

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Thursday, the 30th April, 2009**

@21. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 31-01-2009 at 09:05 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Zakat and Ushr be pleased to state the amount of Zakat disbursed during the last two years with province-wise break up and the amount of Zakat funds lapsed during that period?*

**Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri:** Disbursement of Zakat is with the Provinces. On the basis of information gathered from all concerned, a statement showing province-wise Zakat disbursement position for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 is Annexed.

**Annex**

**STATEMENT SHOWING PROVINCE-WISE DISBURSEMENT POSITION OF ZAKAT FUND DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2006-07 AND 2007-08**

(Rs. in million)

| S.No. | Province/<br>Area                 | 2006-07         |                  |                | 2007-08         |                  |                 | Remarks   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
|       |                                   | Amount Released | Amount Disbursed | Lapsed Amount  | Amount Released | Amount Disbursed | Lapsed Amount   |   |
| 1.    | Punjab                            | 2833.017        | 2688.146         | 144.871        | 2846.657        | 2595.092         | 251.566         |   |
| 2.    | Sindh                             | 887.898         | 617.959          | 269.939        | 886.880         | 411.577          | 475.103         | Owing to low utilization of Zakat funds during the year 2007-08, all the Provinces/Areas were Allowed utilization of unspent Balances upto 30-9-2008. |
| 3.    | NWFP                              | 683.813         | 682.258          | 1.555          | 683.100         | 560.013          | 123.087         |   |
| 4.    | Balochistan                       | 194.218         | 191.576          | 2.642          | 197.783         | 46.305           | 151.478         |   |
| 5.    | Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) | 26.049          | 24.608           | 1.441          | 26.049          | 25.330           | 0.719           |   |
| 6.    | Northern Areas                    | 42.683          | 42.692           | 0.001          | 42.683          | 42.675           | 0.008           |   |
|       | <b>Total:</b>                     | <b>4667.678</b> | <b>4247.229</b>  | <b>420.449</b> | <b>4682.952</b> | <b>3680.992</b>  | <b>1001.960</b> |   |

@Deferred from 22nd April, 2009.

76. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-02-2009 at 08:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether is it a fact that Prime Minister's housing / flats scheme at Islamabad has been launched by Pakistan Housing Authority for the Government employees in BPS-1 to 16 and BPS-20 to 22;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no such scheme has been launched for the Government employees in BPS-17 to 19, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said scheme will be launched for the Government employees in BPS-17 to 19?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) PHA has launched Housing Scheme for Low Paid Federal Government Employees working in BPS-1-16 at G-10/2 and G-11/3, Islamabad under the Prime Minister's Housing Programme. Allotments have been made through balloting to successful applicants.

As regards housing scheme for BPS-20-22, it is submitted that no scheme is being launched exclusively for BS-20-22. However, as per approval of the Prime Minister, housing schemes for Federal Government Officers (BPS-17 & above) are being under taken in following phases:

*Phase-I.*—Eligible officers of Federally Constituted Occupational Groups, ISI, 1B, Supreme Court and Parliament Houses (National Assembly & Senate Secretariat) in BPS 17 & above.

*Phase-II.*—All other eligible Federal Government Officers (BS 17 & above).

(b) It is clarified that housing schemes are being under taken as per approval of Prime Minister for all Federal Government Officers (BS-17 & above) in two phases as explained above.

(c) Scheme for officers who fall in Phase-I is being launched however, Phase-II of the scheme shall be launched on availability of land.

77. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 02-02-2009 at 08:35 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Hajj forms 2008 returned by the private tour operators to the Ministry;*
- (b) *the number of fresh / additional Hajj forms issued by the Ministry to the said operators during the last twenty days of Hajj programme with province-wise break up; and*
- (c) *the authority on recommendations of which the said forms were issued?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi:** (a) 2177 unutilized Hajj forms for Hajj 2008 were returned by the Hajj Group Organizers to the Ministry.

(b) 1930 forms were re-issued to other eligible HGOs. Their province-wise break up is as under:—

| Province             | Number of forms re-issued to the HGOs |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NWFP                 | 215                                   |
| Punjab including ICT | 710                                   |
| Sindh                | 825                                   |
| Balochistan          | 180                                   |
| <b>Total:</b>        | <b>1930</b>                           |

(c) The forms were re-issued to the HGOs with the approval of the then Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Mr. Najuib Ullah Malik.

78. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 03-02-2009 at 08:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has recently imported diesel power generation plants, if so, the details thereof; and*  
(b) *the names of the countries from which those plants have been imported?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) PEPCO / WAPDA has neither imported nor purchased diesel power generation plants recently or in near past.

(b) N.A.

79. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 04-02-2009 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of vehicles owned by PSO;*  
(b) *the names and designation of officers who are using those vehicles; and*  
(c) *the amount spent on fuel and maintenance of those vehicles during the last five years?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) and (b) The details of numbers of vehicles owned by PSO & the names and designation of officers who are using those vehicles are at **Annexure-I**.

The details of expenditure incurred on fuel and maintenance of those vehicles during the last five years are at **Annexure-II**.

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

80. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-02-2009 at 09:22 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of buildings and houses presently hired by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines for its offices and residences of its employees;*
- (b) *the amount being paid as rent for those buildings and houses per month?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) Total number of buildings and houses presently hired by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited are 163. No house has been hired for residential purposes (Annex-I).

(b) Total amount of Rs. 46, 29,774/- is being paid as rent per month for these buildings/houses (Annex-II).

**Annex-I**

**SUI NORTHERN GAS PIPELINES LIMITED  
DETAIL OF HEED OFFICES**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| No. of Offices hired by the Company                           | 163      |
| No. of building hired for residnece of the Companys Employees | Nil      |
| Rent paid for the above buildings per annum                   | 55557288 |
| Rent paid per month   | 4629774  |

**DETAIL OF HIRED PREMISES PROVINCES-WISE**

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| Detail of Offices        | No. of Premises | Total Annual Rent |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Hired premises in PUNJAB | 140             | 48;660,844        |
| Hired premises in NWFP   | 20              | 4,818,852         |

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| Hired premises in SINDH | 3          | 2,231,592         |
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| <b>Total:</b>           | <b>163</b> | <b>55,557,288</b> |
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81. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 13-02-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of oil depots at present in the country; and*
- (b) *the number of said depots closed down during the last two years indicating also the reasons for their closure?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) Total 12 oil depots are operational in the country. 13th Gwadar Depot will be developed when required. List of depots is at Annex-I.

(b) 17 depots were closed down during the last two years to reduce dumping and hence save consumers from the additional Inland Freight Equalization Margin (IFEM) cost.

**Annex-I**

**List of existing 12 depots**

**Punjab**

1. Mahmood Kot
2. Faisalabad/Gatti
3. Chakpirana
4. Vehari.
5. Machike.
6. Chaklala/Sihala/Morgah.

**NWFP**

7. Taru Jabba
8. Chitral
9. Juglot

**Sindh**

10. Karachi
11. Shikarpur

**Balochistan**

12. Quetta.
13. Gawadar - will be developed when required.

82. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 03-04-2009 at 10:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred Question No. 147 replied on 18th May, 2007 and state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the work of supply of natural gas to village Sadwal Teshil and District Chakwal was to be completed upto December 2007, but the same has not been completed so far, if so, its reasons;*

- (b) *the names and designation of the officers responsible for the delay in completion of the said work and the action taken against them; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said work will now be completed?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) Yes it is a fact that the work on supply of natural gas to village Sadwal Tehsil & District Chakwal was to be completed by December 2007 but it has not been completed so far due to company's physical and financial constraints.

(b) SNGPL has informed that the matter is being further looked into for non completion of the project in time and further action will be taken in light thereof.

(c) The Phase-I of the project involving 16 km of distribution network, would be completed/commissioned by 31st May, 2009.

The work for phase-II of the project for laying of 6 km network is in progress and is anticipated to be completed by 30-09-2009

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 29th April, 2009.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

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