

**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*

**Wednesday, the 5th May, 2010**

@ 14. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division be pleased to state:*

- (a) the number of persons working in CDA with grade-wise break- up; and*
- (b) the quota allocated to each province and the position of its implementation in the said department with grade-wise details; and*
- (c) the number of vacant posts in that department and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

**Minister Incharge of the Cabinet Division:** (a) 12410 numbers of persons are working in the CDA; province/grade-wise break-up is at Annex.-A.

(b) Recruitment process is underway in accordance with the Federal Government allocation of quota to the provinces.

(c) 886 regular vacant posts falling under the initial appointment quota from BS 01 01 to BS 19 (Annex B) were advertised on 26-2-2009, 27-2-2009 and 1-10-2009 respectively in the leading daily newspapers. Approximately, 2,45,000 applications were received till closing dates. After the short listing of applications, the process of written test and interview is under way. Finalization of recruitment process is likely to take three months.

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@ Deferred from the 4th May, 2010.

17. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 15-04-2010 at 17:40 p.m.)

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

- (a) the amount paid by the oil and gas fields in Sindh to the Federal Government for the development of the areas where those fields are located; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Federal Government has not paid that amount to the government of Sindh for executing development work in those area, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be paid to that government?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) the Exploration & Production Companies have deposited Rs. 2563.386 million in the Federal Treasury during 1994-2009 on account of production bonus for the development of areas where oil and gas fields are located in Sindh Province.

(b) Against Rs. 2563.386 million, the Federal Finance Division has so far released Rs.1687.011 million to the Government of Sindh for onward payment to the respective Districts.

Out of which, the Finance Department of Government of Sindh has disbursed Rs. 1278.360 million to the respective District Governments for executing development work in the respective area as per details at Annex-I.

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 and Natural Resources.**

**Main Secretariat.**

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

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

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

Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Weighs	
Executive	305	139	166	0
Subordinate	496	245	251	0
Casual	2716	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3517</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>2716</b>

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

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Number of Persons	Regular	Contract	Daily Weighs
57	35	22	0

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

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

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

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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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18-A. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 16-04-2010 at 08:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of oil and gas exploration companies operating in the country indicating also the area allocated to each company; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to assign the work of oil exploration in Makran Division to any of those companies, if so, its details?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The details of the E&P Companies working as operator in 129 blocks along with district(s) of these blocks are given in Annexure-I.

(b) Out of 129 active exploration licences, a small portion of OGDCL's block No. 2763-2 (Shahana) falls in Panjur district of Makran Division, where the company will carry out exploration activities according to the prospectivity of the area. Nevertheless, if any E&P Company applies for the block in Makran Division, the Government will grant exploration licence through open competitive bidding to the successful bidder as per Petroleum Policy 2009 & Pakistan Onshore (Exploration & Production) Rules 2009.

19. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-04-2010 at 08:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number, make and model of official vehicles placed at the disposal of incumbent Executive Director, Supply Chain, PSO; and*

(b) *the amount spent on the maintenance and fuel of the said vehicles during the last five years?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a)

Name of Executive Director (Supply Chain) PSO	No. of Vehicle	Make	Model
Mr. Naveed Alam Zubari	1	Toyota	2008
		Corolla GLI	

(b)  
**Expenditure.**

Maintenance	Fuel	Total
Rs. 188,044.00	Rs. 21,630.00	Rs. 209,674.00

20. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 08:30 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number, make and model of official vehicles at the disposal of present General Manager, Logistics, PSO; and*

(b) *the amount spent on the maintenance and fuel of the said vehicles during the last five years?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a)

Name of General Manager, Logistics	No. of Vehicle	Make	Model
Mr. Tariq Akbar Khan	1	Toyota Corolla GLI	2008

(b) **Expenditure.**

Maintenance	Fuel	Total
Rs. 1,810,894.00	Rs.54,434.00	Rs. 1,865,328.00

21. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 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 generate electricity through alternative sources, like Wind and Solar, if so, its details?*

**Raja Muhammad Ashraf:** Alternative Energy Development Board is actively pursuing the development of several renewable energy technologies for power generation including wind, solar, micro/mini hydel, bio-diesel, waste-to-energy etc.

**WIND**

- 20 wind farm projects (1000 MW) being developed by private investors are in the pipeline and at various stages of development.
- PC-1 for 50 MW wind power project in public sector has been prepared and is in Planning Commission for approval.
- 50 MW wind power project through USAID funding under approval.

**BIOGAS/WASTE TO ENERGY**

- 35 MW of Biogas / Waste to Energy operational, PPA for 15 MW signed between PESCO and AI-Moiz Industries & for 7 MW between FESCO and Shakarganj Sugar Mills.
- 3 New Waste to Energy Projects awarded Generation License by NEPRA (Indus Sugar Mills, Rajanpur 11 MW; Ghotki Sugar Mills 12 MW, JDW Sugar Mills Rahim Yar Khan 22 MW).
- 5 New Waste to Energy applications with NEPRA (Ramzan Sugar Mills, Chiniot 12 MW, Ashraf Sugar Mills Bahawalpur 8 MW, Thal Energy 10 MW, Shakarganj Sugar Mills 20 MW).

- US \$ 325 K Waste to Energy Study initiated for Karachi to generate 10 MW power.

### **SMALL HYDRO**

- 10 Small Hydro plants with cumulative capacity of 110 MW to become operational in 2012. Funding arranged and projects initialized.
- 103 off-grid Small Hydro plants with cumulative capacity of 15 MW initiated in collaboration with AKRSP.
- First small hydel PPA for 1 MW signed between PESCO and Blue Star Energy.
- Power Purchase Agreement for 1 MW small hydro power project signed between PESCO and Blue Star Energy.
- 10 small hydro power projects with a cumulative capacity of 142 MW in Punjab currently being developed.

### **Solar**

- PC-1 for 50 MW Solar Thermal Power Project in the public sector has been prepared.
- LOI issued for 02 MW solar PV power project.
- Several proposals for solar PV and solar thermal power projects are under review.

22. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 19-04-2010 at 13:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names of the retired Federal Secretaries or equivalent who are still occupying Government accommodations after their retirements indicating also house number, their date of retirement and the number of retentions availed by each of them?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) The names of the retired Federal Secretaries or equivalent who are still occupying Government accommodations after their retirements indicating also house number, their date of retirement and the number of retentions availed by each of them is given as (Annex-A).

23. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Khuddam-ul-Hujjaj and Mualims sent to Saudi Arabia for Hajj 2009; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impart training regarding Hajj to pilgrims before sending them for Hajj?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi:** (a) As per approved Hajj Policy for Hajj 2009, 230 Khuddamul Hujjaj were sent to Saudi Arabia for the welfare of Pakistani pilgrims. No Mualim was sent to Saudi Arabia for this purpose.

(b) This Ministry is imparting training regarding Hajj to pilgrims through Master trainers/group leaders which is arranged in collaboration with the Directorates of Hajj in Pakistan at District & Tehsil level.

24 **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Youth Affairs be pleased to state the number of youth appointed under the National Internship Program during the year 2009 with province-wise break up?*

**Mr. Shahid Hussain Bhutto:** Province wise breakup of educated youth offered placement under NIP 2009 is as under:—

Province	Number of interns offered placement
Punjab	11134
Sindh	4905
Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	9228
Balochistan	250
AJK	206
Gilgit-Baltistan	174
FATA	86
Federal Capital	2736
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28719</b>

25. **\*Nawabzada Mir Haji Lashkari Raisani:** (Notice received on 20-04-2010 at 14:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the name, experience and perks of the incumbent Chief Executive, QESCO, indicating also the procedure adopted in this appointment?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** Mr. Muhammad Shafique Khattak is the Chief Executive Officer of Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO). He was re-employed through direct contracting after superannuation for the same position, in view of his rich relevant and versatile Experience of DISCOS in almost all provinces. This is an interim arrangement till appointment of a Suitable officer matching the job requirements of CEO.

He has been re-employed on the same emoluments, which were drawn by him in Government Pay Scale (BS-20) and nothing above it.

26. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 08.45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of official telephones and cell phones provided to present General Manager, Logistic, PSO, in the office and residence; and*
- (b) *the amount of bills of the said phones paid by PSO during the last five years?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a)

No. of office Phone	No of Residential Phone	No. of Cell Phone
5636450 —	0345-8543772	

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(b) **Expenditure.**

Office Phone	Period	Cell Phone	Period
Rs. 20670	September, 2008 to October, 2009	Rs. 31,701	1-9-2008 to 15-4-2010

27. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the present status of the Pak-Iran Gas project?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:**

**Project Brief:**

- The Iran-Pakistan (IP) Gas Pipeline is designed to carry 1.05 Bcfd (30 MMcmd) natural gas from Iran's South Pars gas field in the Persian Gulf to Pakistan.



- The pipeline will start at Assaluyeh in Iran, to traverse a distance of 1,150 km upto the Iran-Pakistan border, which will be built and operated by Iran.
- Pakistan will build a 42-48 inch diameter pipeline from the Iran-Pakistan border upto its high pressure gas transmission network at Nawabshah, having a distance of nearly 785 km (Route map attached as **Annex-I**).
- The Capital cost of the project is estimated at US\$1.2-1.6 billion.
- Pursuant to the clearance given by the Federal Cabinet, Pakistan and Iran signed Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement (GSPA) on 5th June 2009 at Istanbul, in Turkey.
- The GSPA signed on 5th June 2009 envisages certain Conditions Precedent (CPs) to be completed by the GSPA Parties to make the GSPA effective.

**Current Status:**

- As part of the process of CPs completion, Pakistan side has obtained all required corporate and governmental approvals.
- Further, both sides have signed the Heads of Agreement (HOA) for transit and transportation of Iranian gas to India and the Operations Agreement (OA) for operational matters of the pipeline on 16th March 2010.
- In addition, to complete the CPs, GOP Performance Guarantee on behalf of ISGS is under the process of notarization, expected to be completed shortly.
- As per current Project Implementation Schedule the first gas flow is targeted by end 2014.

28. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 14:15 p.m.)

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

- the names and locations of Rest Houses and Lodges in Islamabad and Murree under the administrative control of the Ministry of Housing and Works; and*
- the rent collected from those rest houses / lodges during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) The names of Federal Lodges/ Hostels in Islamabad under the administrative control of this Ministry are as under:—

- Shah Abdul Latif Bhatti Lodge (FL-I) G-5/1, Islamabad.
- Lal Shahbaz Qalander Lodge (FL-II), G-5/1, Islamabad.

- (iii) Fatima Jinnah Hostel G-5/2, Islamabad.
- (iv) Federal Govt. Chummary Lodge G-8/1, Islamabad.
- (v) Gulshan-e-Jinnah Complex, Islamabad.

There is no rest house under the administrative control of this Ministry at Murree.

(b) The rent collected from these rest houses/ lodges during the financial year:—

- (i) 2007-2008 is Rs. 211,922,75/-
- (ii) 2008-2009 is Rs. 227,334,33/-

29. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-04-2010 at 14:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the number of employees hailing from Sindh in WAPDA Headquarters, Lahore is less than the prescribed quota, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to make up the said deficiency?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a)

- It is intimated that number of employees hailing from Sindh in WAPDA Headquarter Lahore is relatively less. The reason is that the posts in WAPDA House are mostly filled in through transfer/adjustment from other offices.
  - The officers domiciled in the Sindh Province generally do not prefer to serve in WAPDA Headquarter Lahore.
- (b) The employees belonging to Sindh Province are being motivated, by providing the best possible civic amenities like family residence, schooling, conveyance, medical, house acquisition facility etc. to feel comfortable, if posted at WAPDA House, Lahore.

*Islamabad :  
The 4th May, 2010.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*