

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 3rd May, 2011

1. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 08-04-2011 at 12:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the progress made so far on the National Energy Conservation Strategy being formulated by (ENERCON) and the time by which the same will be finalized?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The National Energy Conservation Policy (NECP), prepared by ENERCON through an extensive consultative process involving all stakeholders, is a contribution to the national effort to steer the country out of a difficult energy supply situation by promoting efficient use of energy resources. The policy enumerates broad guidelines to enhance end-use efficiency in various energy consuming sectors of economy. The policy is likely to create an enabling environment to support energy security plans of the government and for effecting a change in course from the present wasteful practices to sustainable energy and environment patterns in the future.

The National Energy Conservation Policy (NECP) was approved by the Cabinet in November 2006. A copy the Policy is placed at **Annex-X**.

Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency (EC&EE) is an important element of energy policy, which reduces the energy consumption and energy demand per capita, and thus offsets the growth in energy supply and needs to keep up with population growth. An energy conservation potential of up to 25% has been identified in various sectors of Pakistan's economy. Further, by reducing emission, energy conservation is an important part of lessening climate change.

Through the implementation of its wide-ranging activities, the ENERCON has made significant contributions to the development of the energy conservation technology and has achieved a significant energy saving potential in various sectors of economy of Pakistan. The impact has been direct and indirect, quantitative and qualitative. ENERCON's programs provide a comprehensive and unified approach to energy conservation. ENERCON has:—

- Created awareness regarding the cost-effectiveness and potential for energy savings

- Proved that energy conservation is the cheapest and most readily, available sources of additional supply of energy in Pakistan; and
- Demonstrated that simple measures implemented on a nation-wide scale can achieve large savings quickly and at a fraction of the cost of new supplies.

Achievements of ENERCON for energy conservation in various sectors of economy are presented in **Annex-Y**.

In order to help realize energy conservation potential to greater extents, and to provide constitutional and legal cover to energy efficiency and conservation, Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill 2011 has been drafted on the orders of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for coping with the energy crisis in the country. Following are the objectives of the Bill:

- Conservation and efficient use of energy in all sectors of economy
- To establish institutions, stipulate mechanisms and procedures for realizing the energy saving potential of about 20-25%
- To help mitigate adverse effects of climate change through enhancing energy efficiency/conservation

Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2011 is essentially required to be promulgated to:

- Prevent continued inefficient & wasteful use of energy
- Reduce Energy Demand – Supply gap;
- Augment energy supply immediately through conservation, being the cheapest and environment friendly option
- Save foreign exchange
- Legitimize the energy conservation business in the country

The Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill 2011, drafted by ENERCON was approved by the Cabinet in 2008. Thereafter, it was vetted by the Law and Justice Division in November 2010. Minister for Environment introduced the Bill in the National Assembly on 26-01-2011. The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Environment, in its meeting held on 12-02-2011, recommended passage of the Bill by the National Assembly.

Report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to provide for the establishment of institutions and enunciation of mechanisms and procedures so as to provide for effective

conservation and efficient use of energy [Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2011] was presented by Raja Muhammad Asad Khan, Chairman of the Standing Committee, in the National Assembly on 18-04-2011. A copy of the Bill recommended by the Standing Committee for passage by National Assembly is placed as **Annex-A**.

It is expected that "Order of the Day" for 21-04-2011 shall include an agenda item for motion of the Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Bill, 2011 for passage by the National Assembly. The Minister for Environment shall move the Bill accordingly.

After passage of the Bill by the National Assembly, it will be transferred to Senate for its approval, likely during May/June 2011.

The Pakistan Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, 2011 is expected to be enacted/promulgated during May/June 2011 after fulfillment of all the requisite formalities and necessary approvals.

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

2. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 09-04-2011 at 9:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of persons working in BPS 1 to 22 in the Ministry of Communications, its attached departments, sub-ordinate offices and Autonomous / Semi-Autonomous Organizations with province-wise break up?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: Following is the detail of employees in BS 1 to 22 in the Ministry of Communications, its attached department, sub-ordinate offices and Autonomous / Semi-Autonomous Organization.

Name of organizations	No. of employees	Detail/province wise break up
MOC/PM&E Cell	130	Annex-I
NHA	2801	Annex-II
NH&MP	5145	Annex-III
NTRC	91	Annex-IV
CTTI	157	Annex-V

Annex-III

NH & MP

There are total 5145 personnel working in NH&MP. The details are as under:

Uniformed	3984 (Annex-A)
Non-Uniformed	1161 (Annex-B)

Annex-IV

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

NTRC

The requisite information pertaining to National Transport Research Centre (NTRC) is enclosed.

4. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 11-04-2011 at 13:48 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the community welfare attaches presently posted abroad?

Minister for Overseas Pakistanis: The required information is at **Annex-I.**

5. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 12-04-2011 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the location of toll plazas on the motorways and national highways in the country indicating also the names of persons/companies awarded contracts for collection of toll tax and the monthly income from each toll plaza from the date of contract?

Dr. Arbab Alamgir Khan: A total of 97 Toll Plazas are established on NHA network. Break-up is given below and requisite details *viz* names of Operation & Management Contractors and monthly toll generated from each Toll Plaza are annexed as indicated.

Annex	Roads	Total	Operated By
A.	N/ Highways	69	Misc Contractors
B.	Motorways	28	FWO
	Total	97	

8. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-04-2011 at 13:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Labour and Manpower be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the countries/foreign Organizations who provided fund for elimination of child labour in Pakistan during the last five years indicating also its utilization with head wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the incumbent Government to eliminate child labour in the country?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The following foreign organizations has provided fund during the last five years for the Project “Combating Abusive Child Labour II” for the elimination of child labour in Pakistan.

- (i) European Union
- (ii) ILO

This is not direct funding to the Ministry of Labour and Manpower, but the amount is provided to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Islamabad who is utilizing it to execute the project. The fund is being used for the project “Combating Abusive Child Labour — II”. However, Ministry of labour and Manpower collaborates with the ILO for the execution of the project.

- (b)
1. Under the programme “Combating Abusive Child Labour”, two projects were launched in Sukkur and Sahiwal for elimination of worst forms of child labour from the two districts. Conducting Second National Survey on Child Labour is included in the mandate of this Project.
 2. In year 2008 the Ministry of Labour initiated the National Time Bound Programme (NTBP) for the elimination of worst form of child labour within a period of eight year 2008-16. The NTBP outlines a coordination mechanism among the stakeholders with a timeframe to mutually achieve the targets.
 3. During the year 2008, about 12000 child labourers have been removed from the different hazardous occupations through different projects with collaboration of ILO for elimination of worst form of child labour. These children have been provided non-formal education, health screening and skill training.

It may also be pointed out that after the 18th Amendment enforcement of laws relating to elimination of child labour fall exclusively in the domain of the provincial governments.

Islamabad :
The 2nd May, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.