

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 13th July, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No. 75 was originally set down for answering on 10th May, 2012 (81st Session) but was deferred)

75. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**__(Notice received on 22-03-2012 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is shortage of Government residential accommodation for the Federal Government employees in the country, if so, the steps taken to address the shortage?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: Yes, it is a fact that there is shortage of housing units for allotment to Federal Government employees. The Federal Cabinet imposed ban on new construction of official residences for the federal government employees on 13-3-1995. Therefore, no further construction of government owned accommodation at Islamabad could be carried out. However, the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation/Pakistan Housing Authority have launched various housing schemes for the Federal Government Employees on ownership basis to minimize the housing problems.

72. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names of places in Districts Tank and Lakki Marwat where survey / drilling for oil and gas deposits has taken place indicating also the results thereof?

Dr. Asim Hussain: No survey/drilling work have so far been carried out in any area/place of Districts Tank and Lakki Marwat by the licensees due to law and order situation.

73. *** Mr. Hamza** (Notice received on 11-05-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ban has been imposed on establishment of new CNG stations in the country, if so, the date on which the ban was imposed; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Government has granted permission / licenses for establishment of CNG stations during the ban period, if so, the names and addresses of the persons / companies to whom the licenses /permission granted?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Ban was imposed by Government of Pakistan (Gop) on setting up of new CNG Stations across the Country on 6th February, 2008 (Annex-I). However, GoP lifted the ban on issuance of new CNG licenses for establishment of new CNG Stations in Baluchistan on 8th August, 2008 (Annex-II), which was again imposed by GoP on 4th October, 2011 (Annex-III).

(b) No

However, there was no ban on issuance of new CNG licenses for establishment of CNG Stations in Balochistan, therefore, thirty eight (38) new licenses were granted. In addition, one Provisional License was also granted on the direction of Supreme Court of Pakistan.

List of above 39 CNG Licensees bearing title of license/site address is placed at (Annex-IV).

74. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 15:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state present stage of work done on electrification schemes in district Peshawar recommended by me out of my development funds for 2011-12 and the time by which the same will be completed?

Reply not received.

75. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 16:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to issue term finance certificates by the OGDCL to raise revenue to tackle circular debt, if so, its details?

Dr. Asim Hussain: It is to clarify that OGDCL is not issuing any term finance certificates (TFC) to raise funds to tackle circular debt.

Efforts to resolve the circular debt have been ongoing for quite some time. In this regard Ministry of Water & Power submitted a summary to Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) proposing partial resolution of power sector circular debt by issuance of term finance certificates (TFC). OGDCL would subscribe to the TFC to be floated by PEPCO or the Power Holding (Private) Limited (PHPL) for Rs. 82 billion.

Details:

As of 30th April, 2012 the cutoff date for this transaction, total receivables of OGDCL from oil refineries and other companies were Rs. 144 billion. On the other hand, Payables by PEPCO to IPPs and gas marketing companies as of 30th April, 2012 were Rs. 136.3 billion. Likewise HUBCO and KAPCO have to pay Rs. 117 billion to PSO for supply of Furnace Oil. Against this, PSO owes Rs. 83 billion to various Oil Refineries.

It would be a paper transaction and the entire proceeds of TFCs shall be used to pay claims of HUBCO, KAPCO, SNGPL and SSGCL. In return HUBCO and KAPCO will pay their liabilities towards PSO. After receiving money from HUBCO and KAPCO, PSO will settle its liabilities towards oil refineries and oil refineries will settle claims of OGDCL. Accordingly, SSGCL, SNGPL, UPPL and FKPCCL shall also use the proceeds received to partly settle the overdue claims of OGDCL.

Resultantly OGDCL's current trade receivables would be reclassified as investment in TFC in the form of the Company Balance Sheet.

76. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 16:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the cost of production of electricity from thermal, hydel, gas and wind mills;*
- (b) the procedure to calculate the consumer cost?*

Reply not received.

77. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 14-05-2012 at 16:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the cost of generation of electricity through furnace oil and natural gas and to give relief to consumers of KESC to whom electricity generated from natural gas is supplied?

Reply not received.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 15-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the prices of various petroleum products as of 30th December, 2007, 30th December, 2008, 30th December, 2009, 30th December, 2010, 30th December, 2011 and at present; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to keep the prices stable?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) The ex-depot sale prices of various petroleum products are as under:

(Rs. per litre)

Date	MS (Petrol)	Hi-Octane Blending Component (HOBC)	Kero- sene Oil (SKO)	High Speed Diesel (HSD)	Light Diesel Oil (LDO)
30-12-2007	53.70	64.88	35.23	37.73	32.57
30-12-2008	57.66	72.08	51.87	57.14	48.00
30-12-2009	66.00	80.52	62.63	70.52	60.22
30-12-2010	72.96	86.67	70.95	78.33	66.61
30-12-2011	87.89	106.78	89.24	98.82	86.78
Current (1-6-2012)	99.97	125.07	94.05	105.77	91.59

(b) Around 85% of country demand of oil is being met through import, therefore the ex-depot sale prices of petroleum product are linked with international (Arab Gulf) market prices of petroleum product published in Platts Oilgram. As such the prices of petroleum products are increased/decreased based on price trend in International Market. The Government has deregulated the prices of Petroleum Products (MS/Petrol, HOBC, LDO and Jet Fuels) and their prices are linked with actual import prices of PSO. The price of HSD and Kerosene are notified by OGRA as per approved GoP formula which based on International Arab Gulf Market published prices.

79. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of rental power plants working in the country at present; and*

(b) *the rate at which electricity is being purchased from the said plants and the rate at which the same is being supplied to consumers?*

Reply not received.

80. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Independent Power Producers presently producing electricity in the country;*
- (b) *the electricity produced by the said producers during the last two years with month-wise break up; and*
- (c) *the rate at which electricity is being purchased from those producers and the rate at which the same is being supplied to consumers?*

Reply not received.

81. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 16-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the amount collected under the head of gas charges from 1st July to 31st December, 2011 and 1st January to 29th February, 2012, separately?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The amount collected under the head of gas charges from 1st July to 31st December 2011 and 1st January to 29th February 2012 as under:

Figures in Rs. Million

Company Name	from 1st July to 31st December 2011	From 1st January to 29th February 2012
	SNGPL (Annex-I)	98,582 39,518
SSGCL (Annex-II)	59,590	22,482
Total	158,172	62,000

82. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names and locations of gold and silver mines in the country indicating also the estimated reserves of each mine?

Dr. Asim Hussain: Occurrences and showings of Gold and Silver have been reported from various parts of the country including Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan Region

and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. However, the reserves of these occurrences and showings have not been confirmed except for the Saindak and Reko Diq deposits, district Chagi, Balochistan. Saindak Copper-Gold Project, Balochistan is the only project in the country which is producing gold and silver as a by product in a nominal quantity.

The estimated reserves of gold and silver in the country are as under:

Mineral	Location	Reserves (Tons)
Gold	Saindak Project	63.50
	Reko Diq Project	1275.75
	Total	1339.25
Silver	Saindak Project	74707.47
	Reko Diq Project	Not quantified
	Total	74707.47

83. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the nature of complaints received or came to the notice of the Ministry regarding poor arrangements or difficulties faced by the pilgrims during Haj, 2011; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to rectify these errors during the Haj, 2012?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) The nature of complaints received or came to the notice of Ministry of Religious Affairs may kindly be seen at **Annex-‘A’**.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to rectify these errors during the Hajj-2012 may kindly be seen at **Annex-‘B’**.

Annex-A

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Religious Affairs

The nature of complaints received or came to the notice of Ministry of Religious Affairs are broadly categorized as under:—

1. **ACCOMMODATION PROBLEMS:**

- Building located far away from Haram Sharif.
- Absence of Elevators or these being out of order frequently.
- Buildings lacked basic amenities like Drinking Water, Washing Machine and Kitchen facility.
- Buildings were over-crowded, due to accommodating Hujjaj beyond its capacity.
- Provision of gender-specific accommodation or adjustment thereof was not kept in view.

II. **TRANSPORT:**

- Transport schedule for carrying Hujjaj to Haram sharif was not observed strictly.
- The behaviour of transport staff toward Hujjaj was not friendly; rather, it was rude and hostile.

III. **DELAY OF FLIGHTS:**

- During post-Hajj operation, delay of flights for so many hours caused inconvenience to Hujjaj.

IV. **PROBLEMS OF PILGRIMS IN MASHAIR:**

- The Hujjah specially in Mashair complained that no body amongst the Khudam guided them to their Makatib.

PERFORMANCE OF HGOs.

● The following complaints were received against various Hajj Group Organizers:—

- Provision of poor accommodation in violation of the terms of agreement;
- Changing of buildings/hotels of Hujjaj without any intimation to Pakistan Hajj Mission;
- Over crowding in residences of Hujjaj in Makkah and Mashair;
- Charging different amounts from different Hujjaj for same facilities;
- Improper arrangement for cleanliness of the premises/bed sheets;
- Non-provision of drinking water/Aab-e-Zam Zam;
- Over charging from Hujjaj on pretext of additional facilities;
- Violation of the package(s) offered by HGOs;
- Non provision of transport facility for prayers, as well as for Mashair;
- Non provision of food or supply of sub-standard food;

- Mis-management in provision of various items of logistical support;
- Non provision of medical facilities;
- Absence of Chief Executive/representative of HGOs;
- Switching off the mobiles by Chief Executive/representatives of HGOs;
- Non-provision of assistance and guidance by HGO to the pilgrims;
- Willful reluctance in settlement of the complaints of Hujjaj; and
- Misbehaviour of Chief Executive/workers with the pilgrims;

Annex-B

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Religious Affairs

The Government of Pakistan has approved Hajj Policy-2012 with special focus on the issues/problems faced by the Hujjaj during Hajj-2011 and following steps have been taken to avert the recurrence of such Problems during Hajj-2012:—

I. ACCOMMODATION PROBLEMS:

- To provide congenial atmosphere in accommodation, the hiring committee comprising following members has been directed to ensure hiring of quality accommodation for Hujjaj both in Makkah and Medinah:—

S. No.	Name and Designation	Position
1.	Director General of Hajj, Jeddah.	Convener
2.	A representative of the Ambassador of Pakistan in KSA, not below the rank of BPS-20.	Member
3.	Director Haji, Jeddah.	Member
4.	Deputy Director Hajj, Madina Munawwarah (for Madina only).	Member
5.	Assistant Accounts Officer, Jeddah.	Member

- To facilitate the Hujjaj, following three categories of accommodation at Makkah Mukarmah have been offered for choice/selection by Hujjaj at the time of submitting *applications for Hajj*:—

S. No.	Category	Proposed for 2012
1.	Blue.	Upto 900m @ SR.7500, without transport.
2.	Green.	From 900m to 200m @ SR.5000, with transport.
3.	White.	Beyond 2000m @ SR.3600, with transport.

II. TRANSPORT:

- Before formulation of the Hajj Policy-2012, several workshops were held wherein various complaints faced by pilgrims during Hajj-2011 were discussed and consensus was developed to improve transport service.
- The ratio of provision of transport facility to Hujjaj was substantially enhanced during the last Hajj which will continue in Hajj-2012 as well.

III. DELAY OF FLIGHTS:

- A meeting is scheduled to be convened in the 2nd week of June, 2012 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs with all the designated airlines, wherein weaknesses of Hajj-2011 will be discussed and means for improving service and curtailing delays would be thrashed out.

IV. PROBLEMS OF PILGRIMS IN MASHAIR:

- In order to facilitate intending Hujjaj during Hajj-2012, it has been decided that welfare staff deputed for Hajj duty in KSA will not perform Hajj. With visible presence of these Mua'wineen-e- Hujjaj and better coordination through main control office, sector and sub sector offices, every possible help will be extended to Hujjaj.

MONITORING AND SUPERVISION OF HGOs THROUGH A DEDICATED TEAM OF MONITORING OFFICERS:

- The Hajj organizers association of Pakistan (HOAP) shall establish a parallel administrative structure i.e. Main Control Office (MCO), sector offices in Makkah Mukarramah and Madina Munawwarah and a coordinating office at Jeddah airport under the overall supervisory control of Pakistan Hajj Mission. The Hajj organizers association of Pakistan (HOAP) shall also get due share in the service visas allocated to Pakistan Hajj Mission.
- The staff, so selected, would be deputed in the MCO, sector offices of HGOs and coordinating office at Jeddah airport under the administrative control of Pakistan Hajj Mission.
- Welfare staff including Hajj Medical Mission, Mua'wineen-e- Hujjaj (Pakistan based), Volunteers Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj and seasonal staff will preferably be selected from amongst those who have already performed Hajj duty in KSA and they would give an undertaking/affidavit not to perform Manasik-i-Hajj during their duty in KSA.

84. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names of areas in District Bannu which are linked with natural gas grid and to be linked in future?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The names of areas in District Bannu linked with natural gas grid are as under:

1. Nizam Khel,
2. Sikandar Khel,
3. Mewa Khel,
4. Bannu City,
5. Kotka Azad Khel
6. Bazida Kokar.
7. Mavakhel
8. Sikandar Khel Bala
9. Nizam Qallay

The names of areas in District Bannu to be linked with gas grid in future are as follows:

1. Qadirkhel
2. Zakirkhel
3. Mustagim
4. Drazkhel
5. Zozikhel
6. Ismaeil Khel
7. Musakhel
8. Walakhel
9. Purdilkhel

85. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of consumers of KESC at present;*
- (b) *the amount collected by KESC from the said consumers since its privatization with month-wise break-up;*
- (c) *the expenditures of the said company during that period with head-wise and month-wise break-up;*
- (d) *the details of new projects started by KESC during that period indicating also the amount invested in each case; and*
- (e) *the amount paid by Ibraaj Company and its share holders as income tax after taking over KESC with year-wise break-up?*

Reply not received.

86. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation, place of domicile and length of service of the employees of KESC retrenched or compulsorily retired since privatization of the company indicating also their salary at the time of retrenchment / retirement and the amount paid to them at that time; and*
- (b) the terms and conditions of privatization of KESC under which the said persons were retrenched / compulsorily retired?*

Reply not received.

87. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of Professionals posted against non-Professional posts in the Ministry?

Reply not received.

88. ***Mr. Rozi Khan Kakar:** (Notice received on 18-05-2012 at 13:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of persons belonging to Balochistan appointed in WAPDA since 2005, against -the quota allocated for the Province?

Reply not received.

89. ***Mr. Shahi Syed :** (Notice received on 21-05-2012 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) the quantity of oil products imported by PSO during the last three years;*
- (b) the names and value of the said products indicating also the names of the countries from which imported;*
- (c) the inland transportation of products and expenditures incurred thereon during the said period;*
- (d) the details of marketing mechanism adopted by PSO; and*

(e) the number, location and capacity of storages *with PSO?*

Dr. Asim Hussain:

Unit: MMT.

(a) PRODUCTS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12(Jul-Jun)
PMG	0.13	0.4	0.57	1.13
Jet A-1	0.14	0.3	0.43	0.19
HSD	3.43	3.8	3.36	3.10
FO	5.00	6.7	6.73	6.42

(b)	Import Value-USD Million				Country of Origin
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
PMG:	160	300	970	1526	UAE/Oman/France
Jet A-1:	95	260	360	19.3	Bahrain/Oman
HSD:	2,541	2,390	2,740	2910	Kuwait/UAE
FO:	2,157	3,170	4,130	4313	
UAE/KSA/ Malaysia/Singapore					

(c)	Unit: Million Rs.			
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	
Rail:	948	2,453	324	
Road:	7,119	8,349	18,607	
Pipeline		6,306	6,508	5,912
Total:	14,373	17,310	24,843	

(d) The product purchased by PSO is sold through various marketing segments *i.e.*

- Retail Outlets —through Dealers
- Consumer Business — Tender Business
- Aviation — providing fuel at the Airports to various airlines etc
- Marine —for Ships and Pakistan Navy
- Exports — Jet Fuel exports to Afghanistan
- Gaseous Business (CNG & LPG) marketed through Retail Outlets
- Chemicals — for industrial Customers

90. ___ ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 22-05-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to eliminate the circular debt in order to meet the prevailing energy crisis in the country?

Reply not received.

91. ***Mr. Baz Muhammad Khan:** (Notice received on 22-05-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that District Bannu has only one CNG station; and*
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant permission for establishment of more CNG stations, if so, when?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) Yes *i.e.* M/s Gas Net CNG Station.

(b) Presently, no proposal is under consideration of the Government to grant permission for establishment of more CNG Stations due to ban on issuance of new licenses.

92. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 23-05-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Chinese Government has approved \$448 Billion loan for Neelum-Jhelum project,*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this amount will be released by Chinese Exim Bank, if so, the amount released so far;*
- (c) whether this is a long or short term loan; and*
- (d) the completing time of the project and the name of the company to which project awarded?*

Reply not received.

93. ***Mr. Hamza:** (Notice received on 05-06-2012 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that supply of electricity remained suspended between Chobara, Tehsil and District Layyah, and Tarku Adda due to theft of electricity wire of 11 KV during the months of May and June 2012, if so, the date on which the incident of theft took place indicating also the date of restoration of electricity?

Reply not received.

94. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a new grid station at Barikot, Swat, if so, its details?

Reply not received.

95. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) the details of grid stations in Khyber Pakhtunkhawa that were damaged due to floods in 2010 indicating also the details of loss / damage caused to each grid station;*
- (b) the number of the said grid stations repaired / rehabilitated so far; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the work of repairing / rehabilitation of Madeen grid station, damaged in the floods has not been started so far, if so, its reasons?*

Reply not received.

96. ***Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 13:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the gear switch of Mingora grid station, district Swat, is becoming defective due to weather affects; if so, the steps taken for its protection; and*
- (b) the distribution capacity of the grid station between Upper Swat and Lower Swat?*

Reply not received.

97. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has granted status of an attached department to the National Language Authority, if so, the date on which the approval was granted by the Prime Minister; and notified in the official gazette?

Reply not received.

98. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-06-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Water and Power signed an amended agreement with KESC in April 2009, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *the details of special concessions, if any, extended to KESC through amended agreement and the justification thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the KESC has failed to implement the amended agreement, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the affairs to KESC as per amended and original agreements?*

Reply not received.

99. ***Mr. Ilyas Ahmed Bilour:** (Notice received on 14-06-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in SNGPL and SSGCL during the last three years with province-wise and grade-wise break-up?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The details of number of persons appointed in SNGPL and SSGCL during the last three years with province-wise and grade-wise break-up are placed below as Annex-I.

100. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-06-2012 at 15:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the profit earned or loss sustained by each power distribution company during the last four years;*
- (b) *whether audit of these companies has been conducted for the aforesaid period, if so, the details of irregularities, if any, reported in audit reports; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to make the said companies efficient and address their short coming?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 12th July, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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