

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 7th February, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos.110, 111, 113, 116, 117 and 118 were originally set down for answering on 27th January, 2012 but were deferred)

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?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: 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, such the maximum gas from gas pipelines.

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

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?

Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat: (A) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING FOUNDATION (FGEHF) launched following housing schemes:—

Phase-IV Housing Scheme Sector G-14, Islamabad:

The scheme was launched in January, 2004. The land measuring 4820 kanals was acquired by Housing Foundation through District Administration, ICT, Islamabad. Out of which the possession of 2000 kanals has been taken over by Housing Foundation and the remaining possession of land is yet to be handed over by ICT. The construction work on 2000 kanals will be started soon after the announcement of award of BUPs. The project shall be completed within two years when the Land Acquisition Collector Office is capable to hand over the vacant possession of land to the Housing Foundation.

Apartments Scheme in Sector G-13, Islamabad:

Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) has started an apartments scheme in Sector G-13, Islamabad under the caption “Lifestyle Residency” in which 25% quota has been reserved for general public. The applications are invited from Federal Government Employees and General Public. The project will be completed in 48 months after launch.

Proposed Housing Scheme at Bara Kahu, Zone-IV, Islamabad:

This project is for Federal Government Employees. Completion period is 30 months after issuance of NOC from CDA. The Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan took Suo Moto Notice on above mentioned scheme. The matter is still under subjudice before the Supreme Court.

(B) **PAKISTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA)** has launched following housing schemes for general public and government employees on ownership basis:—

Sr. No.	Projection Location date	Expected completion
1.	G-11/3, Islamabad ‘C’ & ‘E’ Type	June, 2012
2.	G-10/2, Islamabad D’ Type	December, 2012
3.	Wafaqi Colony Lahore, ‘D’ & ‘E’ Type	June, 2012
4.	Wafaqi Colony Lahore, ‘B’ Type	January, 2013
5.	Wafaqi Colony Lahore ‘O’ & ‘E’ Type(additional)	September, 2012

6. PHA-Maymar JV Karachi
7. PHA-Alkhalil JV, Turbet

November, 2013
March, 2013

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.

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?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (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?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: PSO earned profit of Rs. 9.5 billion and 14.8 billion during the year 2009-10, 2010-11 responsibility.

Details at Annex-I.

Annex-I

**Pakistan State Oil Company Limited
Profit & Loss Account for Financial Year 2010 & 2011**

	FY 2010-2011	FY 2009-2010
	(Rupees in 000)	
Sales net of trade discounts and allowances	974,917,064	877,173,254
Less	(137,969,158)	(118,563,577)
Sales Tax	(16,417,542)	(15,851,726)
Inland freight equalization margin	(154,386,700)	(134,415,303)
Net Sales	820,530,364	742,757,951
Cost of products sold	(786,250,059)	(713,591,707)
Gross profits	34,280,305	29,166,244
Other operating income	1,815,951	1,479,054
Operating costs	(10,879,122)	(9,411,885)
Profit from operations	25,217,134	21,233,413
Other income	4,660,462	6,611,749
Finance costs	(11,903,162)	(9,882,010)
Profit before taxation	17,974,434	17,963,152
Taxation	(3,195,120)	(8,913,556)
Profit for the year	14,779,314	9,049,596

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?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) So far an amount of Rs. 13.01 million has been spent for supply of gas to Village Shah Maqsood and adjoining localities of Tehsil and District Haripur.

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

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

157. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-12-2011 at 09:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a gas project namely Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) has been signed by the Government of Pakistan, if so, its estimated cost and time /period of execution/completion; and*
- (b) *whether financial assistance will be provided by international financial institutions for the project, if so, its details?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) Governments of four participating Countries in TAPI Project *i.e.* Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India have already signed the Inter-Governmental Agreement-IGA, The Heads of Agreement and Gas Pipeline framework Agreement-GPFA for implementation of the Project.

The Gas Sale & Purchase Agreement is already negotiated. The Steering Committee of the ECC has given the approval and will now be placed before the ECC for approval. The GSPA is expected to be signed by February 2012.

As per ADB funded prefeasibility study the estimated project cost is US \$ 7.6 Billion, which, however, shall be firmed up after detailed feasibility.

The project will take between 4 to 5 years to complete after signing of GSPA by all parties. First flow of gas planned in 2016.

(b) ADB is acting as lead coordinator of the project. ADB has funded the initial and updated project pre-feasibility.

For project financing, construction and implementation, TAPI Parties have agreed in the GPFA to form a consortium.

Further details on the project financing and role of international financial institutions can be firmed up after formation of the consortium.

158. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 30-12-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of villages / areas in District Haripur which have been connected to Natural Gas distribution network during the current fiscal year (2011-12);*
- (b) *the names of villages / areas in the said district which will be connected to Natural Gas distribution network during the next, fiscal year; and*
- (c) *whether there any proposal under consideration of the Government to connect village Bhera of the said district to the distribution network, if so, when?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) There is no new village/area in District Haripur which has been connected to the natural gas distribution system during current fiscal year 2011-12.

(b) There is no plan to connect natural gas to any new village/area in the said District during the next fiscal year at present.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration for supply of gas to Village Bhera at present.

159. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**(Notice received on 02-01-2012 at 12:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the dates by which the KESC changed the electricity meters during the last six years;*
- (b) *the name of country from where the new meters were imported;*
- (c) *the reasons of changing the meters for the second time; and*

(d) *whether the meters changed for the second time have been rendered scrap, if so, the income earned by KESC from this scrap?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The change of meters against report of faulty meter is a continuous process. No special project has been initiated during last six years to replace the meters as a project.

(b) New CT operated meters recently purchased are manufactured in CHINA by M/S Hexing Electric. These meters were imported by M/S KBK, Lahore.

(c) The meters are changed if there is any report of Faulty Meter Report (FMR).

(d) Some meters can be repaired and reuse again. The meters which cannot be repaired are scrapped.

160. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the rent paid for buildings hired by the Government of Pakistan for pilgrims in Saudi Arabia during the Hajj 2011 indicating also the number of pilgrims accommodated therein?

Syed Khurshed Ahmed Shah: (i) Details of payments made to the land lords/Mustajirs and accommodation groups for hiring of residential accommodation at Makkah Mukarramah during Hajj 2011 are given as annex-I. However, total amount paid for buildings in Makkah Mukarramah and Madinah Munawwarah is given below:—

(i) Makkah Mukarramah = SR 310,142,655

(ii) Madinah Munawwarah = SR 40,456,350

(ii) A total number of 90,113 pilgrims were accommodated in 222 buildings hired for Hajj 2011.

161. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the daily demand and supply of gas in Rawalpindi and Islamabad during the month of December, 2011?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: Average daily demand and supply of gas in Rawalpindi/Islamabad during the month of December 2011 was as under:—

Demand 280 MMCFD (Approx)

Supplies 220 MMCFD

162. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 03-01-2012 at 14:05 p.m.)

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

(a) *the location of new reservoirs of oil and gas discovered in the country since January, 2010; and*

(b) *the estimated quantity of oil and gas in each of the said reservoirs?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) The requisite information is at Annexure-I.

(b) During the reported period sixteen (16) oil/gas discoveries were made in the country. So far estimated recoverable quantity of only five (5) discoveries have been determined, details are at Annexure-I, while others are under appraisal/evaluation for reserve estimation.

ISLAMABAD:
The 6th February, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.