

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 13th May, 2010

@18. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 15-04-2010 at 17:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in the Ministry, SNGPL, SSGPL and OGDCL on regular, contract and daily wages basis during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the names of persons appointed in the Ministry on deputation basis during the said period indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) (i) **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources.**

Main Secretariat.

(ii) **Policy Wing, Ministry of Petroleum & N R.**

Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Wages	
Officers	10	7	3	0
Staff	6	5	1	0

@Deferred from the 5th May, 2010.

(iii) **Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL).**

Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Wages	
Executive	305	139	166	0
Sub-ordinate	496	245	251	0
Casual	2716	0	0	0
Total:	3517	384	417	2716

(iv) **Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL).**

Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Wages
57	35	22	0

(vi) **Oil & Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL).**

Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Wages	
Officers	13	0	13	0
Staff	1	0	1	0

(b) (i) **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources.**

Name	Designation/ BS	Name of landing department	Salary	Allowances	Fringe benefits
Mr. Muhammad Sarfraz	Driver (BS-5)	M/o Education	3,660/- p.m.	4,007/- p.m.	0
	Total	7,667/- p.m.	0		
Muhammad Afzal	Driver (BS-5)	M/o Privatization	4,140/- p.m.	4,816/- p.m.	0
	Total		8,956/- p.m.		0

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@60. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications and date and place of present posting of the ambassadors posted abroad; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for the selection of the said postings?*

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi: (a) The names, educational qualifications, dates and places of present posting of Ambassadors / High Commissioners are given as below:—

77. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the production of oil and gas in the country with province-wise break up; and*

(b) *the income from the said production during each of the last five years?*

Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Detailed information on parts (a) and (b) of the question is given at Annex-I.

78. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to involve other airlines in order to transport pilgrims to Saudi Arabia, if so, its details?

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a) Ministry of Religious Affairs is considering to include air-lines, other than PIA/ Saudi Airlines, in Hajj Operation subject to its approval by aviation authorities and Governments of Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. In case this arrangement is approved, it would carry the following advantages for the Hujjaj:—

1. The air-fare can be arrived at competitive rates;
2. Due to perfect competition, quality & good service will be ensured;
3. Duration of stay can be reduced from 40 to 35 days thus saving the Hajji from extra expenditure incurred for 5 days;
4. As a matter of Saudi Policy, all foreign air-lines are stopped to carry pilgrims 4(four) days before Hajj, whereas Saudi air-lines have the privilege to operate for these days;
5. Other Saudi air-lines will be given option to operate on un-attractive gateways like Peshawar and Quetta where PIA & Saudi were reluctant to operate during Hajj operation 2009.

79. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

(a) *the estimated cost for construction of 8 small / medium dams in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Tank Zam), Daraban, Chudwan Zam, Sheikh Haider, Chashmai Akor, Showkas, Totakan, Kuhai and Qadam/Tangi; and*

(b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) The estimated cost of these Dams as given in PSDP 2009-10 is Rs.32,778 million.

(b) Original allocation was Rs.700 million. The allocation has been reduced/rationalized to Rs.128 million for Darban Dam Project, as a result of cut on PSDP 2009-10.

Case for release of Rs.128 million for Darban Dam Project is under process in Finance Division.

80. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost for construction of Small Dam at Torawaria Hangu; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) Estimated cost of small dam at Torawaria Hangu as given in PSDP 2009-10 is Rs.200 million.

- (b) An amount of Rs.80 million has been allocated for the year 2009-10.

Since the PC-1 of the project has not been submitted by the spansprs and approved, funds have not so far been released.

81. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost for construction of Bara Dam (FATA); and*
- (b) *the amount allocated by the Government for the said scheme in PSDP 2009-10 and the amount released and spent so far?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) Estimated cost of Bara Dam (FATA) is Rs.14208 million.

(b) Original allocation in PSDP 2009-10 was Rs.200 million which has been revised/rationalized to Rs.2 million as a result of financial crunch and cut in PSDP 2009-10. The project will be undertaken on allocation of funds.

82. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 22-04,2010 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa appointed in WAPDA since February, 2009; and*
- (b) *the procedure laid down for these appointments?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) **1020** persons belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhah have been appointed in PEPCO since February 2009.

(b) The appointments were made strictly in accordance with the policy laid down by WAPDA/PEPCO which is attached as **Annex-A**.

Annex-A

THE CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR THE RECRUITMENTS

- i. The permission for recruitment in PEPCO is allowed by Competent Authority for recruitment in PEPCO against Generat/WAPDA (PEPCO) Employees Children quota.
- ii. After receipt of the permission, from the competent authority, advertisement is published through press, seeking application from the eligible candidates, fulfilling the requisite criteria regarding age/ qualification/experience/any other conditions related to the post advertised etc.
- iii. After receipt of the applications, the applications are sorted-out/short- listed, as per authority's rules. The applications of the candidates, who do not fulfill the requisite criteria, are rejected.
- iv. Thereafter, evaluation sheets are prepared for each category of post as per marks of the highest academic qualification, and the candidates are called to appear in the written tests. As per result of the written test, the successful candidates at the top of the merit list, are called for interview @03/05 candidates against 01 post.
- v. As per results/marks obtained in the written test / interview, a final merit list is prepared and duly recommended by the Selection Board, appointment letters are issued to the successful candidates, at the top of the final merit list.
- vi. The criteria for recruitment against WAPDA (PEPCO) employees children quota are followed on the same criteria as per General recruitment.
- vii. The following criteria is observed on merit to be considered on priority, while making recruitment against WAPDA (PEPCO) employees child against (20%) quota.
 - (a) A child of employee who died due to electric shock or injury causing death while performing official duty.
 - (b) A child of employee who became disabled due to electric shock or injury causing disability, while performing official duty.
 - (c) A child of employee who died or incapacitated due to some other reasons during service.
 - (d) A child of deceased retired WAPDA employee.
 - (e) A child of retired employee.

- (f) A child of employee in service whose child has not been recruited before under employees children quota (WAPDA employees who resigned from service after rendering 15 years or more service, shall also be allowed to avail employees children quota under this category).

83. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to utilize 50% amount of royalty being collected on generation of electricity from Terbala dam by the Government on the development of district where Terbala dam is situated, if so, its details?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf : The question relates to provincial Government, (Khyber Pakhtunkhawa). Therefore the Provincial Government may be asked to answer the same.

84. ***Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 10:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the year in which water tanks of P.W.D. Flats Cat. V, G-8/4, Islamabad were fumigated or cleaned; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said tanks will now be fumigated or cleaned?*

Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar: (a) The over head 81 under ground water tanks of the said flats have not been fumigated or cleaned for the last more than 05-years.

(b) The work of fumigation or cleaning of water tanks of the said flats will be carried out on availability of sufficient funds.

85. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 27-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name, educational qualification and place of domicile of the present D. G., Hajj Directorate Saudi Arabia, indicating also the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that NAB investigated complaints of corruption and misappropriation against the said officer, if so, the present status of those cases?*

Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi: (a)

Name	Rao Shakeel Ahmed
Qualification	MBA(Executive Finance)
Domicile	Punjab (Lahore)

Salary & other allowances Salary SR.1,719/- (equivalent to Pak Rs.38,445/-). In addition. he is entitled for foreign allowance @ U.S. \$ 2.705/- equivalent to SR. 10.143/- and 15% entertainment allowance @ SR.358/- per month under the rules.

(b) Investigation for misappropriation was initiated in June, 2001 while being Deputy Commissioner, Multan. No allegation has been proved as yet. The matter is Sub Judge before the court of Law.

86. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**(Notice received on 28-04-2010 at 08.40 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Terbala Dam affectees who have not been compensated so far indicating also the reasons for not compensating them; and*

(b) *the time by which they will be compensated?*

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: (a) 113 number affectees of Tarbela Dam have not been compensated so far.

The reasons for not compensating the land owners are as under:—

- Addresses of some of the affectees/recipients are not traceable.
- Some disputed cases of payment are pending adjudication before the Board of Revenue Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa, Peshawar.
- Some affectees/recipients have not so far been determined.

(b) As and when the remaining affectees/recipient will approach for compensation, disbursement will be made accordingly.

87. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 28-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Iran and China have offered electricity to Pakistan on cheaper rates, if so, the rates offered and the steps being taken by the Government on the offer?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: At present there is no proposal under consideration to purchase electricity from China. As regards, the purchase of electricity from Iran it is intimated that Iran is already supplying 39MW. power to border towns and coastal areas of Balochistan under the contract signed on 06-11-2002. The contract provided at rate of US\$ 0:03 per kwh for initial period of 3 years. Thereafter, from January 01,2006 a new rate of US\$ 0.05 per kwh was decided mutually .which expired on 31-12-2008. A delegation of NTDC went to Iran on 30-1-2010 to negotiate the revised tariff for the next term: The tariff is yet to be finalized. Iran has demanded US\$ about 0.09 per Kwh and also linking it with Fuel Price variations. Following are the details of proposals/projects for the future purchase of electricity from Iran.

1. **Import of 100 MW power from Iran** for Gawadar. It includes construction of a 220KV Grid Station at Gawadar & 75 Km associated 220KV double circuit Transmission Line from Pak-Iran Boarder to Gawadar. The project is intended to be financed by Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI), for which negotiations with the Bank are in progress. The project is expected-to be completed by year 2011.

2. **Import of 1000 MW power from Iran** for the National Grid. The feasibility study for the project involving construction of about 700 Km high voltage DC/High Voltage AC interconnection has already been assigned to a joint venture of NESPAK & MOSIANNIR of Iran with NESPAK as lead consultant. The final report along with the detailed financial analysis based on techno-economic studies and the Implementation plan for the project are under process. Further action could be taken depending upon the outcome of the Feasibility Study and arrangement for the financing of project. The project may take 4-5 years from commencement of the project implementation activities. This is envisaged to take care of a substantial level of demand of Balochistan and the South-East of Pakistan.

88. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the places exempted from loadshedding in the country indicating also the reasons for exemption?

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf: It is intimated that the following sectors are exempted from load shedding in the national and public interest:—

- Defence Production Installations.
- Defence Sensitive Installations.
- Atomic Energy Installations.
- Public Sector Hospitals.
- Public Sector Educational Institutions (Academics Blocks).
- Water Supply Tube Wells.
- Disposal Stations.
- Jails.
- Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad..
- Cement Industry.
- Continuous Process Industry (Sugar, Fertilizer, Chemical, Paper, Plastic etc.)
- Textile Industry

*Islamabad :
The 12th May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

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5. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 22-04-2010 at 08:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Secretariat be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons working in BPS-7 to BPS-22 in Prime Minister’s House and Secretariat?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Secretariat: The requisite information in respect of Prime Minister’s Secretariat (Internal) and (Public) is at **Annex-I** and **Annex-II**, respectively.

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

6. **Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the President’s Secretariat be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons working in the Aiwan-e-Sadr (President House)?

Reply not received.

7. **Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 23-04-2010 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister’s Secretariat be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of the persons working in Prime Minister’s Secretariat?

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