

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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

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

**Friday, the 22nd July, 2011**

**DEFERRED QUESTIONS**

*(Question No. 32 was originally set down for answering on 6th May, 2011 (70th Session), but was deferred)*

32.    **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 09-04-2011 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the number of recommendations received from the Council of Islamic Ideology since 2007 and action taken by the Government on them?*

**Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah:** The following reports of the council of Islamic ideology have been received in the Ministry since 2007:—

1.    Annual report 2006-7
2.    Annual report 2007-8
3.    Annual report 2008-9
4.    Islah-e-qedian wa jail khanajat

These reports contain approximately 260 recommendations.

The Council of Islamic Ideology has been asked to send requisite number of copies of the annual reports published after laying of final report 1996 (including Reports from 2007 to till date) to the Secretariats of the National Assembly, Senate, and the Provincial Assemblies. The Council is in process of preparation of requisite copies of the reports. Thereafter, these reports will be laid before the Senate and the National Assembly.

19. **\*Nawabzada Mir Haji Lashkari Raisani:** (Notice received on 24-06-2011 at 13:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of posts of officers and engineers lying vacant in HESCO and SEPCO and steps taken to make promotions against these posts?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** The posts of officers and engineers lying vacant in HESCO and SEPCO and steps taken to make promotion against these posts are detailed as under:—

### **HESCO**

Sr.#	Name of Post	BPS	Vacant
1.	Manager (MIS)	19	01
2.	Dy.Manager (Admn)	18	01
3.	Dy.Manager (Computer)	18	01
4.	Dy.Manager (Environment & Safeguard)	18	01
5.	Dy.Manager (CA)	18	03
6.	Revenue Officer (R.O)	17	06

It is further added that promotion for Manager MIS BPS-19 appearing at Sr.# 02 to 06, HESCO has already initiated preparation for the same and the posts will be filled up very shortly.

### **SEPCO**

BPS	Engineers	Remarks
20	01	Additional charge of CEO assigned to CE/OD
19	02	One Sr. Engineer is working as S.E.on current charge basis
18	09	—
17	19	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	—

**Status of vacant posts of Officers in SEPCO**

BPS	Officers	Remarks
20	01	Additional charge of FD SEPCO assigned to FD HESCO Hyderabad
19	04	—
18	11	—
17	20	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	—

SEPCO has started its functioning with effect from 13-08-2010, as such seniorities of officers have been bifurcated, circulated and presently 02 Field Store Managers (BPS-17) have been promoted as Regional Store Managers (BPS-18) and 09 UTS have been promoted as Jr. Engineers (BPS-17). However the promoted cases of Jr. Engrs. (BPS-17) to Sr. Engrs. (BPS-18) are under process.

20. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 24-06-2011 at 13:33 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a huge quantum of furnace oil is swindled during transportation process from Karachi to other parts of the country and the loss is being charged to the electricity consumers; and*
- (b) *if the answer is affirmative indicate the quantum and the value of furnace oil heist during the last five years and action taken against the culprits to stop the practice in future?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) No.

(b) Nil.

21. **\*Mrs. Rehana Yahya Baloch:** (Notice received on 24-06-2011 at 13:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the date on which village Medad Khel, District Tank was provided electricity;*
- (b) *the number of electricity meters provided to the said village since then; and*
- (c) *the number of meters disconnected on the charges of default indicating also the names of consumers and present status of each meter?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The village Medad Khel, District Tank was provided electricity in the year 1987-88

(b) 59 electric meters are installed in the said village since then.

(c) At present 28 meters are running in the village, whereas 31 meters have been disconnected having arrears of **Rs. 3.56 million**. Detailed list of names of consumers along with the status of meters are placed at Annex-I & Annex-II.

22. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 27-06-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is contemplating to build more dams in held Jammu-Kashmir; if so, its details?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** Under the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960, India is allowed to construct new Run of the River Hydroelectric Plants and Storage Works within the design criteria provided in Annexure-D to the Treaty and the storage works under the limitations as provided in Annexure-E to the Treaty. Under the Treaty India is obliged to supply information six months in advance before the construction of its new hydroelectric plants.

As per information gathered from different sources. India has constructed projects or are under construction on river Chenab as per Annexure "A". Moreover, it has constructed projects or are under construction on river Jhelum as per

Annexure “B”. India is planning to build more hydroelectric plants particularly on river Chenab. Details attached at Annexure “C”. There is no limit on India to construct new hydroelectric plants on our Western Rivers However, as mentioned above India is obliged to supply information six months in advance before the construction of new hydroelectric plants. After receiving the information, our experts review the design of the plant and the matter is taken up under Indus Waters Treaty 1960, accordingly.

23. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 28-06-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) The detail of expenditure of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, attached departments/sub-ordinate offices and Corporations during the last three years are as under:—

- (b) i. Ministry and its attached departments are fully observing the instructions issued by the Government from time to time to cut the expenditure and curtailed POL of entitled officers expenditure on TA and Stationery reduced to 50% in the available budget.
- (ii) Most of Companies have informed that they are self sustaining commercial entities and most of their expenditures are production related. However, they also observe the directives of the Government issued from time to time.

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

24. **\*Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 29-06-2011 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the date of approval and launching of Sabakzai Dam project;*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the project indicating also the amount released and spent so far with head wise break up; and*
- (c) *the present status of the project and expected date of its completion?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The project was approved by ECNEC on 27-09-2003 and launched on 01-01-2003.

		(Rs. in Million)	
(b)	❖	Estimated cost of the Project =	1960.823
	❖	Amount released =	1753.274
	❖	Head wise spent amount upto 30-06-2011	
	●	Admn: expenses =	110.327
	●	Over Head =	38.655
	●	Consultancy =	66.790
	●	Assets =	0.782
	●	Works =	1536.565
		Total expenditure =	1753.119
	❖	Liabilities =	207.000

(c) The project was completed on 30-06-2009 and handed over to Govt. of Balochistan on 30-06-2010.

25. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 29-06-2011 at 9:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of cases of corruption, misappropriation and fraud surfaced in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the names and designations of the persons found involved in the said cases and action taken against them?*

<b>Dr. Asim Hussain:</b> (a) and (b) Main Ministry:	Nil
Oil & Development Company Ltd. (OGDCL):	Detail at Annex-I
Pakistan Petroleum Ltd, (PPL)	Detail at Annex-II
Inter Stat Gas System Ltd (ISGSL):	Nil
Pakistan Mineral Development Company (PMDC):	Nil
Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP).	Nil
Lakhra Coal Development Company (LCDC):	Nil
Government Holdings Private Ltd (GHPL):	Nil
Saindak Metal Ltd (SML):	Nil
Pakistan State Oil (PSO):	Detail at Annex-III

26. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 30-06-2011 at 12:15 p.m.)

*Will the, Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the details of foreign investment and joint ventures brought by the Board of Investment in the country during the last three years?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** The details of foreign investment and joint ventures brought by Board of Investment in the country during the last three years are as under:

**Foreign Investment**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (Million US \$)</u>
2008-09	2665.5
2009-10	2086.3
2010-11	1918.0

(Details at Annexure-I)

## Joint Ventures

Board of Investment facilitated eight joint ventures in this period. Details of these joint ventures are at Annexure-II.

### Annexure-I

#### Foreign Investment in Pakistan

Foreign Investment comprises Foreign Direct Investment and Portfolio Investment. Details of the Foreign Investment for last three years are as under:

Million US\$

Year	Direct Investment	Portfolio Investment	Total Foreign Investment
2008-09	3719.9	-1054.4	2665.5
2009-10	2150.8	-64.5	2086.3
2010-11(P)	1573.6	344.4	1918.0

P: provisional

Source: State Bank of Pakistan website.

### Annexure-II

#### Joint Venture Projects Facilitated by Board of Investment

S. No.	Joint Venture Projects
1.	Pak Gulf- Construction Limited (PGCL), a Joint Venture between Sardar Holders (Pakistan) and Tamimi Global of Saudi Arabia for Centaurus Project.
2.	Joint Venture between Emaar Pakistan and Defense Housing Authority (DHA) Islamabad, for Construction Projects.
3.	Joint Venture between Telecom Malaysia International and Multinet Pakistan for Fiber Optic Project.



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S. No.      Joint Venture Projects

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4.      The Fatima Fertilizer Company Limited was incorporated as a Joint Venture between the two major business groups in Pakistan namely, Fatima Group and Arif Habib Group.
  - 5      Al Ghurair Giga (Private) Ltd, a Joint Venture between World Trade Centre, Islamabad and Goldcrest DHA, Islamabad.
  6.      Haier Ruba, a Joint Venture between Haler (China) and Ruba (Pakistan) for infrastructure projects.
  7.      Bago Ferozsos (BF) Bio-sciences, Joint Venture of Ferozsos Pakistan and Bago Group of Argentina.
  8.      Pakistan Solar (Pvt) Ltd. MOU between M/s Azur Solar, Germany and Raza Implex of Pakistan signed. Joint Venture between the two companies is underway.
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27.      \* **Eng. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan:** (Notice received on 30-06-2011 at 13:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and addresses of the persons of G. T. Road Mandiala Warriach Town More, Gujranwala who applied for Sui Gas connections in July and August, 2009;*
- (b) *the names of the said persons who have been provided Sui Gas connections so far; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that a number of those applicants have not been provided with gas connections despite the fact that they have deposited the demand notices, if so, their names, reasons for not providing them the connections so far and the time by which gas connections will be provided to them?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) The names and addresses of the persons of G.T Road Mandiala Warriach Town More, Gujranwala, who applied for gas connections in July and August, 2009 are as under:

Sr. No.	Name	Address
1	Hussnain Haider	Gali Ch. Inayat Warraich wali Mandiala Warrich Gujranwala
2	Muhammad Inayat	Mandiala Warraich Gurjanwala
3	Sajjad Ahmad	Nr. Amanullah Sujjar Mandiala Warraich Gujranwala
4	Saleem Masih	Mandiala Warraich Gurjanwala
5	Muhammad Younas	Mandiala Warraich Gurjanwala
6	Numan Arfan	Moh. Haji Pura Mandiala Warraich Gujranwala

(b) Gas connection has not been provided so far to any of the above said applicants.

(c) One applicant, out of above said six applicants, namely Mr. Muhammad Younas, has deposited the security on 13-01-2011. Presently, company is providing gas connections to the applicants, who have deposited their security upto June, 2010. Gas connection will be provided to Mr. Muhammad Younas on turn/merit.

28. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-07-2011 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the present stage of work on Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project indicating also the estimated cost of the project and the time by which the same will be completed?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** The Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement (GSPA) was signed in June 2009 and with all Conditions Precedent of GSPA successfully

completed on 13th June 2010, the GSPA has become effective and is in its implementation phase.

The Project Implementation shall cover Route Survey, Front and Engineering Design (FEED), Bankable Feasibility Study, project physical construction, supervision and commissioning.

Activities on Route Survey, Front and Engineering Design (FEED) and Bankable Feasibility Study are already in progress.

Project Implementation is targeted to be completed in time and first gas flow will be available by end of December 2014.

The estimated capital cost of the project is US\$ 1.245 billion.

29. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 01-07-2011 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the extent of electricity likely to be provided by Iran to Pakistan indicating also its per unit cost; and*
- (b) *the names of other countries, if any, likely to sell electricity to Pakistan?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) i. Presently 39 MW electricity is being imported from TAVANIR Iran under an agreement signed on 6-11-2002.

- ii. Rate of supply of this delivered electricity will remain within the limits of 7.00 to 10.00 US cents per KWh depending on average monthly price of OPEC basket of crude oil, as per Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement.
- iii. 100 MW at Gwadar @ 6.25 Cents per KWh (with suitable monthly indexation for fuel oil price variation). The project is expected to become functional in 2012.
- iv. 1000 MW from Iran in the National Grid for which tariff is expected to be discussed in the next JWG meeting in Iran.

- (b) i. India has offered to sell electricity to Pakistan. In this regard a working group has been constituted by Ministry of Water and Power, Government of Pakistan to work out the feasibility of proposal.
- ii. Feasibility Report has been completed for supply of 1000 MW electricity from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan under CASA-1000 Project. The project envisages transmission lines through Afghanistan.
30. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 02-07-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of expenditures of Ministry of Religious Affairs, its attached departments, subordinate offices and corporations during the last three years with head-wise and year-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / being taken by the Government to reduce the said expenditure?*

**Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah:** (a) Main Ministry:

Financial Year	Allocation	Final Grant	Expenditure
2008-09	65,053,000	67,669,000	67,407,530
2009-10	71,924,000	75,532,000	75,486,322
2010-11	96,620,000	102,234,000	117,534,245

Detail attached at Annex-A

**DIRECTORATES OF HAJJ AND SPENDING UNITS OF MINISTRY**

Financial Year	Allocation	Final Grant	Expenditure
2008-09	206,792,000	243,010,971	244,786,595
2009-10	249,826,000	305,976,000	297,099,612
2010-11	303,870,000	303,882,000	272,071,092

Detail attached at Annex-B

## COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC IDEOLOGY

Financial Year	Allocation	Final Grant	Expenditure
2008-09	50,247,000	40,539,894	39,377,326
2009-10	53,554,000	500,43,679	48,139,498
2010-11	58,005,000	53,123,793	47,687,817

Detail attached at Annex-C

## PAKISTAN MADRASAH EDUCATION BOARD

Financial Year	Allocation	Final Grant	Expenditure
2008-09	23,055,000	23,055,000	23,053,759
2009-10	29,287,000	29,287,000	29,285,018
2010-11	33,600,000	33,600,000	33,599,975

Detail attached at Annex-D

(b) The Budget is prepared according to the actual needs / requirements of Ministry.

31. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-07-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the amount of funds released by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal to the provinces during the last three year with head-wise break up?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** The detail of amount of funds released by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal to the provinces during the last three years with head-wise break-up is as under.—

32. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to buy electricity from Oman; and*
- (b) *whether all the power/electricity requirement of Gwader is being met through local sources?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) As such there is no proposal under consideration to purchase electricity from Oman.

(b) Electricity requirement of Gwadar is being met through Iranian supply. Feeding source is 132 KV (35 MW) Jackigor (Iran)-Mand (Pakistan) Transmission line.

33. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-07-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of areas / locations where work on new water reservoirs and hydro-power projects is in progress in Punjab; and*
- (b) *the per unit price of electricity provided from hydro-power projects?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Following new water reservoirs and hydropower projects under WAPDA are in progress:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Areas/locations
1.	Jinnah Hydropower Project (96MW)	The Project is located on right side of Jinnah Barrage on Indus River about 5 km downstream of Kalabagh Town and 234 km from Islamabad.

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Areas/locations
2.	Ghabir Dam Project	The dam is located on Ghabir Nullah at a distance of 9 km from village Danda Shah Bilawal and 60 km from Talagang, Punjab.
3.	Papin Dam Project	Site of dam is located across Wadala Kas a tributary of Soan River at a distance of about 2 Km East of Papin Village and 50 Km South West of Rawat Town in District Rawalpindi of Punjab Province.

(b) The average sales price of per unit electricity invoiced by WAPDA Hydroelectric during the FY 2010-11 is Rs.1.053/kWh.

34. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-07-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the present schedule of load shedding for urban and rural areas in the country; and*
- (b) *the actual position of load shedding being carried out in urban and rural areas in the country at present?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) It is submitted that scheduled load shedding programme is being prepared and implemented by DISCOs according to the quantum of load shedding allocated to each DISCO proportionate to its average consumption recorded. This scheduled load shedding quota:allocated to DISCOs is made by NPCC, which is based on the estimated gap between supply and demand. The present schedule of load shedding for urban and rural areas in the country is prepared by each DISCO, while keeping in view the general guideline regarding schedule of load management provided by DG (EM&C) PEPCO (copy attached as **Annex-A**).

(b) The actual position of load shedding being carried out by each DISCO in urban and rural areas at present is given as under:—

Company	Duration of load shedding (Hrs/day)		Any other
	Urban Areas	Rural Areas	
QESCO	04	12	In order to maintain voltage level due to high inductive tube well load, forced load shedding from 2 to 4 hours in addition to scheduled one is being carried out to avert fluctuations and to keep the system intact.
GEPCO	3-6	5-8	
IESCO	04	06	
HESCO	06	08	
FESCO	04-06	10-12	Duration varies with the quantum of electricity shortfall.
MEPCO	07	08	
PESCO	03-09	04-11	
TESCO	07-12		
SEPCO	08	08	
LESCO	04	11	

35. **\*Prof Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 06-07-2011 at 09:51 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for appointment / posting of the Secretary, Alternate Energy Development Board,*
- (b) *the name and date of appointment / posting of the incumbent Secretary; and*
- (c) *whether the required procedure was complied with in relation to the appointment / posting of the incumbent Secretary?*



**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) According to Section 6(2) of AEDB Act, 2010 the Secretary of the Board shall be appointed by the Federal Government on the recommendations of the AEDB Board.

(b) Name of Secretary: Dr. Atta Muhammad Panhwar Date of appointment: 31-12-2008

Presently Dr. Atta M. Panhwar, is posted by the Establishment Division at the disposal of Government of Sindh on deputation basis *w.e.f.* 11-07-2010. As an interim arrangement, another senior officer is deputed to look after the work of Secretary, AEDB in addition to his own duties.

(c) Yes, the required procedure was complied with in relation to the appointment of the Secretary.

36. **\*Prof Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 07-07-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the dates and rate of increase or decrease in the tariff of electricity for domestic and commercial consumers in the country since March, 2008;*
- (b) *the rate of recovery from the consumers during this period;*
- (c) *the amount of electricity bills outstanding against the Government and semi Government departments, oil and gas companies, banks, financial institutions and big companies for the last three years separately in each case,.*
- (d) *the steps taken by the Government to recover the said amount, and*
- (e) *the steps taken by the Government to ensure in time recovery in future of the amount of electricity bills from Government and big Commercial organizations in the country?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Reply at Annexure-A.

(b) Reply at Annexure-B.

(c) Reply at Annexure-C.

(d) Disconnection of the defaulted connections.

(e) In case of default in making payment of electricity bills, amount will be recovered at the pain of disconnection of power supply.

37. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 08-07-2011 at 09:42 a.m.)

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

(a) *the demand and supply of electricity in Makran; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to finalize agreement with Iran for provision of 50 MW electricity to meet the shortage in Markran?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The supply of power for Makran as per agreement for import of power from Iran is 39 MW, whereas the demand ranges from 45 to 48 MW.

(b)

- ❖ Presently, 39 MW electricity is being provided by M/s TAVANIR-Iran to the coastal areas of Balochistan (Mand, Turbat, Panjgoor, Pasni, Gawadar) and border towns of Mushkail and Taftan.
- ❖ PEPCO-NTDC representative accompanied by the Senators visited Iran on 18-06-2011. The request of NTDC for additional Capacity of 35MW (Makran Division) from the Jakigur-Mand 132KV transmission line was also discussed in detail. M/s TAVANIR agreed

for provision of this extra power at terms and conditions of existing Power Supply Agreements (Minutes of the meeting are attached as **Annex-A**). They have promised that project will be completed within 4 months.

*Islamabad :*  
*The 21st July, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*