

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 27th January, 2012

@53-A. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of plots allotted in Sector G-14/1, 2 and 3 Islamabad; and*
- (b) the number of the said plots not handed over to the allottees so far indicating also the reasons for not handing over the same; and*
- (c) the time by which the said plots will be handed over to the allottees?*

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: (a) The number of plots allotted by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) in Sector G-14/1,2 & 3 are as under:—

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Category-I | 610 |
| Category-II | 1105 |
| Category-III | 1195 |
| Category-IV | 1073 |
| Category-V | 1447 |
| Total: | 5430 |

- (b) No Plot has yet been handed over to allottees.

@Deferred from 19th January, 2012.

(c) The handing over of possession of plots to the allottees will start as soon as entire possession of land by Housing Foundation is taken over.

@94. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 28-12-2011 at 08:47 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall is in shortage of funds for providing financial assistance to needy persons for various purposes, if so, its reasons?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: Funds to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall are provided through budgetary allocation, which is dependent on ways and means position of the Government. Depending on the actual need and availability of funds, supplementary allocations are considered positively.

110. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 27-12-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names of cities in Punjab facing low pressure / load-shedding of gas indicating also its reasons and the time by which the situation will be improved?

Dr. Asim Hussain: No gas load shedding is being carried out in domestic and commercial sectors in any city of Punjab.

However, due to chilled weather and snow fall in the Northern Areas, gas consumption has been increased manifold in domestic sector, resultantly; low pressure is being observed in the cities of Jehlum, Gujranwala, Gujrat and Sarai Alamgir which are located at the tail end of SNGPL's system. In addition to above, low pressure is also being observed in the small pockets at the tail end localities in almost all major cities like Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Sialkot, Sargodha etc. Domestic consumers are facing low pressure problems as the compressors, installed at CNG stations, suck the maximum gas from gas pipelines.

The existing low pressure problem/situation will be improved as soon as the temperature is normalized.

@Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

111. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the locations of the on-going housing schemes launched by the government for general public and government employees on owner-ship basis in the country indicating also the time by which each scheme will be completed?

Reply not received.

112. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the number of Government / official residences in Islamabad is less than the number of Government employees, if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct more official residences?

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: Yes, it is a fact that the number of Government/official residences in Islamabad is less than the number of Government employees. There is no proposal under consideration for construction of official residences.

113. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 11:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the employees hailing from Sindh (Rural) presently working in P.M Secretariat are less than the prescribed quota, if so, the reasons thereof and the steps being taken to make up the said deficiency?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: It is correct that the number of employees hailing from Sindh (Rural) working in PM's Secretariat is less than the prescribed quota.

2. Recruitments to posts in BS 1-2 are made on local basis. Those in higher grades are made on the basis of provincial/regional quotas after advertisement in the media. If candidates from a province/region do not apply, another attempt by way of advertisement is made still if the quota is not met, then it is carried forward to the next phase of recruitments. Recruitments in the PM's Secretariat are made in accordance with laid down laws/rules on the subject. The shortage in quota of Sindh (Rural) will be made up in next phase of recruitments. It is expected that in the next phase, therefore, the deficiency will be made up.

114. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-12-2011 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the total quantity of water which escaped into the sea during the last three moon soon seasons with year-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to store the said water for its utilization?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The water escaped below Kotri during 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011 monsoon season is given as under:—

| | | | <u>(MAF)</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| 5.67 | 4.00 | 50.50 | 11.96 |

(b) WAPDA has prepared a master plan to construct a number of storages including Diamer Basha Dam, Munda Dam, Kurrum Tangi Dam in near future besides early completion of Mangla Dam Raising Project and Gomal Zam Dam.

WAPDA is also undertaking construction of small/medium dams in all the four provinces. Long Term planning for other prospective large and small Dam sites is also underway.

115. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 15:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for increase in rental ceiling of the Government employees;*
- (b) *the increase made in their rental ceiling during the last three years; and*
- (c) *the time by which the existing rental ceiling of the employees would be increased?*

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: (a) There is no hard and fast rules for increase in rental ceiling for government employees. However, 25% enhancements in rental ceilings are usually made after every three years.

(b) 25% increase in rental ceilings has been made *w.e.f.* 01-7-2011 (Annex-I).

(c) The rental ceilings have already been increased *w.e.f.* 1-7-2011.

116. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of official telephones and cell phones provided to present Executive Director, Supply Chain, PSO, in the office and residence; and*
- (b) *the amount of bills of the said phones paid by the PSO during the last five years?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Telephones at work: 2

Cell Phones: 2

(b) The post of Executive Director, Supply Chain, PSO was occupied from October 1, 2009 till July 19, 2010, therefore the total amounts of the said phones for that one year is as follows:

Telephones at work: Rs. 14,357

Cell Phones: Rs. 65,142

117. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 06-01-2012 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the profit earned or loss sustained by PSO during the last two years with year-wise break-up?

Dr. Asim Hussain: PSO earned profit of Rs. 9.5 billion and 14.8 billion during the year 2009-10, 2010-11 responsibility.

Details at Annex-I.

118. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-01-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount spent on the supply of natural gas to village Shah Maqsood, tehsil and district Haripur so far;*
- (b) the percentage of work completed on that scheme so far; and*
- (c) the time by which natural gas will be supplied to the said village?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) So far an amount of Rs. 13.01 million has been spent for supply of gas to Village Shah Masood and adjoining localities of Tehsil & District Haripur.

(b) 100% work has been completed in village Shah Masood Tehsil & District Haripur.

(c) Gas supply has been commissioned on 05-08-2011 in the above village and individual gas connections have been provided.

119. ***Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 10-01-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Government Employees and their departments who have been allotted plots in Islamabad by the Federal Government Employees housing Foundation since 2009, with sector-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the present status of the housing schemes for Government Employees in Sector F-12 and Bara Kahu, Islamabad?*

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: (a) The number of allotments made by the FGEHF since 2009 by Sector wise breakup are as under:—

Phase-I (I-8 & G-11)

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| I-8 | - | 18 |
| G-11 | - | 7 |

Phase-II (D-12 & E-12)

| | | |
|------|---|---|
| D-12 | - | 3 |
| E-12 | - | 7 |

Phase-III (G-13 & G-14/4)

| | | |
|--------|---|----|
| G-13 | - | 88 |
| G-14/4 | - | 19 |

Phase-IV (G-14/1,2,3)

| | | |
|------------|---|-----|
| G-14/1,2,3 | - | 483 |
|------------|---|-----|

PMAPS (I-8, D-12, G-13)

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| I-8 | - | 1 |
| D-12 | - | 86 |
| G-13 | - | 26 |

Lists containing names, departments and plot number of allottees are annexed.

(b) F-12 Scheme

The Prime Minister of Pakistan had approved the summary for allocation of Sector G-12 to FGE Housing Foundation on 26-07-2005. Despite lapse of seven years, CDA appears to be reluctant to hand over the said sector to FGE Housing Foundation. In view thereof FGE Housing Foundation has submitted a summary to the Prime Minister's Secretariat through Ministry of Housing and Works for allocation of Sector F-13 or F-14 in lieu of Sector F-12. The response thereof is still awaited.

Bara Kahu Scheme

Land measuring 3153 kanals for Bara Kahu has been transferred in name of Housing Foundation. The Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan took Suo Moto notice on above mentioned scheme and is still under consideration before the Supreme Court.

Serious irregularities have been found after a details Inquiry. The case has been sent to NAB.

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

120. ***Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 10-01-2012 at 12:30 pm.)

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

- (a) the names and date of retirement of the Government Employees who have been allotted plots measuring 25 x 40 by Federal Government Employees housing Foundation in Sector G-13 and G-14, Islamabad since 2004; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that some of the employees / retired employees who had deposited seed money have not been allotted plots so far, if so, the time by which they will be allotted plots indicating also their names and names of department?*

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: (a) The detail showing allotments of 25 X 40 plots in Phase-III (G-13 & G-14/4) since 2004 is annexed at F/A and in Phase-IV (G-14/1,2,3) is at F/B.

(b) The list of applicants who have not been allotted plots in Ph-III (G-13 & G-14/4) is at F/C, and in Phase-IV (G-14,1,2,3) is at F/D.

There are limited plots. Therefore, all applicants cannot be accommodated.

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

121. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 11-01-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of annual report released by the Islamic Ideology Council since its inception with year-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the total number of annual reports of the Islamic Ideology Council presented in the Parliament and those yet to be presented?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The Council of Islamic Ideology since its inception has released 80 reports ; (List annexed) out of which one is ten years' report (1962-1963), one is three years' report (1974-1977), twenty five are annual reports and the rest are subject reports on different topics.

(b) Sixteen annual reports including "Final Report 1996" had been laid before the Parliament alongwith subject reports on different topics, prepared by the Council till 1996. (List annexed). Twelve Annual Reports(from 1997 to 2009) are yet to be laid before the Parliament, to which subject reports on different topics prepared by the Council after 1996 will be annexed.

122. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number, names and capacity of the power projects launched by the Alternative Energy Development Board and started production; and*

(b) *the number of the projects proposed to be launched in near future?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Until May 2010, AEDB was mandated to facilitate private sector to develop Alternative and Renewable Energy (ARE) including Wind, Solar, Waste to Energy, Hydro, etc.

On Grid

Currently, the following IPPs are generating power:

| Sr. No | Name | Capacity |
|--------|--|------------------------|
| 1 | Zorlu Wind Farm, Thatta, Sindh | 56.4MW |
| 2 | Al-Moiz Sugar Mills, D.I. Khan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa | 27MW (as per Capacity) |
| 3 | Shakarganj Sugar Mills, Jhang, Punjab. | 7MW (as per Capacity) |

Off Grid: The following programs/projects have been initiated to meet the off grid power needs, especially in the rural areas.

Rural electrification Program: AEDB has initialed Rural Electrification Program through the use of solar energy for the flung starved villages in the country. 49 villages (3000 homes) in Sindh Province have been energized under this program, so far,

PC-I for electrification of 300 villages of Balochistan have been approved, and will be executed on availability of funds.

Parliamentarians Sponsored Village Electrification Program (PSVEP): AEDB has initiated Parliamentarians Sponsored Village Electrification Program, funded from the development budget of the Parliamentarians. Under this Program, 2 schemes have been implemented with the cost of Rs.48 Million, proposals (after completing the feasibility studies) for 23 schemes, costing Rs.1.655 Billion have been submitted for approval/ release of funds. Feasibility is being conducted for another 10 schemes, are at various stages of development.

Introduction of RE for Ground Water Pumping: With the main objective to reduce the demand/dependence on National Grid through solar energy, AEDB has undertaken a Program with the assistance of World Bank for the Efficiency Improvement of Existing Tube-wells and Introduction of Renewable Energy for Groundwater Pumping for Multiple Uses in Pakistan.

(b) FUTURE PROJECTS

The following (ARE) IPPs are at various stages of development in the country:

Wind: AEDB issued 38 LOIs an average capacity of 50 MW each (5MW to 250 MW); these projects are at various stages of development/implementation. On ground work on 3x50 MW wind farms has started, and 400 MW is expected to achieve financial close in 2012 under the ARE Policy.

Fast track policy and feed-in-tariff have also been announced, which are expected to yield another 1000MW.

Solar: Eight (8) LOIs for Solar PV parks have been issued to following IPPs.

Biomass/Waste to Energy: Three(3) LOIs issued to private investors for biomass/waste to energy Projects in Punjab (1) and Sindh (2).

Small Hydro:

- (1) 103 micro hydel projects (15MW) initiated in Chitral (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Giigit-Baltistan Area with AKRSP. UNDP-GEF collaboration.
- (2) 8 Hydro Power Projects have been initiated under the Renewable energy development Sector Investment Program (REDSIP) with the support of ADB. AEDB is serving as the executing agency at the federal level and

projects are being implemented in Punjab and KPK with an estimated cost of US\$ 139.5 Million.

3. Another two small hydro power projects under REDSIP for Gilgit-Baltistan have also been initiated.

123. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 11-01-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the details of the increase made in the prices of POL products, gas and LPG separately during the last three years with reasons thereof?

Dr. Asim Hussain:

POL PRODUCTS

Prices of Petrol, Kero & Diesel have been increased 16, 16 and 17 times respectively since January 2009 to January 2012. The said increases were mainly made in account of increases in international prices and applicable exchange rate, the details of which are provided as **Annex-I and II** respectively. Detailed comparative price breakup for the said periods is placed as **Annex-III**.

GAS PRICES

Detail of sectoral gas sale price revisions during last three years is given at **Annex-IV**. The revisions in gas sales prices are made on the basis of revenue requirements of the two gas utility companies, as determined by Oil and Gas regulatory Authority under OGRA Ordinance, 2002.

LPG PRICES

As reported by OGRA, during past three years *i.e.* Jan-09 to Dec-11 LPG consumer prices increased 22 times owing mainly to change of Saudi CP price and market dynamics of demand/supply. However, most of the time the same have remained within the range of reasonable price determined by OGRA from time to time. During last three years OGRA has intervened six times, when it considered the consumer price of LPG exceeding the reasonable price limit. The details are placed as **Annex-V**. The increase or decrease in LPG prices is mainly attributed to increase or decrease in monthly Saudi Aramco CP.

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

@65. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 04-11-2011 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount spent by the Alternative Energy Development Board during the last ten years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*

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- (b) *the quantum of electricity being produced and added to the national grid from the alternate sources at present?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) AEDB was created in May 2003. During the last 8 years, the details of expenditure incurred under the following budgetary heads is submitted as under:—

| | <i>(In Million)</i> |
|--|---------------------|
| (i) Non development/recurring | 387.262 |
| (ii) Development (PSDP) | 231.110 |
| (iii) Village electrification (REP+PSVEP) | 275.166 |
| Total | 893.538 |

Year-wise detail is placed at Annex-A

(b) Unit May 2010, AEDB was a facilitating body as per relevant ordinance and not mandated to undertake power project on its own. The AEDB Act, 2010 has been promulgated which allows AEDB to undertake Alternate Resources of Energy Projects.

Currently, following Alternate Resources of Energy Power Projects are operational connected with the national grid:—

- (i) 6 MW of wind energy has been installed by Zorlu Energy Pakistan Ltd. and connected to the national grid as a part of first phase of their 56.4 MW project.
- (ii) 27 MW of biomass/waste to energy plant operational at Al-Moiz sugar industries, D.I. Khan.
- (iii) 7 MW of Biogas/waste to energy plant at Shakarganj Sugar Mills, Jhang.

Further more AEDB facilitated import of Solar PV Panels of 8,317 MW in the country over these years.

@54. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 05-01-2012 at 16:05 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.68, replied on 15-12-2011 and to state:

- (a) *the reasons for giving Lakhra Coal Mine in private Sector;*
- (b) *whether tenders were called for giving it to the private sector;*
- (c) *the name of the Company and its owner who is selling Lakhra Coal in the market and reasons for such sale; and*
- (d) *the reasons for not keeping the generators of Lakhra Power Plant operative?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Lakhra Coal Development Company Limited (LCDC) engaged coal raising contractor from private sector for developing small coal mines to supply coal to Coal Fired Power Plant of WAPDA (at Khanote, District Dadu) during trial run, and also to check encroachment along periphery of its leased area. Coal production operations are carried out in accordance with the mine design & plan prepared by LCDC directly under supervision of its technical staff. As per original plan, LCDC had to develop mechanized coal mines to produce 750,000 tonnes of coal per year required for 3x50 MW Power Plant of WAPDA. However, WAPDA did not operate the power plant at the planned capacity. Board of Directors of LCDC considered the situation in its meeting held on 30th December, 1997 and decided to drop the idea of large-scale mechanized mining and advised the Company management to continue supply of coal as per requirement of the operational power units from small coal mines already started through the raising contractor.

(b) Yes. As per LCDC, tenders were invited through the Press Notice dated 03-3-1993 for appointment of raising contractor for its coal mines.

(c) M/s. Muhammad Jameel & Company (Pvt.) Limited, Hyderabad has been appointed as raising contractor at LCDC coal mines through competitive bidding/tenders. Operation of WAPDA power generation units is not steady and its short-lifting of coal adversely affects the mining operations and stocking of coal is prone to spontaneous combustion. Coal production cannot be increased or decreased on immediate basis and temporary closure may damage the mine causing loss to LCDC, mine workers and raising contractor. Given this uncertainty and compelling circumstances, LCDC has to keep mines operative and sell the surplus coal in the market. The LCDC Board of Directors allowed disposal of surplus coal (short-lifted by WAPDA) in the market through the raising contractor.

(d) The power generators belong to Lakhra Power Generation Company Limited (LPGCL)/WAPDA and factual position on this matter may as such be better explained by the Ministry of Water and Power.

ISLAMABAD :
The 26th January, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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