

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 13th October, 2009

@133. ***Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 31-07-09 at 09:15 a .m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who have been allotted residential or commercial plots in Islamabad since 2002;*
- (b) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who were allotted more than one residential or commercial plots in Islamabad during that period indicating also the number of plots allotted and the reasons for allotting more than one plot in each case; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allot residential plots to the Parliamentarians who have not been allotted plots in Islamabad so far, if so, its details?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: The requisite information is being collected from the concerned quarters. The same will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

@134. ***Mr. Abbas Khan:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who have been allotted residential or commercial plots in Islamabad from 1985 to 2001;*

@ Transferred from the Cabinet Division.

- (b) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who were allotted more than one residential or commercial plots in Islamabad during that period indicating also the number of plots allotted and the reasons for allotting more than one plot in each case?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: The requisite information is being collected from the concerned quarters. The same will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

160. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 10-08-2009 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for provision of a new connection for natural gas; and*
- (b) *the number of new gas connections provided during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) The procedure for provision of a new connection for natural gas, adopted by SNGPL and SSGCL are annexed as Annexure-I and II:

(b) The number of new gas connections provided during the last five years with year-wise break up is as under:—

Years	Domestic	Commercial	Industrial	Total
2008-09	374,989	5,279	872	381,140
2007-08	360,808	6,236	1,338	368,382
2006-07	311,227	4,632	898	316,757
2005-06	277,242	4,896	714	282,852
2004-05	227,992	4,377	579	232,948
Total	1,552,258	25,420	4,401	1,582,079

Annexure-I

**SNGPL's PROCEDURE FOR PROVISION OF A NEW CONNECTION
OF NATURAL GAS**

Domestic Gas Connection

The applicant has to apply on application form for domestic gas connection alongwith copy of CNIC. After receipt of application an acknowledgement receipt is issued to the applicant, wherein it is mentioned that survey of his premises will be carried out after completion of the waiting period. Survey, of the applicant's premises is carried out and if SNGPL's distribution network exists in front of the applicant's premises the Proposal letter/Demand Note is issued to the applicant. After completion of the contractual formalities by the applicant, gas connection is provided on turn/merit basis.

Commercial Gas Connection

The applicant has to apply on application form and deposit Rs.1000/- (For processing fee) for commercial gas connection alongwith copy of CNIC and documents relating to property and business. After receipt of application, acknowledgement receipt is issued to the applicant, wherein it is mentioned that survey of his premises will be carried out after completion of the waiting period. Survey of the applicant's premises is carried and if SNGPL's distribution network exists in front of the applicant's premises subject to availability of load, then the Proposal letter/Demand Note is issued to the applicant. After completion of the contractual formalities by the applicant, gas connection is provided strictly on turn/merit basis.

Industrial Gas Connection

The applicant has to apply on application form and deposit Rs.10,000/- (processing fee) for industrial gas connection alongwith copy of CNIC, property documents and other related documents. After receipt of application an acknowledgement receipt is issued to the applicant. Survey of the applicant's premises is carried out subject to availability of load. If our distribution network exists in front of the applicant's premises and load is available, the Proposal letter/Demand Note is issued to the applicant. After completion of the contractual formalities by the applicant, gas connection is provided on turn/merit basis.

Annexure-II

SSGCL's PROCEDURE FOR PROVISION OF A NEW CONNECTION OF NATURAL GAS

Domestic Gas Connection

Applications on prescribed form for new domestic gas connection are received at Sales Receiving counter through SSGC's Registered Low Pressure Gas Piping Contractors.

The new applications are physically surveyed on random basis to confirm address as per physical position. Only those applications are considered and processed which are located on distribution main. Each application is registered in Sales Computer database on daily basis.

On commissioning of gas supply, the utilization section of distribution department will survey the premises to ensure that natural gas can be safely supplied and test the in house pipelines for leakages using the technical standards for testing. The above will be carried out in line with the requirement of license condition no. 41. The time frame for commissioning of gas will be in line with license condition no. 33.

MULTISTOREY BUILDINGS

An executive of Sales Department who will go through the documents submitted by the applicant will scrutinize building cases consisting of more than ten flats.

On receiving the above Documents, the concerned Sales Executive will visit the Site personally and conduct a detail survey to ascertain size/route of pipeline, confirmation of gas main, location of meter points and any other relevant information. After conducting physical survey, permission will be granted to the contractor to carry out the internal house line fitting. This houseline will be finally checked on secondary survey at the time of submission of individual gas connection form.

COMMERCIAL

Applications on prescribed form for new commercial gas connection are received at Sales Receiving counter through SSGC's registered Low Pressure Gas Piping Contractors:

On receiving the sketch (form), premises is surveyed to ascertain the possibility of providing gas connection, connected gas load, size and route of internal house line and nature of business. If the sketch is found in proper order, Survey Engineer authorizes the contractor to carry out internal house line. Only those applications are considered and processed which are located on distribution Main. Each application is registered in Sales Computer Database/ Customer Care and Billing (CC&B) on daily basis.

On commissioning of gas supply, the utilization section of distribution department carries out the survey of the premise to ensure that natural gas can be safely supplied and test the in house pipelines for leakages using the technical standards for testing. The above will be carried out in line with the requirement of license condition no. 41. The time frame for commissioning of gas will be in line with license condition no. 33. 9 (45 days after payment)

CNG

Applications on prescribed form for new CNG gas connection are received from Consumers:—

- ✱ Entering Data in Sales Computer Database/ Customer Care and Billing (CC&B) and collection of processing fees Rs. 10,000.
- ✱ Case referred to Distribution (Planning) for mains confirmation / extension proposal on the basis of load for CNG connection.
- ✱ Layout plan is referred to Health safety and Environment department to check and give input, whether it meets Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or not.
- ✱ New CNG gas connection at 8 PSIG, (a) If the extension proposal cost is within 1.00 million then proposal is treated feasible and its management approval is obtained. (b) If the extension proposal cost is greater than 1.00 million, financial feasibility is worked out by the finance department and quotation issue accordingly. (c) New CNG gas connection at 15 PSIG, then extension proposal is treated at 100% customer cost, as per policy.
- ✱ After receipt of payment for main extension, case processed for issuance of Job card and sent to Distribution for execution alongwith management approval.
- ✱ Sales Engineer conduct visit to design house line and confirm the customer load to prepare material sheet and load sheets and process case for internal quotation.
- ✱ Case is referred to Health Safety and Environment (HSE) department to conduct visit for clearance / confirmation of Customer Meter Station (CMS) room as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).
- ✱ After receiving payment against internal quotation and related documents (like contract form, load undertaking, bank guarantee etc.) Finance department, issue Job

card, which is send to Distribution department alongwith material, load sheet and layout plans for execution.

- ✱ After receiving Gas Supply Deposit (GSD) and OGRA clearance letter (HDIP's third party inspection report) advice is send to Distribution for commissioning of gas.

INDUSTRIAL

Applications on prescribed form for new gas connection are received at Sales Department:—

- ✱ Receiving of application alongwith duly filled Enquiry Form and documents, drawings.
- ✱ Entering Data in Sales Computer, Database/ Customer Care and Billing (CC&B).
- ✱ Gas Load and location referred to Distribution Department for Gas mains proposal.
- ✱ If main extension is involved case is prepared for Management approval for cost upto Rs. 1 Million.
- ✱ For cost above Rs. 1 Million, case is sent to Finance Department for feasibility.
- ✱ After receiving financial feasibility, quotation is issued to customer for payment.
- ✱ After receiving of payment for main extension, Finance department issues Job card, which is dispatched to Distribution alongwith Management approval.
- ✱ Physical survey conducted to design house line and work out material for internal house line and asses the proposed location of gas meter room etc.
- ✱ If proposed location is found feasible, case is referred to Health Safety and Environment (HSE) for evaluation.
- ✱ After costing of internal houseline including cost of service quotation is issued to customer alongwith Gas Supply Deposit amount to be borne by the customer. Gas supply deposit is based on 3 months estimated gas consumption calculated on current tariff by OGRA.
- ✱ After receiving payment against quotation and related documents (like contract form, load undertaking, bank guarantee etc.). Payment is deposited in Bank, and receipt sent to Finance Department for issuance of job card.
- ✱ Finance department issues Job card, which is sent to Distribution along with material, load sheet and layout plans for execution for installation of houseline and Customer Meter Station (CMS).
- ✱ Gas load information is sent to Measurement department for Meter approval,

161. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-08-2009 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Zakat and Ushr be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Zakat Committees in the country; and*
- (b) the procedure laid down for selection of members of those committees?*

Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri: (a) The total number of Zakat Committees in the country is 40,069. Details of these committees is as under:—

District Zakat Committees (DZC)	124
Local Zakat Committees (LZC)	39945

(b) District Zakat Committee:

In each District a District Zakat and Ushr Committee is established, consisting of a Chairman, two women, one non official member from each Tehsil, Taluqa or sub-Division District Officer (Revenue) and District Zakat Officer. Its detail is as under:—

- (i) Chairman a non official person, to be nominated by Provincial Zakat Council (PZC).
- (ii) two women from within the District who shall not be less than forty-five years of age (to be nominated by PZC).
- (iii) one non-official member from each tehsil, taluqa or sub-Division (to be nominated by PZC).
- (iv) District Officer (Revenue).
- (v) District Zakat Officer.
- (vi) District Social Welfare Officer (may be co-opted member).

The Chairman is nominated by PZC while the members are nominated by PZC in consultation with the Chairman of DZC. The Chairman and members of DZC shall adult Muslim, resident of the concerned district, have good moral character, not commonly known who violate Islamic injunctions/financial integrity and do not engage in political activities.

Local Zakat Committee

In each revenue estate, deh, village and ward, a local Zakat Committee (LZC) is established, consisting of nine members including the Chairman. The LZC is constituted through a selection process, organized by DZC. The DZC constitutes a team of three or more persons to organize a public gathering of adult Muslims. Teacher and Ulema, residents of a locality, to select the following categories of members:—

- (i) Seven male members to be selected by a male gathering of adult Muslims, teachers and Ulema of the locality.
- (ii) Two women, to be selected by a female gathering of adult Muslims of the locality.

- (iii) Chairman: the members of Local Zakat Committee shall elect one of their members as Chairman of the Committee from among themselves.
- (iv) A member of LZC should be adult Muslim of that locality to be pious, offers five times prayers daily and has sound moral and financial integrity and not engaged in political activity.

162. ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 11-08-2009 at 11:25:a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a project for provision of gas to Timargarah, District Lower Dir was approved in 1998 but work has not been started on it so far, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *the time by which gas will be provided to the said area; and*
- (c) *whether any funds have been allocated for the provision of gas to that area during the current financial year, if so, its details?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) No.

(b) There is no timeline for extending gas network to Timargarah.

(c) No.

163. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 15-08-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state the total budget of the Ministry of Culture for the financial year 2008-09 indicating also the amount utilized with head wise break up?

Minister for Culture: During last financial year *i.e.* 2008-09, the total non-development approved budget of Ministry of Culture stood at Rs.417,021,602/- under Demands and heads given below:—

The head-wise expenditure is also indicated against each Demand:—

Head of Account	Total Budget	Total Expenditure	Excess/ Saving
Demand No.19			
A01- Employees Related Expenses	151,324,000	152,455,162	(+)1,131,162
A3- Operating Expenses	67,508,672	67,406,982	(-) 101,690
A4- Employees Retirement Benefit	1,230,828	1,220,810	(-) 10,018
A5- Grants subsidies write off loans	501,000	500,000	(-) 1,000

A6- Transfers	3,345,000	3,342,552	(-) 2,448
A09- Physical assets	2,763,000	770,615	(-) 1,992,385
A13- Repairs and maintenance	9,650,500	9,642,298	(-) 8,202
Total D.No. 19	236,323,000	235,338,419	(-) 984,581
Head of Account	Total Budget	Total Expenditure	Excess/ Saving
Demand No. 20			
A03- Operating Expenses	23,423,000	6,998,705	(-)16,424,295
A05- Grants subsidies write off loans	157,275,602	157,209,736	(-) 65,866
Total D.No. 20	180,698,602	164,208,441	(-)16,490,161
Grand Total (Non-Development Budget)	417,021,602	399,546,860	(-)17,474,742

PSDP 2008-09 at Appendix-B

164. *Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 15-08-2009 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Sports be pleased to state the amount allocated for promotion of sports in the country during the current financial year with province wise break up?

Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani: A total amount of Rs.954.141 million has been allocated to the Ministry of Sports in the budget of the current financial year 2009-10 comprising Development and Non-development expenditure as indicated below:—

		<i>(Rs. in million)</i>
(i) Development	:	583.161
(ii) Non-Development		
(a) Ministry of Sports	:	30.549
(b) Pakistan Sports Board	:	340.431
Total	:	954.141

Funds for Development expenditure are not provided in the budget on the basis of province-wise allocations. These are allocated for the execution of ongoing and new development schemes throughout the country. However, funds allocated for such schemes in each province are shown below:—

i.	Islamabad	Rs.	76.726
ii.	Punjab	Rs.	165.222
iii.	NWFP	Rs.	42.834
iv.	Sindh	Rs.	139.931
v.	Balochistan	Rs.	158.448
	Total:	Rs.	583.161

As regards Non-development budget, funds are provided for grants to National Sports Federations, preparation and participation of Pakistani players in international events, holding of games at National level as well as administrative expenses of the Ministry and its attached organizations. As such it is not possible to indicate province-wise breakup of this allocation.

165. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 17-08-2009 at 14:10 p.m.)

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

(a) the time by which construction work of Chashma Right Bank Canal will be completed; and

(b) whether it is a fact that first lift of the said project has been excluded by the planning commissions from P.S.D.P 2009-10, if so, its reasons?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) Main Chashma Right Bank Canal has been completed in December, 2003 in three stages.

However, remedial works as recommended by Grievance Redress and Settlement Committee (GRSC) for the redressed of post construction impact of CRBC are being executed by WAPDA, Provincial Irrigation Departments, Works and Services Department of NWFP and Punjab Provinces through ADB loan. These works are anticipated to be completed upto 31- 12- 2009 (loan closing date.)

(b) WAPDA submitted demand of Rs.550 million for CRBC First Lift Project under PSDP2009-10. However the project could not be included in PSDP2009-10.

166. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 18-08-2009 at 10:25 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names and locations of power projects which have become or are expected to become operational during the period from 1st July, 2008 to 30th June, 2010 indicating also the dates of the financial close of those projects?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: Following is the requisite detail of power projects already operated and expected to be operated during the period 01-07-2008 to 30-06-2010:

167. ***Mr. Shahid Hassan Bugti:** (Notice received on 22-08-2009 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of Solar Power Projects launched in the country since July, 2008 indicating also the names of Parliamentarians and public representatives on whose recommendations the same were launched?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: AEDB has initiated the Parliamentarian Sponsored Village Electrification Programme after receiving requests from different parliamentarians for electrification of villages in their respective constituencies.

Details of the approved schemes alongwith the names of the recommending them are:

Sr.	Scheme	Recommended by
1.	Electrification of 100, homes in 3 villages of Dera Bugti, Balochistan.	Mr. Ghulam Qadir Bugti, (MPA Balochistan)
2.	Electrification of 119 homes in 10 Villages of Deh Tiko Baran District Jamshoro, Sindh.	Sardar Nabeel Ahmed Gabool (MNA, Federal Minister of State for Ports and Shipping).
3.	Electrification of 200 homes in 16 Villages in District Khuzdar	Qazi Nazir Ahmed, Advocate (General Secretary PPP Khuzdar).

168. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 25-08-2009 at 11.20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Minorities Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount spent under the heads “welfare of minorities”, “development scheme for minorities” and “scholarships for minoritie’s students” during the last three and half year with year-wise breakup; and*

(b) *the authority on whose recommendation/approval the amount for each project was released?*

Mr. Shahbaz Bhatti: (a) It is a non-lapse able fund operative in this Ministry for the welfare of Minority Community under Heads Small Development Schemes for Minorities and scholarship for deserving students. Last three and half years breakup of expenditure under each head is given below:—

Year	Development Schemes		Scholarships	
	No. of	Amount	No. of	Amount

	Schemes		Students	
2006 (January to June 2006)	42	24,797,169	3, 694	1,468,300
2006-07	114	75,970,000	1,388	2012400
2007-08	54	41,779,000	2,312	3,097,700
2008-09	135	147,000,000	1,360	6,201,600

(b) A development committee approves such schemes after consideration in periodical meetings. Chairman of the development committee is Minister for Minorities Affairs other members of development committee are as under:—

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| 1. | Secretary Minorities, | <i>Member</i> |
| 2. | Joint Secretary, Minorities | <i>Member</i> |
| 3. | DG & Pak PWD, Islamabad | <i>Member</i> |
| 4. | FA / DFA, M/A | <i>Member</i> |
| 5. | Chief / Deputy Chief, Planning | <i>Member</i> |
| 6. | Deputy Secretary Minorities, | <i>Secretary</i> |
169. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 31-08-2009 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.258.089 million was allocated by the Government in the PSDP 2008-09 for acquisition of land for execution of Pilot Project of 1000 Apartments for low paid Federal Government Employees (BS-1 to 16), if so, the amount received and spent by the Ministry on this project so far, and*
- (b) *the progress made on the said project so far?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) Yes. It is a fact that Rs.258.089 million was allocated by the Government in the PSDP for the year 2008-09 for acquisition of land to execute the Pilot Project of construction of 1000 apartments for low paid Federal Government employees (BS-1 to 16). The revised allocation was, however, 258.09 million but the actual amount released was Rs.127.357 million which was fully utilized in the same Financial Year.

(b) Details annexed.

170. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 31-08-2009 at 11:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the daily wages employees of Gurguri/Makoori Gas Fields are being paid wages less than those fixed by the Government, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Syed Naveed Qamar: No. The daily wage employees are paid by the company at the rate of Rs. 300/day.

171. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-09-2009 at 09:35 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Federal Government employees on general waiting list waiting for allotment of Government accommodation with-city wise break-up; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government for expediting the process of allotment of Government accommodation to the said employees?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) Number of Federal Government employees on General Waiting List waiting for allotment of Government accommodation with city wise break-up is as under:—

Category/Type Islamabad		No. of Employees Karachi	
Cat-I (H,I)	91	Cat-I (A)	08
Cat-II (G)	246	Cat-II (B)	21
Cat-III (E/F)	3795	Cat-III (C,D)	250
Cat-IV (D)	4544	Cat-IV (E)	593
Cat-V & VI (A,B,C)	9897	Cat-V (F,G,H)	1094
Total	18573	Total	1966
Lahore		Peshawar	
Cat-I (A)	22	Cat-I (A)	Nil
Cat-II (B)	20	Cat-II (B)	08
Cat-III (C,D)	305	Cat-III (C,D)	125
Cat-IV (E)	450	Cat-IV (E)	139
Cat-V (F,G,H)	1004	Cat-V (F,G,H)	482
Total	1801	Total	754
		Quetta	
Cat-I (A)	Nil	Cat-IV (E)	05
Cat-II (B)	Nil	Cat-V	20
Cat-III (C,D)	03	(F,G,H)	
Total			28
Grand Total (All Stations)			23122

(b) 50% allotment is being made from the General Waiting List, in pursuance of new allotment policy which is effective from 1st June, 2009.

172. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-09-2009 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the dates on which silt was removed from Khanpur, Warsak, Tarbella and Mangla Dams during the last ten years?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: Actually, no possible methods like sluicing, flushing and bypassing the sediments from reservoirs has been evolved so far, which could be technically/economically acceptable to WAPDA/GOP. However, studies are underway to determine viable/workable solution for this purpose.

Considering the facts, removal of silt from Khanpur, Warsak, Tarbela and Mangla Dams has not been carried out during the last 10 years.

173. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 05-09-2009 at 09:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether the work to explore oil and gas in district Mandi Bhauddin is in progress, if so, its details?

Syed Naveed Qamar: Currently no exploration is being undertaken in district Mandi Bhauddin.

174. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 05-09-2009 at 09:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names of places connected with natural gas grid during the last two years indicating also the names of the authorities on whose recommendation the gas was supplied?

Syed Naveed Qamar: The information is being collected and will be submitted on the next Rota Day.

*Islamabad :
The 12th October, 2009.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.