

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 10th November, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Questions Nos. 107 and 110 deferred on 13th October, 2015
(120th Session))*

(Def.) *Question No. 107. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 14-09-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names, age, place of domicile, educational qualifications and date of appointment of the members of boards of Governors and Directors of the companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The names, age, place of domicile, educational qualification and date of appointment of the members of Board of Governors and Directors of the Companies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources at Annexures:

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| 1. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) | (Annex-I) |
| 2. Sui Northern Gas Company Limited (SNGPL) | (Annex-II) |
| 3. Oil and Gas Company Limited (OGDCL) | (Annex-III) |
| 4. Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) | (Annex-IV) |
| 5. Saindak Metals Limited (SML) | (Annex-V) |
| 6. Government Holding Pvt. Limited (GHPL) | (Annex-VI) |
| 7. Interstate Gas System Limited (ISGSL) | (Annex-VII) |
| 8. Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) | (Annex-VIII) |
| 9. Lakhra Coal Development Company (LCDC) | (Annex-IX) |
| 10. Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan | (Annex-X) |
| 11. Pak Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO) | (Annex-XI) |
| 12. Pakistan State Oil (PSO) | (Annex-XII) |

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

(Def.) *Question No. 110. **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice received on 16-09-2015 at 04:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of officers belonging to Sindh and Balochistan presently working in WAPDA?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The detail of officers belonging to Sindh and Balochistan presently working in WAPDA is as under:—

BPS	Sindh Domicile	Balochistan Domicile
20	10	—
19	52	11
18	159	13
17	114*	32**
Total:	335	56

*Question No. 101. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 03-06-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Government residences available with the Ministry of Housing and Works at present with category-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the procedure prescribed for allotment of the said residences; and*
- (c) *the names of Government employees presently on general waiting list indicating also the name of department and date of application in each case with category-wise break-up?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) 17613 Government accommodations are available with the Ministry of Housing and Works at Islamabad. Category-wise break up is enclosed as **(Annex-A)**.

(b) Allotments are being made as per procedure given in Allotment Allocation Rules 2002, particularly on GWL and under Rule 15(1)/(2).

(c) All the relevant information on account of GWL is available on Estate Office website *i.e* www.estate-office.gov.pk

Annexure-A

GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION (ISLAMABAD)

CATEGORY/ TYPE	BS	NO OF UNITS
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CAT-I (H, I)	20-22	179	
CAT-II (G)	19	408	
CAT-III (E, F)		16-18	1731
CAT-IV (D)	15	2318	
CAT-V-VI (A, B, C)	1-10	12970	
TOTAL:		17613	

*Question No. 102. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 09-06-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the year in which the last audit of accounts of OGDCL was conducted; and*
- (b) *whether any irregularity was surfaced in the report of the said audit, if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the light of that report?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The statutory audit of OGDCL accounts is conducted every year, accordingly, the last annual audit of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2015 was conducted by joint auditors namely M/s A.F. Ferguson & Co. Chartered Accountants and M/s KPMG Taseer Hadi & Co. Chartered Accountants. The audit of accounts was finalized in the second week of August 2015 and the audited accounts were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 August 2015 which were approved by the shareholders in Annual General Meeting of OGDCL held on 15 October 2015.

(b) According to the auditors' report on accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015, no irregularity has been observed/reported in their report. Copy of auditors' report on accounts for the year ended 30 June 2015 signed by the joint auditors is also annexed.

*Question No. 103. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 18-06-2015 at 04:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quota allocated to the Federal Government employees, employees of the Constitutional Bodies and other persons in allotment of plots, houses and flats in the schemes launched by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation indicating also the basis on which that quota has been allocated;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that recently the quota allocated to the employees of the constitutional bodies has been reduced, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the quota for the employees of the said bodies, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Quota wise allocation of plots to FG Employees, Constitutional Employees and other persons in Housing Scheme, Phase-VI (Bara Khau) is as under:

Quota	Allocated
F.G. Serving	52
Constitutional / Professional	02 / 02
Old Retired / New Retired	10 / 10
Autonomous	08
Autonomous Retired	02
Widows	04
M/o H&W	02
Journalists / Media Workers	02 / 02
Disabled	02
Hardship	01
FGEHF	01

The allocation of quota is based on proportionate number of members in each quota registered with FGEHF.

(b) The quota reserved for the employees of constitutional bodies has not reduced, in fact it has been enhanced from 02% to 03% for future schemes by the Executive Committee of the Housing Foundation in its 133rd meeting held on 17-06-2015.

(c) As above

*Question No. 104. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**
(Notice received on 19-06-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of corruption cases surfaced in the housing schemes launched by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation during the last ten years indicating also names and designations of the persons found involved in the same and action taken against them in each case; and-*

(b) *the steps taken/being taken by the Government to control corruption in the said Foundation?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) The Housing Foundation executed an agreement with M/s Green Tree for the purchase of 3000 kanals private land at Bhara Kahu . Islamabad for FG Employees. Land measuring 3153 kanals 07 marlas has been transferred in the name of FGE Housing Foundation so far. Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan on a newspaper report *Suo-Moto* notice in June, 2009. The case was disposed of on 27-02-2013. The Supreme Court ordered that “, no escalation in the project cost on any ground”. An enquiry was conducted in the Ministry by Mr. M. B. Awan, Senior Joint Secretary and report was submitted to the NAB and Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Over and above, detail of pending inquiries is Annexed.

(b) FGEHF had purchased the land in Bara Kahu for Housing Scheme Phase-VI from M/S Green Tree. Due reluctant to honour its obligation by M/s Green Trees, litigation started and has the matter remained subjudice in Islamabad High Court. Recently as a result of NAB intervention, an addendum is being prepared by both parties *i.e.* Housing Foundation and M/S Green Tree. As per agreement, M/S Green Tree is being bound to provide the developed plots. It is, therefore, expected that the development work on the scheme shall be started soon with transparency and completed without further delay.

Moreover, the following steps are being taken to control corruption in the Foundation:

- (i) To evaluate the expression of interest, an Evaluation Committee has been constituted is formed for transparency.
- (ii) Internally Audit of HF Wings through Chartered Accountant Firms. Annually audit of all Wings through Federal Audit.
- (iii) The process of hiring of Technical as well as Financial Consultant through advertisement is in progress, whose TORs is also to minimize risk and elimination of corruption.
- (iv) All the senior officials are assigned with their responsibilities as defined in Service Rules of Housing Foundation against each position and during appointment all the Codal formalities of service rules of Housing Foundation and regulations defined by Establishment Division are being adopted in Housing Foundation, which will minimize the risk of corruption during whole procedure of selection and finalization.
- (v) Housing Foundation has also started e-filing and registration system, which will help in minimizing the risk of corruption.

*Question No. 105. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided financial assistance for the construction of the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project and Dasu Dam, if so, the amount thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to obtain further financial assistance from the ADB or other international donors or financial institutions for the said projects, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has not provided any financial assistance for the construction of the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Electric Project (NJHEP) and Dasu Hydropower Project.

(b) **Neelum Jhelum HEP**

- No proposal for obtaining financial assistance from ADB is under consideration.
- Economic Affairs Division, Govt. of Pakistan has taken up the case with Exim Bank of China for additional foreign financing requirement of US \$ 576 million.

Dasu Hydropower Project

- The loan agreement between World Bank and Govt. of Pakistan has been signed for implementation of Dasu HPP (Stage-I). As per agreement, the Bank will finance Stage-I of Dasu HPP under IDA Credit amounting US \$ 588.40 Million. The Bank will also provide Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of an amount US \$ 460 Million against commercial financing needed to be arranged for Main Civil Works of Dasu HPP.
- Main Civil Works of Dasu HPP will be financed from commercial sources. An amount of US \$ 1,900 Million required for Main Civil Works have to be arranged from commercial financing.

*Question No. 106. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**
(Notice received on 01-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the electricity worth Rs. 2000 billions is being stolen annually in the country; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same; and*
- (b) *the amount recovered on account of said theft by the present Government so far?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Loss due to electricity theft against NEPRA Target of Losses:

- 2013-14 : Rs.57.77 Billion

- 2014-15 : Rs.43.03 Billion

Steps taken to prevent theft of electricity:

- Constitution of Task Forces.
- Field survey for Kunda connections.
- Rotation of Meter Readers.
- Lodging of FIRs.
- Incentive policy to regularize Kunda connections.
- Implementation of DAWN RAIDS in Kunda infested areas.
- A public awareness campaign is underway to educate people not to resort to Kunda Culture.
- Reward for detection of theft.
- Heavy punishment for field staff involved in theft of electricity.
- As per Gazette of Pakistan Offences & Penalties relating to Electricity have been amended in the PPC & CRPC notified Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations S.R.O. No. F/2(1)/2013 dated 31-12-2013 circulated by SO(PF), MOWP vide his letter No. PF-05(21)/2012 dated 17-2-2014.
- FIA has also been assigned task to control theft of electricity.
- On the direction of Federal Government, the Punjab Government has constituted a Task Force to control theft of energy under the convenorship of Secretary Industries and DCO of the respective District.

(b) Amount charged and Recovered through Detection Bills is given under:—

Years	Amount Charged	Amount Recovered
2013-14	15058.85	3841.33
2014-15	18938.03	4712.01
2015-16 Jul.-Sep.15	5523.22	1337.78
G. Total:	39520.10	9891.12

Recovery of balance amount is being effected by DISCOS & Ministry of Water and Power, Islamabad.

The default cases are also being forwarded to NAB for recovery.

*Question No. 107. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**
(Notice received on 10-07-2015 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether is it a fact that Pakistan Housing Authority launched a project for construction of “D-type” flats for low paid Government employees in Sector G-10/2, Islamabad, in 2008 which was scheduled to be completed by July, 2010;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said project has not been completed so far, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *the details of firms, contractors, sub-contractors which were awarded contracts of the said project;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that irregularities, involving millions of rupees, in the said project have been pointed out in the audit report of the Auditor General of Pakistan 2012-13, if so, the action taken against the persons responsible for the same; and*
- (e) *the time by which the said projects will be completed and possession of the flats will be handed over to the allottees?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Yes, PHA launched a project for construction of D-type flats for low paid Government employees in sector G-10/2, Islamabad, in 2008 which was scheduled to be completed in 2010.

(b) Yes, the said project has not been completed so far because of following main reasons:

- (i) Site clearance by CDA. The site was covered with thick jungle and utility pipelines like sewerage and water supply.
- (ii) Difficult site conditions. Hard rock is spread all over the project and difference of levels to the tune of 50 feet is also observed at site. Moreover, nullah is also passing by the project.
- (iii) change in foundation design due to subsoil conditions (from individual footing to raft footing) which eventually increased the quantum of work.
- (iv) Change in design due to revision in seismic code which further added to scope of work.
- (v) Due to escalation. As a result of inquiries work remained for almost two years.
- (vi) Cash flow problems. As a result of subsidy offered to F.G. employees at the time of launching project, the apartments to E.G. employees were sold at less cost (approximately Rs. 8 lac).
- (c) The said project was awarded to following two firms:—
 - (a) M/s ACE (Pvt.) Ltd. as Consultant.

(b) M/s Techno Int'l (Pvt.) Ltd. as Contractor.

(d) The Auditor General Pakistan pointed 047 following irregularities in G-10/2 project in the audit report 2012-13:

1. “Work done over and above the BOQ Rs.247.80 Million”

The same matter was discussed in DAC dated 29-1-2013. The DAC directed to conduct the inquiry to probe into matter. A detail inquiry was conducted and findings were placed before board in 9th BOD meeting. The Chairman and Members of the Board discussed the issue at length and approved the completion of all seven projects with revised cost estimates and the revised cost may be recovered on the basis of terms and conditions of allotment from the allottees. Hence both, the time and revised cost were regularized by the Board.

2. “Loss due to non-awarding of work to the lowest bidder—Rs. 48.42 million”

The same matter was also discussed in DAC dated 29-1-2013. The DAC directed to conduct the inquiry to probe into matter. A detail inquiry was conducted. The Inquiry Officer submitted following recommendation:

“The Management may proceed further under rules against Consultant Engineer and concerned officers as recommended by audit authority. Subsequently, matter was referred to FIA for investigation and probing the matter in detail. The inquiry is under process with FIA.

(e) It is expected that the project will be completed by December 31, 2015.

*Question No. 108. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**

(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water & Power be pleased to state whether it is fact that International Organizations including IMF and World Bank in their reports have indicated that the Indus system in the country is fast becoming a ‘closed basin’ in which all of the available renewable resources are already allocated for use, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to find ways for efficient usage of available water and alternatives in the country?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: It is fact that International Organization including IMF and World Bank in their reports have indicated Pakistan a water-stressed country. An excerpt from the June 2015 issue of Finance and Development Magazine in a report “Is the glass half empty or half full”? is as under:—

“In Pakistan, one of the most water-stressed countries in the world despite an abundant endowment, crops are predominantly irrigated, and agriculture consumes about 95 percent of annual available surface water. Yet agriculture is largely untaxed, even though it accounts for 20 percent of GDP and employs 40 percent of the population. Irrigation fees are based on land area rather than actual water consumption, which has impeded the adoption of more efficient technology and less-water-intensive crops.”

Regarding calling Indus as a “closed basin”, a basin is considered closed when all of its water resources are already allocated to meet various societal and environmental needs, with little to no spare capacity left over, such that supply falls short of demand during part or all of the year.

As per IRSA’s point of view Indus Basin is not a closed basin. The total quantum of Indus waters could not be tapped as yet. On an average about 30 MAF water is escaped unutilized below Kotri Barrage to the sea. After deduction of 8.6 MAF, the environmental flows to check the sea intrusion as per recommendations of International Panel of Experts (IPOE), about 22 MAF could easily be tapped for irrigation and other useful consumption.

***Question No. 112. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**

(Notice received on 26-08-2015 at 03.50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 110, replied on 12th August, 2015 and state the steps taken by the Government to allot plots to the retired employees of the Constitutional Bodies who have got membership under the Membership Drive of Phase-I after retirement?

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: There is 2% quota reserved in Housing scheme, Phase-VI (Bhara Kahu) of the Housing Foundation for those employees of Constitutional Bodies who were in service as on 01-07-2009. No quota is specified/ reserved for retired employees of Constitutional Bodies. However, this issue was raised by some retired employees of Constitutional Bodies. Accordingly, the request for creation /earmarking of a quota for retired employees has been examined and it has been decided to place the issue in forth-coming meeting of the Board of Directors / Executive Committee of the Housing Foundation.

***Question No. 113. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the quantum of water presently being received by each province and FATA from rivers and other water sources in the country?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The quantum of water received by the provinces during last ten years (Average) *i.e.* 2005-06 to 2014-15 from rivers is as under:—

Figures in MAF

Province	Kharif	Rabi	Total
Punjab	33.984	16.259	50.242
Sindh	27.743	12.392	40.136
Balochistan	1.833	0.854	2.687
KPK	3.366	2.245	5.611
Total:	66.926	31.750	98.676

As far as FATA is concerned there is no mention of its share in Water Apportionment Accord “1991”.

The information regarding other water sources in the country pertains to Provincial Irrigation Departments.

*Question No. 114. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the quantum of electricity presently being generated through hydel, gas, thermal, solar and wind etc. with province-wise break up including FATA?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The quantum of electricity presently being generated through hydel, gas, thermal, solar and wind etc. with province-wise break up including FATA, is given in Annex-I.

*Question No. 115. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 03:15 p.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that no allocation of separate funds for the maintenance work has been made to the Public Works Department (PWD) during the current financial year, if so, the reasons thereof;*

- (b) *the year wise breakup of the said allocation made during the last three years; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the funds allocated to the PWD for payment of salaries to their employees during the current financial year are being utilized for the purpose of maintenance work, if so, the measures adopted by the government to stop such practice?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) The allocation of the funds for maintenance work has been made separately for the current financial year 2015-16 to all Zonal Offices of Pak. PWD.

(b) The detail of year –wise funds allocated to the Pak. PWD has been made during the last three years is as under:

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. in million)	S.No.
1.	2012-13	
2.	2013-14	
3.	2014-15	

(c) It is not a fact that the funds allocated to the Pak. PWD for payment of salaries to Work Charge staff during the current financial year are being utilized for purpose of maintenance works.

***Question No. 116. Senator Sirajul Haq:**

(Notice received on 30-09-2015 at 09:12 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of reports published by the council of Islamic Ideology since its constitution with years-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the number of the said reports presented to each House of the Parliament so far;*
- (c) *the number of the above said reports discussed so far in each House of the Parliament indicating also the number of legislation made on those report; and*
- (d) *the details of those reports of the CII lying pending on which legislation has not been carried out?*

Mr. Perviaz Rashid: (a) The Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) since its inception has prepared 70 reports up till 2013-14 (detail is at Annex-I). Whereas, the annual report for the year 2013-14 is being processed by Council of Islamic Ideology for publication.

(b) Up till now, total 69 reports have been laid before the Parliament. The publication of the annual report 2012-13 has recently been completed, which will be shortly placed before the Parliament.

(c & d) Debate on the reports has not taken place. 35 reports were placed before 1990 (Annex-II) and the remaining reports were laid thereafter. A special committee was setup in the Senate in 1990 which divided the recommendations contained in the reports of the Council of Islamic Ideology till then into following six heads:—

- a. Islamic Social Order
- b. Education System
- c. Aqaid o Ibaadat
- d. Mass media
- e. Economic system
- f. Law and justice system

The special committee submitted its report containing recommendations of the Committee on the heads (a), (b), (c), (d) above, which also could not be discussed in Senate. Since no discussions have been taken place on the said reports in Parliament, therefore, no legislation has been made on the recommendations of CII.

***Question No. 117. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the province wise breakup of the number of new domestic natural gas connections given to the consumers, by the government, during the last two years; and*
- (b) *criterion adopted for the above said connections?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The province wise breakup of the number of new domestic natural gas connections given to the consumers, by the government, during the last two years are as under:

Province	Gas Connection
Punjab	493,522
KPK	85,790
Sindh	158,886

Balochistan	19,526
Islamabad Capital Territory	17,278
AJK	819
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Total :	775,821
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(b) The gas utility companies are providing gas connections to domestic consumers as per following criteria:

SNGPL

- (a) Applications are acknowledged from domestic applicants on a prescribed performa, along with necessary documents and an acknowledgement letter is issued to the prospective consumer(s).
- (b) Survey of the site for applications, meeting turn/merit criteria of the Company, is carried out and demand notice is issued to the applicant if company's gas network exists in front of the premise.
- (c) After deposit of security/service line charges, the case is forwarded to distribution department for installation of gas meters.

SSGCL

- (a) Applications for new gas connection are received on prescribed form in Sales Department along with the Pay Order and prerequisite documents, through company's registered contractors after completion of the internal houseline fitting.
- (b) These cases are then sent to their concerned Zones for processing and survey.
- (c) After proper scrutiny and survey, if found in order, the relevant cases are approved and sent for customer ID and confirmation of payment.
- (d) After the payment has been received, the cases are sent to Engineering Department for gas connection.

*Question No. 118. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**
(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the subsidies being given to the domestic electricity consumers in the country at present, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also its justification?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: At present there is no proposal under consideration to withdraw the subsidies, being given to domestic electricity consumers.

*Question No. 119. **Senator Professor Sajid Mir:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 12:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received for the Government Hajj scheme, 2015;*
- (b) the number of applicants declared successful as a result of ballot for the said scheme;*
- (c) the number of applicants dropped due to death, illness and any other reasons;*
- (d) the number of persons send in place of those replaced under the above said scheme; and*
- (e) the names and complete addresses of those persons replaced due to death, illness and any other reason?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousuf: (a) 269,328 Hajj applications under Government Hajj Scheme have been received in all designated banks.

(b) 68,100 Hajj applicants were declared successful for Hajj-2015 through “Balloting”.

(c) Total 533 Hajj pilgrims had taken refund after “Balloting” due to various reasons.

(d & e) Total 171 Hajj applications received as substitution. List of those person replaced due to death, illness and any other reason are enclosed at Flag “A” with complete addresses

***Question No. 120. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini:**

(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government would provide gas facility to the excelled inhabitants after completion of Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project;*
- (b) the names of the cities from where gas pipe line of the said project passes; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that royalty on the said gas would be given to the Government of Balochistan, if the answer is in affirmative, the percentage / amount thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Yes.

The design of the pipeline has the provision for supply of gas to 9 off-take points all along the pipeline route.

(b) The gas pipeline passes near the cities Gawadar, Pasni, Ormara, Uthal and Nawabshah. An overview map of IP Project is attached as Annexure-A.

(c) Royalty will be given in accordance with the legislation.

***Question No. 121. Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications, experience, nature of appointments and criterion adopted for the appointment of CEOs/MDs of DISCOs and GENCOs;*
- (b) *the qualification and experience prescribed for the Board of Directors of the said DISCOs and GENCOs indicating also the criterion adopted for the appointment of those Directors; and*
- (c) *whether the Boards of Directors of the above said DISCOs and GENCOs are in order?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) DISCOs.

The names, educational qualification, experience, of incumbent CEOs of DISCOs are under :—

(b) The Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 provides the following criteria for a person to become director on the BoD of Public Sector Company:—

- (i) is at least graduate;
- (ii) is a reputed businessman or a recognized professional with relevant sector experience;
- (iii) has financial integrity;
- (iv) has no convictions or civil liabilities;
- (v) is known to have competence;
- (vi) has good reputation and character;
- (vii) has the traits of efficiency and honesty;
- (viii) does not suffer from any disqualification to act as a director stipulated in the Ordinance;
- (ix) has not been subject to an order passed by the commission cancelling the certificate of registration granted to the person individually or collectively with others on the ground of its indulging in insider trading, fraudulent and unfair trade practices or market manipulation, illegal banking, forex or deposit taking business;

- (x) has not been subject to an order passed by the Commission or any other regulatory authority, withdrawing or refusing to grant any license or approval to him which has a bearing on the capital market.
- (xi) is not a stock broker or agent of a broker; and does not suffer from a conflict of interest; this includes political office holders in a legislative role.

(c) The BoDs of the DISCOs and GENCOs are in order. However, the Ministry has initiated the process of revamping all the BoDs of Public Sector Companies under its administrative control to bring them further in conformity with provisions of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013.

***Question No. 122. Senator Mohsin Aziz:**

(Notice received on 06-10-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state that whether the present PSO Board is in order and working according to the laid down procedure / requirement?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: PSO, Board of Management (BOM) was dissolved / de-notified *vide* Ministry's Notification No.5(6)/2008-Gas dated 12th February, 2015. (Annex-I).

PSO Board of Management (BOM) has been notified *vide* notification No. 5(6)/2008-Gas dated 2nd November, 2015 after approval by competent authority (Annex-II).

***Question No. 123. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja:**

(Notice received on 12-10-2015 at 05:25 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the dates of appointments of members of Election Commission of Pakistan from all the four Provinces indicating also their date of retirement along with the complete details of salary, perks and privileges etc. being paid to the said members during the period of their tenure; and*
- (b) *the number of meetings held by the said members after joining the office of Election Commission of Pakistan so far indicating also the ratio of participation of each member in the said meetings?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) Under clause (2A) and (2B) of Article 218 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Members of the Election Commission were appointed for a period of five years with effect from 13th June, 2011 and their tenure will be completed on 12th June, 2016. The detail of salary, perks and privileges etc. paid to the Hon'ble Members during the period of their tenure may be perused at **Annex- "A"**.

(b) A total number of 48 meetings of the ECP were held since appointment of Hon'ble Members from 15-06-2011 to 21-09-2015 and detail of participation of each members in the said meetings may be seen at **Annex-“B”**.

However, informal meetings of the Election Commission are held daily to decide/dispose of the cases with regard to the complaints received from the general public/political parties, matter relating to electoral rolls, delimitation of constituencies, election petitions, bye-elections to fill the casual vacancies in the Parliament and Provincial Assemblies and so many other miscellaneous matters put on files from Election Wing, Local Government Elections Wing, Budget Wing, Administration Wing, Electoral Rolls Wing, IT Wing, Legal Wing, Research Wing, Training Wing, Gender Wing and all the four Provincial Election Commissioners. As these meetings are informal which are not publicised.

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

***Question No. 124. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja:**

(Notice received on 12-10-2015 at 05:26 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the grade wise number of officers (BS 17 to 22) working in the Election Commission of Pakistan; and*
- (b) the number of officers granted extension in service during the last five years in each case separately?*

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed: (a) A total number of 351 officers in BS-17 to BS-22 are working in the ECP and their Province-wise break-up is attached at **Annex-A**.

(b) The Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner is competent to grant extension in service to an employee under rules 8 and 11 of the Election Commission (Officers & Servants) Rules, 1989. Therefore, a total number of 12 officers of the ECP were granted extension during last five years, their names, designation and period of extension in service may be perused at **Annex-B**.

***Question No. 125. Senator Khalida Parveen:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the House No. 51-b, street No. 40, G-6/1-2, is illegally occupied by a retired government employee since 2013;*
- (b) the number of illegal occupants of all types of the government accommodations in Islamabad, even after their retirements, at present; and*

- (c) *the reasons for not getting the said government accommodations vacated from such retired employees so far indicating also the reasons for granting relaxation in this regard?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrrani: (a) H. No. 151-B, St. 40, G.6/1-2, Islamabad was allotted to Mr. Khubal Gul, Driver, M/o Housing and Works Islamabad and he retired from service on 01-01-2014. After attaining the grace period, allotment was cancelled *w.e.f.* 01-06-2014 and then he is living in said house illegally.

(b) At present, 116 retired Government servants are occupying the Government accommodation illegally in all type of government accommodation.

(c) All the above 116 retired Government servants were issued notices for vacation of houses after attaining a grace period. After that legal procedure was adopted by the Estate Office to get vacated these houses from illegal occupants and some of them got stay orders from different courts. Moreover no one was granted relaxation in this regard as per Accommodation Allocation Rule 2002.

*Question No. 126. **Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:35 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantity of petrol and Natural gas (MCFD) produced in the country during the last five years with province-wise break separately;*
- (b) *the contribution of money to the national exchequer out of the production of Petrol and Gas with province-wise and year-wise break-up during the said period; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the provinces are being paid by the federal government out of the production petrol and Gas, if so, the ratio of payment with province-wise and year-wise break-up during the above said period?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The daily average oil and gas production of the country during last five years with province-wise break-up is as under:

(b) Royalty is being paid to the Provinces by the federal government out of the production oil and gas at the rate of 12.5% of the “Well-Head value” of the (Petroleum) produced & saved. The amount paid to each province during the last 5 years is as under:

Royalty on Oil & Gas Paid to Provinces

Rs In Million

(c) Reply of part “C” is same as above

*Question No. 127. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Office be pleased to state the date on which ERRA has started construction work on Oggi to Darband Road indicating also the date of its completion?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Office: The construction work on Oggi to Darband Road has been started in August, 2015. This road has a total length of 25 KM and divided into six phases as per following detail:—

Length KM	Starting date	Completion date	Phase
I	4	03-08-2015	02-08-2016
II	4		
III	4		
IV	4	12-08-2015	11-08-2016
V	4	Under tendering process and contract is likely to be awarded by 30th November, 2015.	
VI	5		

***Question No. 128. Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the number, names, designations of those officers in grade 21 and 22 along-with the names of their respective department who were allotted plots during the last two years?

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: NIL.

***Question No. 129. Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the volume of LNG provided by the PSO to IPPs during the last four months indicating its cost?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: LNG is not provided by Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to IPPs directly. However, SNGPL has been supplying LNG to IPPs and so far 16,260 MMCF (14,944,619 MMBTU) amounting to Rs. 19,695 million has been supplying to IPPs.

***Question No. 130. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number private oil exploring companies along with the Government owned corporations like OGDCL and PPL are exploring oil and natural gas in the country, if yes, the names and details of those companies and the said government owned corporations along with the discoveries made in the said areas during the last year?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Yes. Detail of E&P companies having exploration Licences alongwith discoveries made by them during last year is as under:

***Question No. 131. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Chinese Company namely Dong Fong has constructed a hydel power project at Jinnah Barrage, Miawali, if so;*
- (b) the date of commencement of the work on the said project along with its date of completion indicating also the capacity and the cost involved; and*

(c) *whether the said project has been handed over to WAPDA or otherwise?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Yes, M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation (DEC) of China has constructed Jinnah Hydropower Project at Jinnah Barrage, Mianwali.

- (b)
- The date of commencement of work was February 18, 2006.
 - Scheduled date of completion was October 31, 2013.
 - Installed capacity 96 MW.
 - Only mobilization advance of US \$ 19.2 million was paid by WAPDA to the Contractor M/s. Dongfang, China. The rest 85% (US \$ 108.8 million) was arranged under Supplier's Credit through Exim Bank of China by the Contractor.

(c) The Project has not yet been handed over to WAPDA, being under Defects liability Period of two years. The expected date of handing /taking over is mid November, 2015.

*Question No. 132. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and educational qualifications of sub-engineers promoted as engineers in PESCO, in January, 2014 indicating also the names of educational institutions from where they received their degrees; and*
- (b) *the names, place of domicile and grades of those persons appointed in PESCO since January, 2015 to date?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Syed Ghazanfar Ali S/O Rast Ali Sub Engineer (Civil) of P 3SCO, Civil Division was promoted as Junior Engineer (Civil) *vide* Office order No. 31725-35 dated 13-11-2014. He has obtained DAE (Civil) from Government Polytechnic Institute Peshawar in 1976 from the Board of Technical Education Peshawar.

(b) Nil

*Question No. 133. **Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 11:40)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that under the relevant rules a 50 kv transformer is provided / installed on the basis of 48 electricity connections;*

- (b) *if answer to part (a) above is in affirmative then whether the said rule is being followed in letter and spirit to avoid burning of transformers due to heavy load and loss to the exchequer; and*
- (c) *the number of the above said transformers burnt due to heavy load during the last year?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) It is not a fact that a 50 KVA transformer is installed on the basis of 48 electricity connections. The transformers are installed on the basis of connected load.

(b) The rule for installation of transformer on the basis of connected load is being followed in its true spirit.

(c) DISCOs wise detail of transformers burnt during last year is attached at Annex-A.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD :
The 9th November, 2015

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Tuesday, the 10th November, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Un-starred question No. 1 deferred on 13th October, 2015 (120th Session))

(Def.) Question No. 1. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:02 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the transformers installed in village Darkali Shar Shahi, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, are dysfunctional for the last several months, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not making the said transformers functional so far and the time by which the same will be made functional?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif:

(a) The area of Village Darkali Sher Shah, Tehsil Kallar Syedan. District Rawalpindi is being fed through 09 transformers having capacities:—

50 KVA	=	2
100 KVA	=	6
200 KVA	=	1

100 KVA transformer installed near Jamia Masjid Darkali Sher Shahi was damaged during the holy Month of Ramzan. The load of the said transformer was shifted to the nearby transformer and supply was restored on same day.

(b) The required 100 KVA transformer has been drawn from store on 12-10-2015 and will be installed within next few days.

Question No. 2 **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq :**
(Notice received on 19-08-2015 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that transmission lines/electricity wires installed in village Chaper, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, have passed their life span, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif:

This is fact that the LT lines were erected at Village Chaper, Tehsil Kallar Syedan District Rawalpindi in 1982. These lines have become old/worn out with the passage of time thereby losing their usefulness.

In order to meet with the load demand of the area, an LT proposal for reconducting of LT line has been prepared by IESCO under ELR and sent to Consultant *i.e.* M/s EnMass Pvt. (Ltd) for vetting. Approval of the competent authority will be obtained once response from the Consultant is received.

Question No. 3 Senator Samina Abid:

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 50 kv electric transformer installed in village phaldar, union council Naka pani , Tehsil Oggi, District Mansehra has gone out of order due to heavy load;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the residents of the above said village got the said transformer repaired on self finance basis and thereafter one of its coil burnt again; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to replace the said transformer with the capacity of 100 kv, if so, the expected date of its replacement, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif:

(a) One phase of the 50 KVA electric transformer installed in the said village was damaged due to lightening and not due to overloading.

(b) No. It is not a fact, as the faulty transformer was re-energized on 2-phases, and supply was restored through the same in emergency. However, efforts are being made to replace the said transformer with the one in good condition, at the earliest.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration for augmentation of existing 50 KVA transformer with 100 KVA as the existing 50 KVA transformer is running under load. However on availability of 50 KVA transformer (expectedly within two weeks) the same will be replaced.

Question No. 4 Senator Samina Abid:

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the WAPDA recovers its line loss through charging its consumers who pay their electricity bills; and*
- (b) *the number of cases registered by the IESCO and PESCO against theft of electricity since 1st June 2015, and the action taken against them?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif:

(a) No, it is not true that DISCOs recover their line losses through charging its consumers who pay their electricity bills, as every consumer is being charged as per his own monthly electricity consumption.

No.of Company	FIRs Registered (Nos)	Amount Recovered Through Detection Bills. (Rs. Million)
IESCO146	109.57	
PESCO1061	86.13	

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