

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 2nd April, 2010

@ 10. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Secretariat be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated cost of Support of Good Governance Islamabad (phase-III) UNDP funded project; and*
- (b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Secretariat: (a) The estimated cost was Rs.235.30 million. However, the Project (Phase-III) was closed on 30th September, 2008. Total expenditure made during the period 1st July, 2006 to 30th September, 2008 was Rs.78.977 million.

(d) Rs.50 million were allocated under PSDP 2009-10. However, this amount was surrendered on the 18th March, 2010 due to non-clearance of the project by the CDWP.

@ @ 22. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 01-03-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation and names of departments of the persons who were allotted Government Accommodation under rule 15(2) of AAR-2002 since 3rd November, 2009 indicating also the date of application, date of allotment and particulars of accommodation allotted in each case; and*

@ Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

@ @ Deferred from 25th March, 2010.

- (b) the names, designation, names of departments of the persons whose cases for allotment of accommodation under the said rule are pending since that date indicating also the date on which application was received and the time by which the same will be finalized in each case?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) The list showing names, designation and names of departments of the persons who were allotted Government accommodation under Rule 15(2) of

AAR-2002 since 3rd November, 2009 indicating the date of application, date of allotment and particulars of accommodation allotted in each case is at **Annex-A**.

(b) The list showing names, designation, names of departments of the persons whose case for allotment of accommodation under the said rule are pending since that date indicating also the date on which application was received alongwith reasons for not finalizing the individual cases so far is at **Annex-B**.

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

134. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 03-03-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether any schedule for load shedding of electricity in Gwadar during summer season 2010 has been prepared, if so, its details?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: Makran is getting electric supply from Iran through 132 KV Jacki gor (Iran) Mand (Pakistan) for maximum demand of 35 MW as per agreement. The maximum load recorded during the last summer sason of 2009 was 43 MW, Which is anticipated to rise upto 50 MW during the forthcoming summer season 2010. Therefore duration of load shedding during 2010 summer is expected to be 8 hours daily in entire Makran.

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of income and expenditure of Sui Southern Gas Pipelines Limited during the last five years with year-wise and head-wise break up;*
- (b) the details of non development expenditures of the said company during the said period with year-wise break up; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce non development expenditure of the company?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The detail of income and expenditure of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited during the last five years with year-wise and head-wise break up is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) The details of non development expenditures of Sui Southern Gas Company Limited during the last five years with year-wise break up is attached at **Annex-B**.

(c) The steps to reduce non development expenditure of the company is attached at Annex-C.

REDUCTION / CONTROL OVER NON-DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE:

Transmission & Distribution cost is controlled at various levels as explained below:

(1) OGRA Control

OGRA looks into all current and newly proposed expenditure meticulously. Indeed it has disallowed certain expenditure in determining Company tariff and has also set benchmark for manpower costs.

(2) Control through Budget:

At Company level the non-development expenditure is scrutinized by the Board of Directors through approval of annual budget. Overall spirit within the organization is to curb and reduce the expenditure to bare minimum. Strict limits are exercised on items like repairs, travelling, medical and overtime. However security cost is a big burden.

136. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibraihm Khan:** (Notice received on 08-03-2010 at 10:00 a.m)

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

- (a) the cost estimates of National Coal Policy; and*
- (b) the amount allocated by the Government for the said purpose in the PSDP 2009-10 indicating also the amount released and spent so far?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The estimated cost for the project is Rs. 25.00 millions.

(b) Initially Rs. 34.324 million were allocated in the fiscal year 2009-10. Earlier, the estimated cost was higher, however, at the time of approval of project by DDWp, the cost was reduced to Rs. 25.00 million as the logistic and establishment expenditures were met out of other ongoing/closed projects of this Ministry. The Administrative approval was issued on 26.6.2009. No amount has been released / spent out of the allocated amount so far because the Planning Commission raised certain observations on the implementation of the scheme which were settled by the Planning Commission in January, 2010. Selection of consultant has been finalized in consultation with Planning Commission and work on the project is in progress now.

137. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of violations of water treaties committed by India during the last 10 years indicating also the action taken by the Government of Pakistan in each case?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: Under the Provisions of Indus Waters Teaty 1960, India is allowed certain specified restricted uses on the Western Rivers including construction of Run-of-River Hydroelectric Plants and Storage Works, in addition to, agricultural uses of 1.343 Million Acres. Pakistan has been given the rights to raise objections, if the proposed project/operation of a completed project is not in ‘ accordance with the Provisions of the Treaty. Issues dealt with India during last 10 years are given as under :—

(a) **Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant**

Pakistan raised objections on the design parameters of India’s project. The Indus Commission and two rounds of Government to Government Level Talks could not resolve the controversy. Ultimately a Neutral’ Expert was got appointed through World Bank. The Neutral Expert in his decision in February 2007 reduced the height of the dam by 1.5 meters, reduced the Pondage by 5 Million Cubic Meters and raised the level of the Power intake by 3 Meters. However, the number and level of the spillway gates were retained as same. The changes determined by Neutral Expert were carried out by India. Pakistan Commissioner verified these changes at the site. The issue stands resolved.

(b) **Reduction of flow in River Chenab in August 2008.**

After commissioning the Baglihar Project, India carried out initial filling of the Baglihar Hydroelectric Plant in August 2008. India did not abide by the procedure for initial filling which has resulted in a shortage of 0.2 MAF water to Pakistan in August 2008.

President and Prime Minister of Pakistan took up the matter with Indian; Prime Minister. Resultantly two Rounds of Talks were held at the level of the Commission. Matter is still being pursued for its resolution.

(c) **Kishenganga Hydroelectric Plant**

India initially started Kishenganga Hydroelectric Plant as a “Storage Work” in 1994. Pakistan raised certain objections against the proposed diversion of flow and the design criteria of the project. After protracted discussions on the issue in 5 meetings of the Commission, India changed its design from “Storage Work” to “Run-of-River Plant” in 2006. Pakistan examined the revised design and maintained its objection diversion of flow from river Neelum to Wullar Lake on-river Jhelum, adverse effects on Pakistan, Neelurn .Jhelum Hydroelectric Project, provisions of drawdown of reservoir below Dead Storage Level and the design being violative of, the Treaty regarding Free Board, Pondage, Level of Power Intake, Low: Level outlets and Gated Sluice Spillway.

Pakistan objections were then discussed in 3 meetings of the Commission without resolution. Pakistan has now notified India for resolution of the dispute through Court of Arbitration and Neutral Expert as provided in the Treaty.

138. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 09-03-2010 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost of Feasibility Study of Small Dams in NWFP; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) PC-II of this Study was approved by CDWP during January 2007 at a total cost of Rs. 97 million.

(b) Rs. 15 million have been allocated in PSDP 2009-10. Out of this, Rs. 3 million have so far been released. The released funds have been fully utilized.

139. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 10-03-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to produce cheap electricity in the country?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: *PEPCO.*—In order to make cheap and affordable electric power available to the consumers in the country, the present government has launched an ambitious programme for construction of hydro electric projects. With a view to realize the full potential of hydel power of the country, a number of dams are being constructed. In addition to this a number of projects for generation of hydro electric power based on run of the river are also underway. Detail of the projects for hydel generation is as under:

WAPDA Hydro Projects

S. No.	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Malakand-III	81
2.	Khan Khwar	72
3.	Jinnah Hydro	96
4.	Allai Khwar	121
5.	Duber Khwar	130

S. No.	Name of Project	Capacity (MW)
6.	Kurram Tangi	83
7.	Kohala Hydropower	1100
8.	Bunji Hydropower	7100
9.	Lawai Hydropower	69
10.	Palas Valley (Chor Nala)	665

11.	Spatgah Hydropower	496
12.	Basho Hydropower	28
13.	Harpo Hydropower	33
14.	Phandar Hydropower	80
15.	Dasu Hydropower	4320
16.	Neelum Jhelum Hydropower	1184
Total:		15558

However, induction of hydropower in substantial quantity is likely to take sometime and its positive impact on tariff will be felt by the consumers in due course of time.

AEDB

The Government is pursuing all locally available Renewable Energy resources. Where as WAPDA is focusing on Hydro Energy.AEDB is also focusing on Small Hydro and all other Renewable Energy Projects to produced cheap power.

140. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 10-03-2010 at 11:15 a.m)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost of Training Programme for Systematic Prospecting and Mine Development in Small gemstone Leaseholders of Hazara (NWFP); and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The estimated cost of the scheme, titled, “Training programme for systematic prospecting and mine development in small gemstone lease holders of Hazara NWFP” was Rs 12.395 million. The scheme was executed by Government of NWFP and finance through Federal PSDP.

(b) The amount allocated for the above mentioned scheme in 2009-10 is Rs 2.145 million. The Government of NWFP has informed that project activities stand completed and also furnished project completion report. Therefore expenditure during this fiscal year is nil. During execution period from 2004 to 2009 Rs 9.485 million were released out of which Rs 8.269 million were utilized.

141. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 11-03-2010 at 08:40 a.m)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to generate power through solar energy during the year 2009-10, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

142. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-03-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of water and irrigation projects in Sindh and Balochistan for which funds were allocated by the Government during the financial year 2008-09 indicating also the amount so allocated for each project;*
- (b) *the present stage of completion of those projects; and*
- (c) *the impact of those projects?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: Reply to the part (a), (b), (c) is placed below at (**Annexure-I**)

143. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-03-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names, designations and names of departments of the government employees waiting for allotment of government accommodation in Islamabad, indicating also the reasons for not allotting Government accommodation to them so far and the time by which the same will allotted?

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: Since this question involves massive exercise for compiling information relating to the names, designations & names of departments of the government employees waiting for allotment of government accommodation in Islamabad, therefore, the information is being firmed up and will be placed before the august House shortly.

145. ***Col. R Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 13-03-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Government Departments against which the amount of electricity bills are outstanding at present indicating also the amount outstanding against each department; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not recovering the said amount so far?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) The requisite detail of Major Government departments against which the amount of electricity bills are outstanding at present is enclosed as Annex-A.

(b) PEPCO has formulated recovery plan to recover outstanding dues from different Government and Non-Government Departments, which includes following steps:

- (i) PEPCO officers are already being entrusted with the competency to recover outstanding electricity bills of Government / Private Consumers in installments.
- (ii) Meetings with Chief Secretaries / Finance Secretaries of the provinces have been held time and again for recovery of outstanding electricity dues.

- (iii) PEPCO Computer Centres regularly issue Equipment Removal Orders against the defaulting connections in order to recover the outstanding dues.
- (iv) Facility of payment at source is also provided to Government connections.
- (v) Field formations are directed to use tool of disconnection, where it is necessary.
- (vi) Incentives for waiver off late payment surcharge are also given to the Government defaulting departments if, they clear the outstanding dues upto 30th June of each year.
- (vii) Reconciliations with defaulting departments of NWFP, Sindh & Balochistan are also regularly carried out to settle the PEPCO / DISCOs electricity dues.

146. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 17-03-2010 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantum of water being provided to Rawalpindi and Islamabad from Khanpur Dam;*
- (b) *the authority or agreement under which the said water is provided to those cities;*
- (c) *whether the NWFP Government is giving due compensation for the water being supplied to these cities; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide more water to those cities from the said dam, if so, its details?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) Presently, 45 cusecs of water is being supplied to Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

(b) Water supply to the beneficiaries of Khanpur Dam is based on the Water Apportionment approved by ECNEC in 1992-93.

- (c) (i) Fishing rights of Khanpur Dam have been transferred to the Govt. of NWFP which is now getting the income from fisheries.
- (ii) There is no hydropower plant at Khanpur Dam and hence no revenue being earned from power generation.
- (d) (i) Water is being supplied to all beneficiaries according to their respective shares as approved by ECNEC.
- (ii) During periods of water shortage, allocation among beneficiaries are done by the joint Committee on water Management having representation of all the beneficiaries.

146-A. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 17-03-2010 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether the supply of water from Indus River and Tarbela Dam to Ghazi Barotha Power Project is in accordance with the Water Accord of 1991; and*
- (b) *whether the Government of NWFP is being given any compensation for the said diversion of water?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) The para 14(c) of the Water Accord 1991 has already prioritized the operation of reservoirs for irrigation. WAPDA is making non-consumptive use of water at Tarbela & Ghazi Brotha for Power Generation, which is by-product, remaining within the indent placed by IRSA for making such releases based on provincial demands.

(b) Not applicable

147. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 18-03-2010 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) received during the financial year 2008-09 indicating also the amount received from the Overseas Pakistanis out of the same,.*
- (b) *the number of cases of Foreign Direct Investment under consideration / process at present?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: (a) ♦ Based on figures obtained from State Bank of Pakistan web-site, the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Pakistan during financial year 2008-09 was US\$ 3.72 billion. The sector-wise and country-wise break-up of this information is given at Annex-I.

- ♦ FDI information is received country and sector wise in total. These are not classified into other categories informed by the State Bank of Pakistan.
- ♦ No approval is required. Since, the investment regime is mostly liberal. BOI serves as catalyst and facilitate investors. Details of projects in pipeline / being facilitated by the BOI are at Annex-II.

*Islamabad :
The 1st April, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Friday, the 2nd April, 2010

@3. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-03-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Tourism be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of foreign tourists visited Pakistan during the last three years with country-wise break up;*
- (b) *the major sites or areas visited by the said tourists; and*
- (c) *the number of foreign tourists who applied to visit Pakistan during the years, 2009 and 2010?*

Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman: (a) The number of foreign tourists visited Pakistan during the last three years with country-wise break up is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Information regarding major sites or areas visited by the tourists is at **Annex-B**.

(c) Normally foreign tourists do not apply except those tourists who visit Pakistan for adventure activities. In this regard the number of adventure tourists who visited Pakistan during 2009 and those who will be visiting 2010 are as under:—

2009

- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| 1. Mountaineers | 354 |
| 2. Trekkers | 470 |

2010

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| 1. Mountaineers | 78 |
| 2. Trekkers | 19 |

@ Deferred from the 25th March, 2010.

@4. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-03-20] 0 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Tourism be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the number of foreign tourists has decreased due to the prevailing law and order situation in the country; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give incentives to the local tourists, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman: (a) During the year 2008 the number of foreign tourist arrivals decreased by 2.0 percent as compared to 2007. However, in 2009 foreign tourists arrivals increased by 3.9 percent. Details are as under:—

<i>(000 Nos)</i>		
<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
839.5	822.8	854.9

(b) Following proposals are under consideration for promotion of tourism / incentives to the local tourists:

1. Launching of special discounted tour packages.
2. Room Tariff of PTDC Motels which was due for increase due to inflation, has been kept at the current level.

@5. **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 06-03-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) *the terms and conditions laid down for issuance of licenses for travel agencies in the country;*

(b) *the number of the said licenses issued and those renewed since 2009; and*

@ Deferred from the 25th March, 2010.

(c) *the names and addresses of the said agencies working in Islamabad and Rawalpindi indicating also the names of owner in each case?*

Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman: (a) The terms and conditions laid down for issuance of licenses for travel agencies in the country, under the Travel Agency Act 1976 / Rules 1977 are at **Annex-A.**

(b) Number of Travel Agency licences issued 590
from 01-01-2009 to 17-03-2010.

Number of Trvel Agency Licences renewed 2155
from 01-01-2009 to 17-03-2010

(c) A list of licenced Travel Agencies working in Islamabad and Rawalpindi region indicating names of owners is at **Annex-B.**

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

ISLAMABAD :
The 1st April, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.