### SENATE SECRETARIAT

## "QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Friday, the 30th August, 2024

\*Question No. 12 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan**: (Notice Received on 8/07/2024 at 10:30 AM) QID: 42169

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some areas of Mauza Athal, Simly Dam Road, Islamabad such as Mohallah Zafarabad etc. have not been provided with the facility of three phase electricity, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the time by which the same will be provided there; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the 50KVA transformers installed in the said area are insufficient to cater for the load requirement, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced with 100 KVA transformers?

Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari: (a) There exists 100 kVA Distribution Transformer at "Mohallah Zafarabad Mouza Athal Simly Dam Road Islamabad". Presently, 84 consumers of the mentioned area are being fed from IESCO's Low Tension (LT) distribution network and all of them are single phase connections. At present, there is no need of 3-phase Low Tension (LT) network. However, if any consumer applies for a 3-phase connection, the Low Tension (LT) network will be upgraded to 3-phase till the feeding point of that consumer as per prevailing rules (approximately within one month).

Moreover, voltage at consumers' premises is found within permissible limit.

(b) There exists 100 kVA Distribution Transformer instead of 50 kVA at the said location. The 100 kVA Distribution transformer is running at 60% loading and is sufficient to cater for the requirement of the area.

## \*Question No. 13 **Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro:** (Notice Received on 8/07/2024 at 10:47 AM) QID: 42171

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the number of employees working in the Petroleum Division, its sub ordinate offices, autonomous/semi-autonomous bodies, organizations and corporations etc. working under its administrative control with province wise breakup?

### Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: Detail is attached at Annex-I.

#### Annex-I

Name of Departments/ Organizations	Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT)	Punjab	Sindh	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Balochisan	Azad Jammu & Kashmir	FATA	Gilgit Baltistan	Merit	Total
Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division)				Detail	attached as p					
Policy Wing		61	15	19	6	3	1	3	1	109
Department of Explosives		45	18	15	8	3	-	-	•	89
Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL)	Pakistan L	NG Limite	d is con	stituted under the	e Companies entioned in the	Ordinance matter	1984 an	d does not f	all in any o	ategory
Government Holding Pvt. Ltd (GHPL)	15	41	10	11	2	3		1	-	83
Inter State Gas System (Pvt) Limited (ISGSL)	9	27	4	5	•	2	1	-	-5	48
Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan (HDIP)		114	46	55	18	18	2	4		255
Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC)		348	83	89	157	17	5	4	•	703
Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL)				Detail	attached as p	er Annex-E	3			1
Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL)	15	6031	60	1622	81	62	123	-	-	8002
Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSOCL)	190	587	1265	126	35	-	-	12	•	2215
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Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL)	•	444	740	113	1221	24	-	4	-	2546
Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO)				Detail	attached as p	er Annex-E	)			
Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP)	24	292	142	110	225	19	15			827
Saindak Metal Limited (SML)	-	1	4	5	88	4	•	-		102

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## Annexure-B

		Employe	es - Officers	
Province	Regular	Contract	Deputation	Total
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	37	4		41
Balochistan	120	7		127
Gilgit-Baltistan	10	4		14
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	295	46		341
Punjab	1006	95	1	1102
Sindh	483	28		511
Tribal Area/Fed.Adm.	37	4		41
Grand Total	1988	188	1	2177

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Province	Regular	Contract	Deputation	Total
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	152	2	0	154
Balochistan	726	15	0	741
Gilgit-Baltistan	6	1	0	7
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	818	14	0	832
Punjab	3841	62	1	3904
Sindh	2757	61	1 1	2819
Tribal Area/Fed.Adm.	18	0	0	18
Total	8318	155	2	8475
Total Employees	10306	343	3	10652

## **Annexure-C**

# Sui Southern Gas Company Limited Grade-wise - Province-wise Break-up of Employees

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Grade	Azad Kashmir	Balochistan	Gilgit Baltistan	KPK	Punjab	Sindh-Rural	Sindh-Urban	Grand Total
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**Subordinate Staff** 

G-Total	27	619	1	200	300	2960	2188	6295
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## **Annexure-D**



### **PAK-ARAB REFINERY LIMITED**

2535 July 24, 2024

Mr. Imtiaz Azam Section Officer (CA-I) Ministry of Energy (Petroleum Division) Government of Pakistan Islamabad.

Dear Sir,

#### SENATE QUESTION(S)

Please refer to your letter Ref: No.10(1)/2022-CA-I dated July 12th, 2024.

We would like to inform you that Pak – Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO) is a Joint Venture Company between the Government of Pakistan (GOP) and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, established under its Memorandum and Articles of Association and incorporated under the Companies' Ordinance 1984. The business of the Company is controlled and managed by its independent Board and all decisions at a meeting of the Board are taken by consensus of the Directors.

PARCO is, therefore, an independent legal entity and as a result of its distinct legal status, is neither a Division, attached Department, Office of the Federal Government nor a Ministry nor an autonomous or semi-autonomous body nor is it a Public Sector Company.

In view of the above, it is to inform you that PARCO employees are appointed by the Company as per its HR and recruitment policies approved by its Board of Directors, and are not Government appointed, therefore, PARCO does not fall in the category of the organizations from whom the information, is being desired.

Yours faithfully, For Pak- Arab Refinery Limited,

> SYEDA AMEER BATOOL Company Secretary

\*Question No. 14 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 8/07/2024 at 3:48 PM) QID: 42173

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to reduce circular debt in Power Sector indicating also the mechanism devised to ensure implementation of the same; and
- (b) the estimated financial impact of the said measures?

Reply not received.

\*Question No. 15 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 8/07/2024 at 3:49 PM) QID: 42174

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the mechanism/ procedure adopted by the Government to provide electricity to un-energized villages and newly populated areas in the country?

**Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari**: Electrification of un-electrified villages and newly populated areas is carried out as and when funds are transferred to DISCOs by Federal and Provincial Governments on the identification / recommendation of respective parliamentarians.

In areas, where common distribution system is not available, the connections are granted by the DISCOs on cost deposit basis as per the policy mentioned in the NEPRA's Consumer Service Manual, which clearly states that:

"In areas where Common Distribution System is not available, the connection will be granted on cost-deposit basis."

\*Question No. 16 **Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani:** (Notice Received on 9/07/2024 at 11:43 AM) QID: 42176

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some industries are being transferred from China to Pakistan, if so, the estimated number of direct and indirect job to be created through the same and its estimated contribution to the economy of the country?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: Yes, it is true that several industries are expected to transfer from China to Pakistan, driven by the government's persistent and comprehensive efforts. This momentum has been significantly enhanced by the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan's visit to China in early June this year, accompanied by a 107-member business delegation. During this visit, several Chinese companies expressed keen interest in investing in Pakistan, resulting in a series of progressive B2B meetings between Pakistani and Chinese enterprises.

To further facilitate this process, the Board of Investment (BOI) under the Joint Working Group on Industrial Cooperation under CPEC has recently signed an Action Plan of the Framework Agreement on Industrial Cooperation with China's National Development & Reform Commission (NDRC) during, the Prime Minister's visit to China. This plan aims to boost industrial activity in Pakistan by encouraging Chinese enterprises to set up operations in Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

This initiative is expected to create a substantial number of direct and indirect jobs. The establishment of these industries and SEZs will contribute significantly to Pakistan's economy through increased investment and enhanced industrial activity.

Key elements of the plan include fast-track facilitation for Chinese companies, joint studies to attract quality foreign direct investment, international marketing of SEZs and specific training for SEZ operations.

While active efforts are underway to foster impactful joint ventures between Pakistani and Chinese companies, it is premature to provide exact figures regarding the estimated investment and job creation. However, these initiatives are expected to create significant direct and indirect employment opportunities and contribute positively to the national economy.

\*Question No. 17 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:** (Notice Received on 9/07/2024 at 1:56 PM) QID: 42180

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of independent power producers (IPPs) and generation companies (GENCOs) which have been issued licenses by (NEPRA) for electricity generation in the country so far indicating also the date of issuance license, period of license/ agreement and date of expiry of the license in each case;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the NEPRA has renewed licenses of some IPPs and GENCOs during the last two years, if so, the details thereof indicating also the period of extension in each case; and
- (c) whether the Government has made any modifications in the terms of agreements during the said renewal process, if so, the details thereof separately in each case?

Reply not received.

\*Question No. 18 **Senator Saifullah Abro:** (Notice Received on 10/07/2024 at 4:03 PM) QID: 39983

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:* 

- (a) whether it is a fact that contract / agreement with K-Electric was expired in 2015 and has not been renewed till date, if so, reasons thereof; and
- (b) the existing share of Federal Government in K-Electric as per the said agreement?

Reply not received.

## \*Question No. 19 **Senator Saifullah Abro:**

(Notice Received on 10/07/2024 at 4:03 PM) QID: 39984

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state with reference to Power Division's letter No.GPE/01/2022-vol-I dated 31st March, 2022 regarding Inquiry Report of damages in Block 14 Guddu Power Plant:

- (a) the details of action taken against the ex-Chief Executive Officer of Genco Holding Company;
- (b) the details of action taken against the Board of Directors Genco Holding Company CPGLC Genco-II; and
- (c) the detail of recovery made from M/s GE on account of the said incident?

Reply not received.

\*Question No. 21 **Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand:** (Notice Received on 22/07/2024 at 2:56 PM) QID: 42215

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

- (a) the law/rule under which the yearly holidays of the judges of Supreme Court of Pakistan and Islamabad High Court are notified; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to reconsider the yearly holidays of the judges of Superior Judiciary in order to manage backlog and ensure early disposal of cases, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

**Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar**: (a) Under Schedule-II to the Rules of Business, 1973, this Ministry deals with the Federal Government functions

of Superior Courts. The Superior Courts are functioning as separate constitutional entities working independently. In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 191 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Supreme Court of Pakistan has made rules called "the Supreme Court Rules, 1980". Pursuant to Rule 4 & 5 of Order-II of the ibid rules (**Annex-I**), the Supreme Court, observe summer and winter holidays vide Supreme Court of Pakistan's Notification No.F.9/2/85-99-SCA, dated 04th June, 2024 (**Annex-II**).

As far as holidays in the Islamabad High Court (IHC), are concerned, the said Court vide Notification dated 27.06.2024 (**Annex-III**), declared that the IHC shall observe summer vacation 2024 *w.e.f. July, 10, 2024 to September 10, 2024* with the approval of the Hon' ble Chief Justice of the said Court.

Further, granting summer and winter holidays to the Courts is the domain of respective High Courts and is the discretion of the Chief Justice concerned. Accordingly, no role rests with the Ministry of Law & Justice in this regard.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to reconsider yearly holidays of the Judges of Superior Judiciary.

Further it 'is pointed out that the civil employees of the Federal Government avail 15 days Rest & Recreation (R&R) leave once in a calendar year, under rule 10 of the Revised Leave Rules, 1980.

## SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN NOTIFICATION Rawalpindi, the 20th November, 1980

## Rawalpindi, the 20th November, 1980 THE SUPREME COURT RULES, 1980

[Gazette of Pakistan, Extraordinary, Part II, 23rd November, 1980]

S.R.O.1159(I)/80.- In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 191 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter called the Constitution), the Supreme Court makes the following Rules:

PART I

**GENERL** 

ORDER I

#### INTERPRETATION

- 1, (1) These Rules shall be called the Supreme Court Rules, 1980, and shall come into force at once.
  - (2) The Supreme Court Rules, 1956, are hereby revoked.
- 2. (1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires: -

"Advocate" means a person entitled to appear and plead before the Supreme Court.

"Advocate-on-Record" means an Advocate, who is entitled, under these Rules, to act and plead for a party in the Supreme Court;

"Article" means Article of the Constitution;

"Attorney-General" means the Attorney-General for Pakistan;

"Chief Justice" means the Chief Justice of Pakistan;

"Code" means the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908;

"Court" and 'this Court" means the Supreme Court of Pakistan;

"Court appealed from" includes a tribunal and any other judicial body from which an appeal is preferred to the Court;

"Gazette" means the Gazette of Pakistan;

"Judge" means a Judge of the Court;

"High Court" means the High Court of a Province;

"Party" and all words descriptive of parties to proceedings before the Court (such as "appellant", "respondent", "plaintiff", "defendant" and the like) include, in respect of all acts proposed to be done by an Advocate-on-Record, Advocate-on-Record of the party in question, when it is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Published in the Gazette of Pakistan, Part II, dated 23rd November, 1980 at page 2231-2292

## '[ORDER II

#### OFFICES OF THE COURT: SITTINGS AND VACATION

1. Except during the vacation and on Court holidays and subject to any order of the Chief Justice, the offices of the Court shall remain open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on week days; and from <sup>2</sup> [8.30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon on Friday:]

<sup>1</sup> Sub. vide office order No. F. 59/80-SCA, dated 21.10.1984 for "Order II". The original Order II was as follows:

Order II. Offices of the Court: Sittings and Vocation

- Except during the vacation and on Court holidays and subject to any order of the Chief Justice, the offices of the Court shall remain open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on week days; and from 8.30 to 1.00 pm on Thursdays:
  - Provided that no matter, unless of an urgent nature, shall be received within one hour of the closing time.
- 2. The offices of the Court shall be open during the vocation, except on Thursdays and holidays.
- The Judicial Year of the Court shall commence on the first Saturday in October each year, or
  if that is a Court holiday, then on the next working day, and continue until the
  commencement of the Vocation in the year next following.
- Summer vocation of the Court shall continue on such date as may be fixed in each year by the Chief Justice and notified in the Gazette.
- 5. \*[The Court shall not ordinarily sit on Thursdays ( or any other day that may be set apart for writing of Judgments), nor during the winter holidays, that is to say, December 24 to January 6, both days inclusive and on any other days notified in the Gazette as Court Holidays.]
  - \* Rule 5 subs. by Corrigendum published in Gazette of Pakistan, Extraordinary, Part II, dated 12th January 1980 at page 44.
- 6. A Judge shall be nominated by the Chief Justice before the commencement of vacation and winter holidays for the hearing of all matters which may require to be immediately or promptly dealt with and whenever necessary a Bench of the Court of two or more Judges may likewise be constituted by the Chief Justice for the disposal of cases during the vacation and winter holidays
  - Notification No. F. 59/80-SCA, dated 20-6-1984 substitute the original Order II as follows: Order II. Offices of the Court: Sittings and Vocation
- 1. Except during the vacation, on Fridays and Saturdays, and on other Court holidays and subject to any order of the Chief Justice, the offices of the Court shall remain open daily from 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with the break of thirty minutes from 1.30 p.m to 2. p.m.:

Provided that no matter, unless of an urgent nature, shall be received within one hour of the closing time.

- Except holidays, the offices of the Court shall be open during the vocation and the winter holidays.
- The Judicial Year of the Court shall commence on the first Sunday in October each year, or if
  that is a Court holiday, then on the next working day, and continue until the commencement
  of the Vocation in the year next following.
- Summer vocation of the Court shall continue on such date as may be fixed in each year by the Chief Justice and notified in the Gazette.
- The Court shall not sit on Fridays and Saturdays, nor during winter holidays, that is to say, December 24 to January 6, both days inclusive, and any other days notified in Gazette as Court holidays.
  - Provided that the Chief Justice may direct sittings of the Court on any Court Holiday .:
- <sup>2</sup> Sub. by Notification No. F. 59/80-SCA, dated 27.08.2003. Before Subs. the original words are" 8-30 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. on Thursdays:"

Provided that no matter, unless of an urgent nature, shall be received within one hour of the closing time.

- 2. Except holidays <sup>1</sup>[\*\*\*], the offices of the Court shall be open during the vacation and the winter holidays.
- <sup>2</sup>[3. The judicial year of the Court shall commence on the second Monday in September each year, or if that day is a Court holiday, then on the next working day, and continue until the commencement of the vacation in the year next following.
- 4. Summer vacation of the Court shall commence on the 15th June or on such date as may be fixed in each year by the Chief Justice and notified in the Gazette.]
- 5. <sup>3</sup>[The Court shall not ordinarily sit on Saturdays or on any other day that may be set apart for writing of judgments, nor during winter holidays, that is to say, December 18 to 31, both days inclusive, and on any other days notified in the Gazette as Court holidays.]
- 6. A Judge shall be nominated by the Chief Justice before the commencement of vacation and winter holidays for the hearing of all matters which may require to be immediately or promptly dealt with and whenever necessary a Bench of the Court of two or more Judges may likewise be constituted by the Chief Justice for the disposal of cases during the vacation and winter holidays.

<sup>1</sup> Omitted by Notification No. F. 59/80-SCA, dated 27-08-2003 for "and Thursday"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Subs. by Notification No. F.59/80-SCA, dated 11-01-2000 for "The judicial year of the Court shall commence on the first Saturday in October each year, or if that day is a Court holiday, then on the next working day, and continue until the commencement of the vacation in the year next following."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Subs. by Notification No. F.59/80-SCA, dated 24-4-2000 for "The Court shall not ordinarily sit on Thursdays or on any other day that may be set apart for writing of judgments, nor during winter holidays, that is to say, December 24 to January 6, both days inclusive, and on any other days notified in the Gazette as Court holidays."

TO BE PUBLISHED IN PART - 1 THE OF GAZETTE OF PAKISTAN

SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

Islamabad, 4th June, 2024.

## **NOTIFICATION**

No.F.9/2/85-99-SCA:- In order to reduce the backlog of cases, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan in exercise of powers under Rule 4 of Order II of Supreme Court Rules, 1980, has been pleased to curtail the period of summer vacation and fix Monday, 15th July, 2024 as the date from which the Summer Vacation of this Court shall commence. The Court shall re-open on Monday, 9th September, 2024.

However, the offices of the Court shall remain open, except on public holidays, and urgent cases, date by Court cases, criminal cases and any case as directed by the Committee under the Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) Act, 2023, shall be fixed before available benches.

> (IRSHAD HUSSAIN) ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (ADMN) FOR REGISTRAR

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## NOTIFICATION

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- 22. The Learned District & Sessions Judge (East & West), Islamabad.
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\*Question No. 22 **Senator Kamran Murtaza:** (Notice Received on 22/07/2024 at 4:02 PM) QID: 42217

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no additional 100 KV transformer has been installed in village Ghar Bala, Tehsil Darband, Mansehra, despite being proposed several times in Chain Augmentation system, if so, the reasons thereof, indicating also the time by which the same will be installed?

**Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari**: A chain augmentation case for replacement of - existing 100 kVA distribution transformer with a new 200 kVA distribution transformer with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.94 million (PESCO's own resource was approved on 20.01.2023 for village Ghar Bala, Tehsil Darband, Mansehra.

However, the installation of 200 kVA distribution transformer was delayed due to dispute by community against construction site of new transformer substation.

The 200 KVA transformer at village Ghar Bala, Tehsil Darband, Mansehra has been installed and energized on 15-08-2024.

\*Question No. 25 **Senator Shahadat Awan:** (Notice Received on 23/07/2024 at 4:08 PM) QID: 42230

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to ensure/implement rights of the persons with disabilities during the last three years indicating also the awareness campaigns launched by the Government engaging trailblazers in this regard?

**Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar**: The ICT Rights of Persons with disability Act, 2020 (**Annex-I**) has been promulgated to promote, protect and effectively ensure the Rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the communities in line with the Islamic Injunctions and provisions of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to advance efforts for recognition of their respect and dignity in the society. Under this act, the Council on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) has been constituted.

- 2. During the last 03 years, CRPD under M/o Human Rights has taken steps to ensure/ implement the rights of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).
  - i. A total of 59 meetings of the Medical Assessment Board of the CRPD were held and after thorough examination by specialist doctors, disability certificates were issued to 4209 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) of ICT through one window operation with following details:-

Total disability certificates issued to PWDS	4209
Physically Challenged:	1981
Visually Challenged:	307
Hearing Challenged:	618
Mentally Challenged:	1303

- ii. The facilities / services link to this certificate include:-
  - special CNIC with the universal logo of disability.
  - 2% disability quota in employment.
  - allowed to appear in CSS examination.
  - free Medical Treatment in all Government Hospitals.
  - import of Duty-Free car for Physically PWDs.
  - Concession in National Airline and Pakistan Railways fare.
- iii. The Council on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Ministry of Human Rights has approached all Ministries / Divisions for the implementation of 2% disability quota in employment reserved for PWDs requested them to meet the shortfall in the provision of employment to reach out to (PWDs).

- iv. An MIS System has been developed in MoHR to keep record of all the PWDs having disability certificates, which will be helpful for all Service Providers departments, to reach out to PWDs.
- v. The meeting of CRPD's Committee to Import a-DutyFree Cars for PWDs was held on 10th July, 2024 to recommend the eligible PWDs for import of Duty-Free Cars as per Ministry of Commerce's-policy. The details are as under:-

Total applicants	Applicant appeared	Absent	Approved applicants	
27	20	07	12	08

- vi. Meetings were held with Capital Development Authority to make Islamabad a Disabled Friendly city resulting in following initiatives for PWDs by CDA:-
  - Enforcement of instructions for building ramps in the existing buildings.
  - Design manuals of the future buildings ensures barrier free accessibility.
  - The disabled friendly toilets were established in public areas.
  - Public parks have been made disabled friendly.
  - The disabled friendly special seats reserved for PWDs in public transport including Metro Bus Services.

#### Awareness Campaign: -

The MOHR has organized 130 awareness sessions. The details of which may be perused vide **Annex-II.** 

(Annexures have been Placed in Library and on Table of the Mover/Concerned Member)

\*Question No. 26 **Senator Shahadat Awan:** (Notice Received on 23/07/2024 at 4:08 PM) QID: 42229

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the amount allocated and disbursed for the provision of free legal aid to the poor victims of human rights violations in the country during the last three years indicating also the details of victims / beneficiaries and the amount provided to them in each case?

Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar: The Legal Aid and Justice Authority established under the Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020. The Authority has been allocated to Ministry of Law and Justice from Ministry of Human Rights (In February, 2024). Since the allocated provisions of Legal Aid Was subject to the rules which were not approved at that time, therefore the Ministry of Law and Justice drafted Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Grant of Legal Aid Rules), 2024 which were placed before the CCLC in its meeting held on 18th April, 2024. The CCLC directed to consultation with Ministry of Finance hence, accordingly, the draft was shared with the Ministry of Finance and it raised few observation which are under consideration in Ministry of Law and Justice.

Ministry of Law and Justice has moved a Bill to the National Assembly proposing certain Amendments in the Act to make functional the Legal Aid and Justice Authority under the Ministry of Law and Justice. Upon completion of afore-mentioned actions, the Legal Aid and Justice Authority will commence providing free Legal Aid services in accordance with its legislative mandate, ensuring access to Justice for eligible individuals.

\*Question No. 28 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur**: (Notice Received on 25/07/2024 at 2:27 PM) QID: 42239

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the number of times prices of Gas and LNG were increased since January, 2022 indicating also the percentage of increase made each time separately?

Mr. Musadik Masood Malik: Since January 2002, the natural gas consumer prices have revised four (4) times. Under the OGRA Ordinance 2002 and Natural Gas Tariff Rules 2002 consumer pricing is done biannually. The details of category wise increases are provided at Annexure A.

The sale price of RLNG is determined and notified by OGRA on monthly basis. The details of increase month wise is attached at **Annexure B.** 

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## THE SALE PRICE OF RLNG NOTIFIED BY OGRA Annexure-B

FY-2021-22	SNGI	PL	SS	GCL
Month	Transmission	Distribution	Transmission	Distribution
Jul-21	12.1726	12.9160	11.8647	12.6386
Aug-21	12.4558	13.2175	12.1615	12.9549
Sep-21	14.4652	15.3534	14.1670	15.0918
Oct-21	14.8686	15.7828	14.5760	15.5288
Nov-21	14.7709	15.6791	14.4802	15.4259
Dec-21	11.8966	12.6238	11.6197	12.3769
Jan-22	11.9858	13.5655	11.7092	14.2803
Feb-22	11.8083	12.8332	11.5360	13.9048
Mar-22	14.5497	15.8131	14.1948	17.1152
Apr-22	14.3680	15.6115	14.0242	16.9101
May-22	20.0711	21.8317	19.7178	23.7873
Jun-22	19.0737	20.7691	18.7951	22.6076
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Month	Transmission	Distribution	Transmission	Distribution
Jul-22	16.1860	17.4603	15.7792	17.9575
Aug-22	15.7085	16.9496	15.3567	17.4783
Sep-22	15.7376	16.9779	15.3558	17.4762
Oct-22	13.7080	14.7850	13.3454	15.1865
Nov-22	13.3888	14.4387	13.0157	14.8105
Dec-22	13.4140	14.4666	13.0462	14.8454
Jan-23	13.2898	14.3188	12.7566	14.5157
Feb-23	12.7148	13.7046	12.2602	13.9522
Mar-23	12.3362	13.2942	11.8724	13.5102
Apr-23	12.2752	13.2316	11.8453	13.4801
May-23	12.4308	13.3997	12.0005	13.6569
Jun-23	11.8001	12.7181	11.3736	12.9429
Average 2022-23	13.5825	14.6454	13.1673	14.9844

FY-2023-24	SNG	PL Services	\$44.4 S	SGCL # Branch
Month	Transmission	Distribution	Transmission	Distribution
Jul-23	11.6908	12.6493	11.2784	13.1367
Aug-23	11.5427	12.4885	11.1311	12.9649
Sep-23	11.8612	12.8366	11.9086	13.8716
Oct-23	12.3207	13.3332	11.9086	13.8716
Nov-23	12.4687	13.4930	12.0477	14.0337
Dec-23	13.6831	14.8118	13.2640	15.4524
Jan-24	12.6499	13.6898	12.2290	14.2451
Feb-24	11.5470	12.4922	11.1259	12.9584
Mar-24	11.8643	12.8142	11.2147	13.0563
Apr-24	11.9862	12.9462	11.3334	13.1947
May-24	12.7210	13.7440	12.0672	14.0506
Jun-24	13.5778	14.6249	12.3491	14.3793
Average 2023-24	12,3261	13.3270	11,8215	13.7679

Note: RLNG Prices without GST

## \*Question No. 29 Senator Kamran Murtaza:

(Notice Received on 25/07/2024 at 4:05 PM) QID: 42242

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to delegate the authority of price fixation of Petroleum Products to the oil marketing companies, if so, the details thereof?

**Mr.** Musadik Masood Malik: Different proposals to liberalize and deregulate the oil and gas sectors are being deliberated and a consultative process has been initiated with stakeholders, however, the details are yet to be developed. Once any plan is ready, same shall be placed before relevant forum for approval.

## \*Question No. 30 **Senator Poonjo Bheel:** (Notice Received on 25/07/2024 at 4:21 PM) QID: 42244

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the demand and supply of electricity to Districts Tharparker and Umerkot separately; and
- (b) whether there is any shortage in supply of electricity to the said districts, if so, the reasons thereof, indicating also the measures being taken by the Government to bridge the gap?

### Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari: (a)

• The demand and supply status of electric power in respect of districts Tharparker and Umerkot is as under:

Name of District	No. of 11 kV Feeders	Demand (MW)	Supply (MW)	Load Management (MW)
Tharparker	15	15.5	15.5	0
Umer Kot	25	42.4	23	19.4

(b)

 There is no shortage of supply in both Tharparkar and Umerkot Districts. Presently, no load management is being carried out in Tharparkar District. However, policy of load management is being carried out in Umerkot District based on the feeder-wise Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses as detailed below:

Category	1	11	181	IV	V	VI	VII	
AT&C Losses	Up to 10%	10 to 20%	20 to 30%	30 to 40%	40 to 60%	60 to 80%	80 to 100%	Total
Load Management	Zero	02 Hrs	02 Hrs	04 Hrs	06 Hrs	08 <sup>*</sup> Hrs	12 Hrs	
No. of 11 kV Feeders in Tharparker	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	15
No. of 11 kV Feeders in Umerkot	1	0	1	0	1	0	22	25

• Sub-Division-wise Aggregate Technical & Commercial losses (AT&C) of Urnerkot (Operation Division) HESCO, for the month of June-2024 are as under:

Name of Sub-Division	%age AT&C Losses
Umerkot	51.28
Pithoro	69.23
Samaro	52.79
Kunri	41.89
Chore	78.01
Umerkot Division	57.05

• To address the issue of electricity theft with the help of Provincial Government, an anti-theft campaign is in progress in all DISCOs including HESCO, since September 2023. To optimize the effectiveness and successful implementation of the campaign, anti-theft units have been established in DISCOs while progress is being monitored through the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on daily basis.

Moreover, following measures are being taken in HESCO to improve AT&C losses by theft control, which will result in reduced load-shedding:

• Replacement of old/sluggish and defective meters.

- Installation of AMI meters on all potential consumers like big commercial, industrial & tube wells.
- Installation of ABC cable.
- Mobile Meter Reading (MMR) is being implemented in DISCOs to ascertain the accurate reading for consumer's satisfaction to pay the genuine bills.
- Installation of Asset Performance Management System (APMS) on distribution transformers.
- Performance Contracts are being signed with BOD and management of HESCO to ensure continuous improvement through achievement of the agreed targets of Technical and Distribution (T&D) losses besides other parameters in this contract.

\*Question No. 31 **Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir:** (Notice Received on 30/07/2024 at 9:54 AM) QID: 42246

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of employees of FESCO and LESCO are involved in over billing the consumers, if so, the details thereof indicating also the action taken/being taken against them?

Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari: Reports have been obtained from FESCO and LESCO according to which there is no overbilling in both DISCOs. Meter reading through mobile phone with picture of the reading has been enforced in all DISCOs to avoid arbitrary charging. As a result of Mobile Phone Meter Reading, the issue of overbilling / wrong billing has been eliminated. Furthermore, DISCOs are planning to shift Industrial consumers on Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system.

To prevent meter readers from manipulating billing days for personal gain, billing is now based on calendar month days through prorata-based billing. Moreover, strict directives have been issued to the DISCOs to ensure correct billing while they are urged to ensure timely and accurate billing to consumers.

Consumer complaint redressal mechanism exists in DISCOs, for lodging complaints and redressal thereof.

In addition to the above, if any employee of DISCOs is found involved in overbilling, he/she is being strictly dealt with under relevant Rules.

Major penalty has been imposed on 94 employees including officers in LESCO and FESCO that includes demotion to lower posts, compulsory retirement from service, dismissal from service and termination from service. Besides various minor penalties have also been imposed upon delinquent officials / officers.

## \*Question No. 32 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 30/07/2024 at 2:15 PM) QID: 42251

Will the Minster for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the shortfall of electricity in the country at present indicating also the steps taeken/being taken by the Government to overcome the same?

Reply not received.

## \*Question No. 33 **Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur:** (Notice Received on 30/07/2024 at 2:16 PM) QID: 42250

Will the Minster for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the number of people applied domestic Sui Gas connections since 2020 to date indicating the number of applications pending and disposed off out of the same?

**Mr. Musadik Masood Malik**: The details of gas connections since 2020 to date is as under: -

Sr.	Description	SSGCL (No.)	SNGPL (No.)
1.	No of applications received for domestic gas connection.	285,440	2,004,161
2.	No. of connections provided	218.521	62,672
3.	No of applications pending	66,919	1,941,489

\*Question No. 35 **Senator Poonjo Bheel:** (Notice Received on 31/07/2024 at 2:02 PM) QID: 42255

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the measures taken/being taken by NDMA to mitigate the effects of lightning strike incidents in the District Tharparker and Umerkot?

## **Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office:**

NDMA's NEOC Technical Capabilities on Early Detection of Lightning Strikes. The National Emergencies Operation Center (NEOC) technical team specializes in forecasting extreme weather events particularly lighting and thunderstorms. Leveraging a number of atmospheric satellite-based datasets, we identify regions with a high probability of lightning occurrences. Through the National Common Operating Picture portal, the NEOC technical team can detect potential lighting events up to 7-10 days in advance.

Tharparkar, Umerkot and the south-eastern region of Pakistan experience an increased frequency of lightning and thunderstorms, especially during the summer months. This heightened vulnerability is attributed to the area's proximity to the North Arabian Sea. Deep depressions, cyclones, and monsoonal circulations transport moisture-laden air masses to the region, creating conditions conducive to thunderstorm formation.

Cumulonimbus clouds, characterized by their vertical development and high charge concentration, are the primary culprits behind heavy rainfall, lightning and thunderstorms, in the area. The NEOC technical team monitors atmospheric and oceanic dynamics to understand their correlation with these extreme weather events.

To effectively disseminate early warnings and advisories, the NEOC technical team utilizes multiple platforms, including the NDMA disaster alert application and our official webpage. Additionally, we maintain close communication with relevant government departments.

To enhance our forecasting capabilities, we are exploring the integration of advanced satellite systems such as those in the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP) and the Global Earth Observation

System of Systems (GEOSS). These platforms provide comprehensive data on atmospheric conditions, ocean dynamics, and climate patterns, enabling us to refine our models and deliver more accurate and timely alerts.

Advisories Issued. Furthermore, NDMA has issued weather advisories / flood alerts with regard to monsoon system in the country from 1 July 2024, specifically highlighting the risks posed by thunderstorms / lightning strikes to the general public. To date, NDMA has issued 22 x Advisories to government stakeholders and the general public, which are available on the NDMA website and App.

\*Question No. 36 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 1/08/2024 at 4:47 PM) QID: 42262

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the input cost of 50 MW Bagasse based IPPs power plants; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that input cost of bagasse based plants is determined on coal prices, if so, the details thereof?

**Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari**: (a) the applicable price of bagasse is Rs. 6,187/ton for the period from 1st October 2023 to 30 September 2024 which translates into fuel cost component (FCC) of Rs.12.4788.KWh. It may he noted that 8 IPPs with variant capacities ranges from 15 MW- to 62 MW have been established under the upfront Tariff regime of 2013.

(b) As per the Upfront Tariff 2013 for Bagasse based power projects dated May 29, 2013, the bagasse price was linked with the international coal price and the fuel cost component was to be adjusted as per mechanism provided in the upfront tariff determination.

Due to the exorbitant increase in international coal price, the vide its decision dated February 07, 2024 delinked the bagasse price from coal front 2022 onwards.

\*Question No. 37 **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada:** (Notice Received on 2/08/2024 at 12:22 PM) QID: 42263

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the volume of circular debt of gas sector at present indicating also the measures being taken by the Government to deal with the same?

**Mr. Musadik Masood Malik**: The existing Gas Circular Debt includes a principal amount of Rs. 2,027 billion and Rs. 714 billion as interest Late Payment Surcharge (LPS). To address the flow of circular debt, the government has periodically revised consumer gas prices, to meet OGRA determination of the revenue requirement, in Nov-23. Feb-23 and July-24.

To tackle the stock of circular debt, government is exploring various cash and non-cash settlement options which include provision of budgetary support, increase in consumer gas tariff, book adjustments etc. Petroleum Division has also engaged M/s KPMG to ascertain the financial viability of the gas/RLNG supply chain and causes of circular debt to prepare a comprehensive plan for handling circular debt.

\*Question No. 38 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 5/08/2024 at 12:00 PM) QID: 42268

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:* 

- (a) whether it is a fact that input cost of imported coal power plants in the country is more than the cost of coal plants in other countries, if so, the reason thereof indicating also the benchmark of coal prices for the last three years; and
- (b) the details of price of coal of South Africa and international market in July, 2024 indicating also the price at which the same was imported for plants operating in the country?

Reply not received.

\*Question No. 39 **Senator Muhammad Aslam Abro:** (Notice Received on 9/08/2024 at 3:21 PM) QID: 42281

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of authorized workshops for repair and maintenance functioning under SEPCO indicating also the criteria devised for the shortlisting, authorization and performance evaluation of the same; and
- (b) the number of transformers belonging to SEPCO indicating also the number of those repaired by the said workshops and these permanently out of order out of the same during the last five years?

Reply not received.

\*Question No. 40 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:** (Notice Received on 9/08/2024 at 4:10 PM) QID: 42286

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the number of applications pending with Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) for domestic sui gas connections on existing network of SNGPL in zone-1 of Islamabad (CDA Sectors), indicating also the time by which connections will be provided to these applicants?

**Mr. Musadik Masood Malik**: There are 13,658 applications pending with Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) for domestic sui gas connections on existing network of SNGPL in Zone-I of Islamabad (CDA Sectors).

Presently, a moratorium imposed by the Government is in place on provision of new indigenous gas based connection to domestic consumers. The above applications shall be considered as per prevailing policy after lifting of moratorium by the Government.

\*Question No. 41 **Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan:** (Notice Received on 12/08/2024 at 10:23 AM) QID: 42287

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that unscheduled gas load shedding is being carried out in Cabinet Division Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Sector E-16 and E-17, Islamabad for the last one year, if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that said unscheduled load shedding has been extended to days during the current monsoon season, if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the details of measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure un-interrupted supply of gas to the said society and sectors?

**Mr. Musadik Masood Malik**: (a) It is not a fact that gas load shedding is being carried out in Cabinet Division Employees Cooperative Housing Society Sector E-16 and E-17, Islamabad for the last one year.

- (b) As stated above.
- (c) Presently, SNGPL is providing gas to its domestic consumers during cooking hours, as per availability of gas. In case of any low-pressure complaint. SNGPL's teams are available 24/7 to resolve such complaints as per OGRA standards.

\*Question No. 42 **Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan**: (Notice Received on 16/08/2024 at 3:02 PM) QID: 42295

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state whether it is fact that the Hajj dues for the infants were increased from to Rs. 62,865 for the year 2023 to Rs. 355,000 in year 2024, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the measures taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the same to the previous amount?

**Chaudhry Salik Hussain**: It is fact that Hajj dues for the infants were increased from to Rs. 62,865/- for the year 2023 to Rs. 355,000 in year 2024. The main component of this amount is Compulsory Hajj Dues (CHD) amounting to Rs. 315,000/-; which is charged by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony do not charge anything on account of CHD from infants except visa fee. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) issues visas to a country as a whole figure and no separate provision is made for infants. KSA issues visas for all people proceeding to perform Hajj against payment of CHD. Prior to Hajj -2022, the payment were made to KSA Authorities after reconciliation by excluding infants, therefore, no CHD were charged except visa fee. Since 2022, after the Pandemic of Corona, all the Hajj activities have been carried out on Electronic track by making payment of CHD for infants. No refunds are allowed since introduction of the Electronic track of E-Hajj. Due to this reasons, the CHD are being collected for infants.

Break up of infant charges are given below:-

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i.	10% of Hajj Airfare (inclusive Taxes)	25,000
ii.	Insurance charges	5,000
iii.	Service Charges + Hujjaj Mohafiz Fund	9,000
iv.	Zamzam Charges	1,000
v.	Compulsory Hajj Dues	315,000
	Total in PKR	355,000

ISLAMABAD, the 29th August, 2024

SYED HASNAIN HAIDER, Secretary.

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

## "UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY"

For Friday, the 30th August, 2024

Question No. 2 **Senator Mohsin Aziz:** (Notice Received on 1/08/2024 at 4:46 PM) QID: 42259

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the details of contract agreements of Government with IPPs during the period from 1992 to 2010 indicating also the location, installation dates and capacity of each?

**Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari**: The detail of GoP-IA signed by PPIB with IPPs during 1992 to 2010 alongwith location, installation / Commercial Operation Date (COD) and capacity is provided in **(Annex-I).** 

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ν. Σ.	Power Producer	Site Location	Gross Capacity	Agreement Signing Date	000
-	The Hub Power Company Limited	Hub. Balochistan	1292	3-Aug-92	31-Mar-97
1	Laipir Power (Private) Limited	Muzaffar Garh	362	3-Nov-94	6-Nov-97
1	Kohinoor Energy Ltd.	Raiwind Lahore	131	8-Nov-94	20-Jun-97
	Rousch Pak Power Ltd.	Khanewal	450	25-Feb-95	11-Dec-99
1	Pak Gen Power Limited	Muzaffar Garh	365	5-Sep-95	1-Feb-98
1	Altern Energy Ltd.	Fateh Jhang	29	18-Sep-95	6-Jun-01
-	Uch Power Ltd.	Dera Murad Jami	586.2	23-Nov-95	18-Oct-00
0	Liberty Daharki Power Limited	Daharki. Sindh	216.7	26-Nov-95	10-Sep-01
6	Fauji Kabirwala Power Company Ltd.	Kabirwala	157	:2-Jan-95	21-Oct-99
2	Tavanir Iran	Tehran	204	6-Nov-02	1-Dec-02
=	Orient Power Company (Private) Limited	Balloki, Distt. Kasur, Punjab	218	8-Nov-06	24-May-10
12	Attock Gen Limited	Morgah, Rawalpindi.	159.834	1-Sep-07	17-Mar-09
12	Sapphire Electric Company Limited	Muridke, District Sheikhupura, Punjab.	215.4	19-Feb-07	5-0ct-10
1	ny Limited	Bhikki, District Sheikhupura	215.4	28-Apr-07	25-Jun-11
15		District Sahiwal, Punjab	215.5	30-Apr-07	30-Apr-10
14	Foundation Power Company Daharki Ltd.	Daharki, Distt. Ghotki, Sindh	185	29-Aug-07	16-May-11
1	Atlas Power Umited	Sheikhupura	219.158	6-Sep-07	18-Dec-09
22	Nishat Power Limited	District kasur, near Lahore	200	13-Nov-07	9-Jun-10
19	Liberty Power Tech Limited	Faisalabad	200	1-Jul-08	13-Jan-11
20	New Bong Escape HydroPower Complex			2,504.08	23-Mar-13
	(Laraib Energy Umited)	Village Lehri, Mirpur, AJK	25	2000	
71	Malakand-III <sup>2</sup>	Dargai Malakand	81.48	19-Jan-10	1-Nov-08
33	Saba Power	Mandi Farougabad, Punjab	134	25-Dec-94	31-Dec-99
73	Nishat Chunina Power Limited	Jambar Kalan, District Qasur, Lahore, Punjab	200	13-Nov-07	21-Jul-10
74	Narowai Eneregy Limited	Narowal, Province Punjab	219.156	20-Nov-08	22-Apr-11
×	Engro Powergen Qadirpur	Qadirpur Distt. Ghotki, Sindh	223.8	25-0ct-07	27-03-10
36	Davis Energen	Ihang, Punjab	10.5	18-Jan-95	13-07-13
22	Japan Power	Raiwind Road, Lahore	120	21-Mar-95	14-Mar-00
78	Southern Electric <sup>3</sup>	Raiwind, Lahore	111	1Nov-94	12-Jul-59
23	Habibullah Coastai*	Quetta, Balochistan	140	25-Mar-96	11-Sep-99
Note:	1. Import of Power Agreement signed with Govt. of Iran	t of Iran			
	2. PPA signed with Sarhad Hydel Development	2. PPA signed with Sarhad Hydel Development Organization Govt. of NWFP/ Khyber Pakhtunkhwa			
	3. Project Default 4. PPA Fronted				
	5. Connected with KE, outside jurisdiction of CPPA-G	PA-G			

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SYED HASNAIN HAIDER, Secretary.