 1926.

ii. **Sindh:**

In Sindh, three Youthful Offenders Industrial Schools have been established at Karachi, Hyderabad and Larkana. Moreover, Sindh Reformatory School at Karachi has also been established under the 1897 Act to provide vocational services to Juveniles.

iii. **KP**

In KP, three detention centers have been established at Bannu, Peshawar and Haripur under the Borstal Institution Act, 2011. The Welfare Homes have been established at Peshawar, Abbottabad, Kohat, Bannu, D.I. Khan Nowshera, Charsadda, Batkhela to provide Warfare services to orphans and child beggars. Moreover, under Child Protection

& Welfare Act 2010, Child Protection units are operating in the districts of Peshawar, Kohat, Abbottabad, Bannu, D.I. Khan, Nowshera, Batkhela, Charsadda, Mardan, Swabi, Swat, Bunner, Chitral and Lower Dir.

iv. **Balochistan**

Nil.

v. **Islamabad (ICT)**

In Islamabad, a Borstal Institution is being established to provide services for the juveniles. PC-1 of the project has been submitted to Planning Commission for approval of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC). Presently, the Juveniles of ICT are detained at Central Jail Adyala, Rawalpindi where a separate portion has been demarcated for them.

Balochistan:

Nil

(c) No relevant information has been provided by the provincial governments.

(d) The Identification and registration is to be dealt with by the provincial governments. The information provided by the provincial governments is as under:

Punjab:

The Government of the Punjab is in process of finalizing Child Protection Policy. Under this policy, Punjab Child Protection Commission has been proposed which has the responsibility to identify and monitor all child care institutions in the province. Moreover, Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act 2004 (1st Amendment) 2007 is currently under review to expand its operational working.

Sindh:

Nil.

KP:

The Child Protection and Welfare Act, 2010 has been enacted which is supposed to work in all districts. It works for the care, protection, welfare, training, education and integration of children at risk. Under this Act one unit each has been set up in Peshawar, Charsadda, Kohat, Mardan, Swabi, Swat, Buner, Abbottabad, Dir(Lower), Chitral and Banu.

Balochistan:

The Government of Balochistan has passed the Borstal Institution Bill, 2014 and the plan is under process for developing child care institutions. Moreover, Child Welfare and Protection Bill has been vetted/approved by the Provincial Cabinet and now pending in the Provincial Assembly for tabling before the Assembly Session which would play a vital role for child care centers/ institutions in Balochistan.

(Annexures have been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

***Question No. 17 (Def.). Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state steps being taken by the Government to reduce UFG (Unaccounted For Gas) losses in the southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: SNGPL has reported that currently 13 Sales Metering Stations (SMSs) are feeding gas to Southern Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and gas losses under these SMSs are more than 90%.

Exponential increase in losses in law & order affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province and overall law & order situation is the major reason for increase in losses. A comparison, showing the increasing trend of losses in law affected areas (Southern Districts) in past five years is given at **Annex-I (Table-1)**.

In campaign against gas pilferers, SNGPL has made efforts to stop gas pilferage in Kohat Division especially in the oil and gas producing zones. The Tehsil wise disconnection progress is given at **Annex-I (Table-2)**.

The Company has taken up the issue of gas losses with the local administration and Provincial Government to help out the Company in curbing the gas loss / theft menace. However, due to inadequate support, resources and revenue losses are continuing. SNGPL has already launched an extensive campaign against such miscreants, in spite of the fact that it is highly sensitive area particularly with reference to law and order.

***Question No. 18 (Def.). Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any contract to buy LNG, if so, the name and details of the country / company with which the contract has been made;*
- (b) the terms of purchase including price, indexation and contract term agreed in the said contract;*
- (c) the expected date at which first shipment of the said Gas will arrive in the country;*

- (d) *the volume and value in US dollars of that gas which the Government will be contractually obligated to purchase during the next three years; and*
- (e) *the details of sectors in the country to which the said gas will be allocated / provided?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The agreement has not been executed yet for supply of LNG to the country. Pakistan State Oil (PSO), the GOP's designated LNG Buyer for LNG import to Pakistan are currently engaged in discussion with Qatargas, the state of Qatar's designated entity on the terms of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA).

(b) The terms and conditions of the LNG Sale and purchase agreement including price of LNG is being negotiated by PSO with Qatargas.

(c) The expected date of first shipment of gas will be determined on finalization of Sale Purchase Agreement (SPA).

(d) Since the LNG Sale Purchase Agreement (SPA) has not been executed as yet, the requisite contractual details cannot be provided at this stage.

(e) Initially, RLNG will be supplied to 4 IPPs and KAPCO located on SNGPL system in the ratio of 40 MMCFD to each IPP and upto 165 MMCFD to KAPCO.

***Question No. 19 (Def.). Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:10 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 the year 2012-13;*
- (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, per liter on petrol being earned by the Government, the Refineries and petrol pump owners at present?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) the average per liter price of petrol and diesel purchased from foreign countries imported by PSO during 2012-13 are as under:—

Product	Rs./litre
Petrol	68.55
Diesel	79.55

(b) the rate, including taxes, at which petrol and diesel are being supplied to the petrol pump in the country are as under:—

Product	Rs./litre
Petrol	67.21
Diesel	78.01

Petrol pump dealers sell petrol and diesel at above prices by including their margin of Rs 3.08/liter and Rs. 2.60/liter on petrol and diesel respectively.

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(c) the percentage of profit per liter on petrol being earned by the Government taxes and petrol pump owners at present are as under:—

Government taxes	29.22 %
Petrol pump owners margin	4.38 %

As far as refineries profit is concerned, the refineries has to sell petrol at the PSO's import/purchase price without adding therein its margin/profit. Since refinery margin is not included in per litre price of petrol, therefore its percentage of profit is not work out.

Refineries determine its profit or loss by excluding refinery production cost from *ex-refinery price i.e.* PSO's import/purchase price, which also vary from refinery to refinery depending upon the respective refinery configuration/ production slate.

***Question No. 20 (Def.). Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 19-03-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Gas Industrial Development Charges are being charged with gas bills of industrial sector, if so, the purpose for which the same was initially imposed;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the court has ordered not to charge the same; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the said charges are still being charged, if so, its reasons and the time by which the said court orders will be implemented?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) There is no Gas Industrial Development charges.

(b) N i l

(c) N i l

***Question No. 21 (Def.). Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's office be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to disband Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), if so, the alternative body / department to which the work presently done by ERRA will be assigned?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: The proposal to wind up ERRA and handover the responsibilities in the Governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and AJK is under consideration in the Prime Minister's Office. There are yet unfinished portfolios of ERRA and it has developed a certain expertise After examining the case from all aspects, a final decision in the matter Would be taken.

***Question No. 22 (Def.). Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 10:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the details of taxes / surcharges being charged on the Natural gas bills for the Industrial and commercial sectors indicating also the rates at which the same are being charged?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The details of taxes/surcharges and its rates are given at **Annexure-I.**

***Question No. 22-A (Def.). Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the procedure adopted for selection of Khudam-ul-Hujjaj for Hajj 2012; and*
- (b) the number of Khudam-ul-Hujjaj appointed with category-wise details?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf: Procedure/criteria adopted for selection of Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj for Hajj – 2012 is as follows:

Procedure:

- (i) The contingent of Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj (Moavineen-e-Hujjaj) would be nominated by Pakistan Armed Forces, Police and other Public Sector organizations subject to finalization by MORA.
- (ii) Director Khuddam, of the rank of Lt. Col of Pakistan Army/ an officer of BS-20 from Civil would be responsible for overall supervision and management of Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj (Moavineen-e-Hujjaj).

Criteria:

- A He should be mentally and physically fit to stand the rigors of duty for long duration of Hajj season in Saudi Arabia.
- B Preference would be given to the Arabic speaking personnel and skilled workers like Electricians, Plumbers, Drivers etc.
- C Disabled/Handicapped persons, who cannot perform proper duty or persons suffering from contagious disease *i.e.* Polio etc. may not be recommended in any case.

(b) 343 number of khuddam-ul-Hujjaj were appointed during Hajj-2012, category-wise list is placed at **Annex-I**.

***Question No. 35. Mr. Osman Saifullah Khan :**

(Notice received on 20-03-2015 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has suspended the provision of new gas connections to the industrial and captive power gas consumers, if so, the names of areas where the same have been suspended?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The Government of Pakistan has imposed moratorium in April 2011, with the approval of the then Prime Minister, on provision of new gas connections (Industrial/Commercial) except domestic across the country. Pursuant to the said moratorium, SNGPL has suspended providing new gas connections in its franchised areas *i.e.* Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhawa, AJK & capital territory of Islamabad.

***Question No. 36. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 12:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of retired Government Officers are residing in / occupying Government accommodations in Islamabad, if so, the names and addresses of such officers;*
- (b) *whether any rent is being charged from those officers, if so, the amount collected from them during the last three years and if not, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to get vacated those accommodations from the said occupants?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Yes, as per record 17 retired officers in Islamabad have not since left Government accommodations and still residing there inspite of expiry of permissible period allowed under rules 15(2) of AAR-2002 (Annex-A).

(b) Yes. Standard rent now revised as ceiling rent as per Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002 is being charged as panel rent and all outstanding rent will be recovered up to date of vacation.

(b-i) An amount of Rs. 3,100,357/- has been recovered from un-authorized occupants of Government accommodation during last three years.

(c) The allotments have been cancelled under the rules and vacation notices have been served. The cases are being pursued in different courts for vacation of stay orders. On vacation of stay orders the houses will be got vacated with help of Law enforcing agencies.

***Question No. 37. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the quantity of coal imported during the last five years and the expenditure incurred thereupon?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The quantity of coal imported during the last five years is **19.826 million tones** having value of **Rs. 209,092** million as reported by Federal Bureau of Statistics. The year-wise detail is given below:

Year	Coal Imports	
	Quantity (Million Tonnes)	Import Value (Million Rs.)
2009-10	4.658	34,937
2010-11	4.267	44,832
2011-12	4.057	50,367
2012-13	3.710	47,705
2013-14	3.134	31,251
Total	19.826	209,092

***Question No. 38. Mr. Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 25-03-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that a deal / agreement for import of LNG from Qatar has been signed by the Government, if so, the date on which the same was signed;*

- (b) *whether the said contract was awarded through open bidding, if so, the names and addresses of the other bidders indicating also the price quoted by each of them, if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *the time by which first consignment of LNG is likely to arrive in Pakistan under the said deal / agreement;*
- (d) *the landed price of LNG imported / to be imported under the said deal / agreement;*
- (e) *the landed price of LNG imported / being imported from Qatar by other countries in the region;*
- (f) *whether it is a fact that the said deal envisage a take-or-pay agreement, if so, the amount to be paid daily in case it becomes necessary; and*
- (g) *whether the contents of the said agreement has been placed on the website for the sake of transparency, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Pakistan State Oil, GOP's designated LNG buyer for LNG import to Pakistan are currently engaged in discussions with Qatargas, the state of Qatar's designated entity on the terms of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement. This agreement has not been finalized/ executed yet.

b. As indicated in (a) above, discussions are being held between Pakistan and Qatar's designated entities.

c. The expected date of first shipment of LNG is subject to the finalization of Sale Purchase Agreement being negotiated by PSO and Qatargas.

d. Price of LNG is subject to the finalization of Sale Purchase Agreement between PSO and Qatargas.

e. Qatar and such countries don't share, their such confidential negotiations.

f. As mentioned in (c) & (d) above, the terms and conditions of the LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement are being negotiated.

g. The Sale Purchase Agreement is under process/ negotiation/ finalization. However, as stated in (e) above, the information on LNG contracts is governed by the confidentiality clause, however all applicable PPRA Rules will be followed.

***Question No. 39. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 26-03-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to change the limits of constituencies in the country, if so, the details thereof and*

(b) *the basis on which the limits of the constituencies are fixed / changed?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) No proposal is under consideration in the ECP to change the limits of existing constituencies of the National Assembly/ Provincial Assemblies.

(b) The Principles of Delimitation of Constituencies for election to the general seats in the National Assembly as well as to the Provincial Assemblies are given under Section 9 of the Delimitation of Constituencies Act, 1974, the contents whereof are reproduced below:

“9. Principles of delimitation.—(1) All constituencies for general seats shall, as far as practicable, be delimited having regard to the distribution of population in geographically compact areas, existing boundaries of administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience and other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity in the creation of constituencies:

Provided that for the purpose of delimiting constituencies for the general seats for the Federally Administered Tribal Areas two or more separate areas may be grouped into one constituency.

(2) As far as may be the constituencies for election to the same Assembly shall be equal among themselves in population.

***Question No. 40. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 26-03-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the year in which the last audit of accounts of Alternate Energy Development Board was conducted; and*

(b) *whether any irregularity was surfaced in the report of the said audit, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the light of that report?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Audit on the accounts of Alternative Energy Development Board was conducted upto the financial year 2012-13. Audit for the financial year 2013-14 is currently underway.

(b) Replies to the audit paras were submitted to Directorate General Audit (FG) for verification and settlement of paras. No serious irregularity has been pointed out by Audit. Paras printed in the audit report will be complied with in light of directives of DAC and PAC.

***Question No. 41. Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the amount of royalty on hydle power payable to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at present and the time by which the same will be paid to that province?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: WAPDA is regularly making payment of Rs. 6 Billion per annum to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as royalty/Net Hydel Profit (Net Hydel Profit).

During current year, apart from monthly payment of Rs. 500 million, WAPDA has paid Rs. 1.6 billion to clear arrears, which now stand as Rs. 3.8 billion as on 31st March 2015.

***Question No. 42. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 27-03-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and concluding observations and recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on 3rd and 4th combined periodic reports submitted by Pakistan?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: The National Commission for Child Welfare and Development (NCCWD), Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights is the coordinating body for implementation of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and reporting progress thereof to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva. The Government has taken various steps to implement the said Convention in letter and spirit.

The concluding observations and recommendations which are multi dimensional & cross cutting in nature were shared with the relevant Federal and Provincial Governments for implementation. To facilitate implementation of these concluding observations and recommendations, the guidelines along with reporting performa were also developed and shared with them. The Provincial Governments have the pivotal role in implementing these recommendations, particularly after the 18th Amendment. Major initiatives in the areas of Legislation, Health, Education, Protection and Coordination have been taken/ are being taken by all the stakeholders.

In addition, under the directions of the Prime Minister, the Treaty Implementation Cells have been set up at Federal and Provincial levels to implement GSP+ and 27 other Human Rights Conventions ratified by the Government of Pakistan which also includes United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

***Question No. 43. Mr. Hidayat Ullah :**

(Notice received on 01-04-2015 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

(a) the number of Cat. III/'E' type Government Accommodations in Islamabad;

- (b) *the names, designations and names of departments of the persons who have been allotted the said accommodations at present indicating also the date of allotment in each case; and*
- (c) *the number and location of the said accommodations which have been allotted on "Subject to Vacation" basis indicating also the date of allotment and name, designation and name of department of the allottee in each case?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) The number of Cat-III/E type Government accommodation in Islamabad is 1478.

(b) The names, designations and names of departments of the persons who have been allotted the said accommodations at present indicating also the date of allotment is placed at (Annex-A).

(c) The number and location of the said accommodations which have been allotted on subject to vacation basis; indicating also the date of allotment and name, designation and name of department of the each case is placed at (Annex-B).

(Annexures have been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)

***Question No. 44. Mr. Hidayat Ullah :**

(Notice received on 01-04-2015 at 12:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that work orders for installation of transformers in village Dakhli Babootree Moh Maira, Bagan, Kohee Kamma, Sardhandna, Tumri and Barri Dartiya and chain augmentation at village Najif Pur, Sub-Division Khanpur (Haripur City), Hazara Circle, Pesco, have been issued but the same have not been installed so far, if so, the reasons thereof?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Work orders for the said villages are approved & have been issued for execution at site & are under progress.

***Question No. 45. Mr. Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 06-04-2015 at 11:40 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 withdraw moratorium on provision of new gas connections in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The proposal proposal has been discussed with Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and further action in the matter is being taken accordingly.

***Question No. 46. Mr. Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 06-04-2015 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the prices of natural gas; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that well head price and service charges of the distribution companies of gas have already been determined /fixed, if so, the head of account under which the said increase is proposed to be made?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The government is analyzing and accessing to rationalize gas sale prices and various proposals are being evaluated keeping in view the prices of alternate fuels as well as socio economic consideration to off the deficit position of SNGPL and SSGCL. However, no proposal has yet been finalized so far.

(b) Yes. The same have been charged to the revenue requirement of gas utility companies in the form of Prescribed Price. Under this regime, prescribed price which is retained by gas utility companies and it is an aggregate of (i) well head gas price including Federal Excise Duty (ii) Transmission & Distribution cost and (iii) Profit margin (presently 17% for SSGCL and 17-1/2% for SNGPL return on assets before financial charges and taxes.

***Question No. 47. Mr. Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 09-04-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government for recovery of outstanding dues of electricity and to control line losses in the country with DISCO-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Government has not succeeded in recovery of the said dues and controlling line losses so far, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a & b) Following steps/ efforts have been taken by the Government to control the line losses and recovery of outstanding dues:

- *Steps taken to reduce/control the line losses*
 1. Bifurcation of lengthy feeders.
 2. Reconditioning of LT & HT feeders where required.
 3. Installation of LT/HT Capacitors.
 4. Provision of new transformers.
 5. Load balancing on distribution transformers.
 6. Analysis/monitoring of losses on various feeders & taking appropriate action to control theft and technical loss.

7. Ensuring proper installation of energy meters in order to record correct reading.
8. Combing of high loss feeders with regard to replacement of defective energy meters and replacement of sluggish/defective & low range meters.
9. Billing of new connections within One month.
10. Earthing of neutral point with Meter Security Box.
11. Special efforts for checking of high consumption connections *i.e.* Industrial and Commercial.
12. Vigilance on rise and fall of consumption.
13. Keeping watch over the working and performance of Meter Readers Inspectors.
14. Routification and proper allotment of Batch No. to Reference Nos.
15. To ensure that each disconnection order (DCO), allowed by a reconnection order (RCO), so as to avoid chances of unauthorized use of supply.
16. Speedy replacement of defective meters.
17. Display of UAN on energy bill for reporting theft.
18. Installation of TAU meters.
19. Periodic checking through M&T and Surveillance Teams.

- Progress made in this respect can be envisaged by the data placed as Annex-A.
- Steps taken/being taken for recovery of outstanding dues of Electricity DISCOs/field formations are continuously in liaison with their counterparts in the Government departments and making efforts for timely payment of electricity dues. The meetings with Provincial Governments are also held at the level of Ministry of Water & Power for payment of dues by Government consumers. Federal Adjuster has also formulated the policy of deducting 25% dues against provincial Government on monthly basis to release the financial stress on power sector.
- Progress made in this respect can be envisaged by the data placed as Annex-B.

***Question No. 48. Mr. Nauman Wazir:**

(Notice received on 16-04-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that natural gas load enhancement is being allowed for industrial units in Sindh in the light of Article 158 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan while this enhancement is not being allowed in case of industrial units in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, if so, the reasons for this disparity?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: Currently no load enhancement applications are being allowed in the country including Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhawa in view of ever-widening gap of demand-supply of Natural Gas in the country. This gap has led the gas utility companies to observe load management even during peak summer months. In view of Article-158 of the constitution, there is no curtailment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

It is further added that the demand/ supply projections reveal that the input from fields in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have a declining trend, whereas, with the addition of domestic

consumers, the demand is on the rise. In coming years, even without allowing installation of new commercial and industrial connections, the demand of the province will far exceed its supplies.

***Question No. 49. Mr. Nauman Wazir:**

(Notice received on 16-04-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that electricity wheeling charges have been notified for Punjab (Fatima Energy) but the same have not been notified for PESCO, if so, the reasons thereof?

Reply not received.

***Question No. 50. Mr. Nauman Wazir:**

(Notice received on 16-04-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has installed mechanical meters for the domestic consumers which do not have pressure correction system like Electronic Volume Corrector (EVC) meters;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said meters show almost double meter reading in comparison to EVC meters during the winter season in which the gas pressure becomes low; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that SNGPL calculate the gas received by it on EVC meters and sell it to the consumers on the basis of calculation made through mechanical meters, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) SNGPL has reported that gas measurement is carried out as per international practices. Different types of meters are designed / installed according to different categories of consumers. Consumers having greater gas consumption (*i.e.* commercial / Industrial / CNG) are provided such meters where provision of correction factor (s) exist whereas in case of domestic consumers, mechanical counter meters are installed due to cost factor as well as non application of correction factor (s).

Furthermore, Provision of various kinds of meters to different categories of consumers is made in the light of Contract duly signed by the consumer with SNGPL.

***Question No. 51. Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:**

(Notice received on 17-04-2015 at 02:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the criteria laid down for appointment against the post of Managing Director (MD), PSO;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that educational qualifications for the said post has been reduced from Masters to Graduation, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that Mr. Amjad Pervaiz Janjua was appointed MD, PSO for 90 days on acting charge basis, if so, the reasons for not appointing a new MD during that period?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Age: 50 – 62

Qualification: Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Marketing, Economics, Energy Management, Finance / Accounting, Business Administration and Law.

Experience: Minimum 20 years experience with at least 10 years experience at a large public or private sector company in Senior Management Position.

(b) Yes, educational qualification requirement for the said post is graduation. There is no restriction for highly qualified to apply against the post of CEO / MD, PSO. This is minimum requirement.

(c) Mr. Amjad Pervez Janjua was allowed to look after the work of the post of MD, PSO for a period of three months or till appointment of a regular incumbent by the Commission. Reasons for not appointing a new MD during this period are as under:

1. This Ministry advertised the posts of MD, PSO on 28-06-2013 and applications were forwarded to Federal Commission for Heads of Public Sector Organization (FCHPSO) on 22-07-2013.
2. Meanwhile, Federal Government reduced upper age limit on 11th October, 2013 and fresh applications were called, accordingly.
3. Govt. of Pakistan denotified PSO alongwith other six entities working under administrative control of this Ministry, out of purview of FCHPSO on 13-01-2014.
4. Establishment Division informed on 31-01-2014 that appointment of CEO is governed under Section 198-199 of Companies Ordinance 1984 read with rule 5(2) of PSCs (Corporate Governance Rules, 2013). Process of recruitment to be done in line with these laws.
5. Recruitment process was further delayed due to order passed by Islamabad High Court on 20-06-2014 to restrained from taking any conclusive step in pursuance of notification dated 13-01-2014 declaring PSE's of this Ministry and some other Ministries out of purview of FCHPSO. Which was challenged in Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCP) dated 14-11-2014, SCP directed Federal Government to appoint

heads of statutory bodies, autonomous bodies, regulatory bodies on merit under relevant Acts / Ordinances by the end of December, 2014.

6. In pursuance of SCP order dated 14-11-2014, PSO advertised the post on 11-01-2014. Board of Management recommended three candidates for CEO / MD, PSO. However, the selected panel did not possess the relevant expertise and experience for the post therefore was not submitted to Prime Minister for approval.
7. MD, Govt. Holdings (PVT) Ltd. (GHPL) on 31-01-2015 was assigned the charge of the post of CEO / MD, PSO for a period of three months with the approval of Prime Minister and pursuant to PM's Office Order. Summary to the PM's Office regarding appointment of MD, PSO is submitted.

***Question No. 52. Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**

(Notice received on 17-04-2015 at 04:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the dates on which the British Oil Company initiated and completed work on the project for exploration of oil and gas in Savi Ragma, District Musa Khel, Balochistan;*
- (b) *the volume of oil and gas produced from the said project / field per day; and*
- (c) *the details of welfare projects launched through the Deputy Commissioners in the adjacent areas of the said field since its inauguration indicating also the amount spent on each project so far?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) British Gas (Pakistan) S.A. was granted an exploration licence over Block-34 for a period from 08-10-1990 to 31-12-1999. The company drilled an exploration well namely Savi Ragma on 27-01-1994 and completed on 15-06-1994.

(b) The well (Savi Ragma) did not produce commercial hydrocarbons.

(c) As per available record no such projects were launched.

***Question No. 53. Ms. Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-04-2015 at 06:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ERRA had launched a project for building a new city 'Bakriyal' for the earth quake affectees of Balakot;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that possession of plots in the said city has not been handed over to the allottees even after the lapse of seven years, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which possession will be handed over to them; and*
- (c) *the action being taken against those responsible for delay in handing over possession of plots to the allottees in that city?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) Yes, a project for building New Balakot City at District Mansehra was launched in July 2007 for the earth quake affectees of Balakot.

(b) ERRA was tasked to develop the plots only whereas the distribution of plots to the allottees was the job of Provincials Government (District Administration. Total Land acquired by District Administration Mansehra 11,436 Kanals and 19 Marlas. Only 14% land has been provided to ERRA for development while remaining 86% is under illegal occupation of locals. So far, ERRA has development 1500 plots and handed over to District Administration for Distribution among the allottees. Further plots will be developed as & when land is provided.

(c) The matter falls under the purview of Provincial Government (District Administration, Mansehra) being the concerned authority for distribution of plots.

***Question No. 54. Ms. Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-04-2015 at 06:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the capacity of storage of water in Tarbela Dam has reduced due silting in the Dam; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that an agreement for desilting / up-raising of the Dam has been made with China, if so, the details thereof and the time / date on which work will be started on the same?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Yes, the water storage capacity of Tarbela Dam has reduced due to silting, in the reservoir. As per results of hydrographic survey 2014 of Tarbela reservoir since operation, the live storage capacity of Tarbela reservoir has been reduced from 9.692 MAF to 6.434 MAF (34% reduction).

(b) No agreement for de-silting/up-raising of the dam has been made with China.

***Question No. 55. Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini:**

(Notice received on 20-04-2015 at 00:00)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Ghadani Power project has been closed down or shifted to some other province / district, if so, the present status and location of the same?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: No decision has been taken to close or shift the Gaddani Power Project from Balochistan to any other province or district. The project has been included in the list of actively promoted projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor framework agreement.

***Question No. 56. Mr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi:**

(Notice received on 21-04-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that loadshedding of electricity was observed in the country during the month of Ramadan last year for more hours than those announced by the Government;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the supply of electricity was interrupted many times during the last summer season due to some fault in transmission line, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to avoid such problem in future; and*
- (c) the expected schedule of loadshedding of electricity during the month of Ramadan this year?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) It is not a fact that load shedding of electricity was observed in the country during the month of Ramadan last year for more hours than those announced by the Government. It may be true in few areas only due to local constraints such as over loading of Feeders & Distribution Transformers, line losses, electricity theft poor revenue, etc.

(b) In summer, our whole electricity network *i.e* Generation Transformation, Transmission and Distribution System is heavily loaded due to which tripping may occur in some area.

1. The load shedding has been staggered in DISCOs with 15 minutes gap due to which frequency / voltage excursions, during load shedding rotation, has been reduced. Previous excursions ranging from 49.3 Hz to 50.5 Hz have been changed to 49.6 Hz to 50.3 Hz. The system has been relieved from the risk of disturbance during the load shedding rotation simultaneously by all DISCOs.

2. The power generating units of Tarbela, Mangla and Barotha Hydel Power Station have been placed on Automatic Generation Control (AGC) due to which the System Frequency remains out of contingency band. AGC maintains frequency in the band of 49.7 Hz to 50.2 Hz.

3. The management of thermal Generating Units having AGC, has been directed to make AGC facilities available to NPCC as per Grid Code. Frequency would then be maintained within normal range mentioned in Grid Code.

4. Efforts are being made to operate the system according to Grid Code. In this regard work has been intimated by issuing necessary instructions to Code Participants.

5. Preparation/updating of SOPs, in line with Grid Code, is under way and the same will be got approved from competent authority hopefully within fortnight for implementation.

6. Monitoring Committee at NPCC has been formed to ensure system operation economical, reliable and according to Merit Order.

7. Cross-Trip Schemes have been established at desired locations to control cascade tripping of Transmission Lines.

8. Under Frequency Relay System has been overhauled to control Breakdowns due to generation loss.

(c) The expected schedule of load shedding of electricity during the month of Ramadan this year is as under.

Urban Area	:06 Hours/Day
Rural Area	:08 Hours/Day

ISLAMABAD :
The 6th May, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

for Thursday, the 7th May, 2015

Question No. 2. Mr. Mohsin Aziz:

(Notice received on 06-04-2015 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether SNGPL and SSGPL have provided any new gas connections or extension or additional gas load to any industrial or commercial unit and CNG Station after imposition of moratorium on provision of new gas connections vide letter of dated 4th November, 2011, if so, the details of such industrials or commercial units and CNG Stations?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: It is apprised that a moratorium was imposed by the then Prime Minister for a period of 6 months in April 2011, on provision of all new gas connections except that of domestic category. The same was further extended during October, 2011, with relaxation on following categories from CNG, Industrial and Commercial sectors:

- CNG Stations of following categories:
 - CNG Stations where meters have been installed but gas supply have not been commissioned.
 - CNG Stations who have paid the connection charges/security deposit but meters have not been installed.
 - CNG Stations where gas pipelines have been laid with 100% cost recovery, in advance from stations but demand notices have not been issued.
- Commercial/Industrial Connections where connections charges have been paid/security has been deposited or 100% cost of line pipe to be laid has been paid.
- Gas connections of strategic nature to be allowed on case to case basis.
- Roti Tandoor (stand alone)
- For commercial sector, there was no ban in Balochistan, whereas for industrial connections in Balochistan, the approval of Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources would be required from case to case basis.

In accordance with the moratorium clauses as well as GOP approved cases, details of the connections processed after October, 2011 is as under:

Commercial	Roti Tandoor	Industrial/ Captive Power	CNG	Load Enhancement
2090	1522	222	81	65

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AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.