

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 18th October, 2012

#86. ***Mr. Shahi Syed:** (Notice received on 17-05-2012 at 14:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names, designation, place of domicile and length of service of the employees of KESC retrenched or compulsorily retired since privatization of the company indicating also their salary at the time of retrenchment / retirement and the amount paid to them at that time; and*
- (b) the terms and conditions of privatization of KESC under which the said persons were retrenched / compulsorily retired?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) No one was compulsory retired, according to the Voluntary Separation Scheme of non-core staff, which has no effect on power generation, transmission and distribution.

(b) The terms and conditions of privatization are governed by Amended IA (Annex-A) between KESC — and GoP.

(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library)

#97 ***Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 13-06-2012 at 15:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has granted status of an attached department to the National Language Authority, if so, the date on which the approval was granted by the Prime Minister and notified in the official gazette?

Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki: The Prime Minister of Pakistan, has approved grant to National Language Authority the status of attached Department on 20th February, 2012. Copy of the Notification is attached at **Annex-I**.

#26. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-09-2012 at 08:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure being adopted for collection of Workers' Welfare Fund;*
- (b) *the procedure being adopted for utilization of the said fund; and*
- (c) *the authority which approves spending of the fund?*

Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain: (a) According to Workers' Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971, contribution by the employers of industrial establishments of private sector, equivalent to 2% of their declared income exceeding Rs.500,000 in a year of account is deposited by the said establishments into Trust Fund Account maintained with the Accountant General, Pakistan Revenues. Moreover, according to Companies Profits (Workers Participation) Act, 1968, left over amount after distribution of 5% of the profit as workers' share in a year of account is also deposited by the said establishments into Trust Fund Account.

(b) The funds deposited into Trust Fund Account are being utilized by the WWF in accordance with the notified "Procedure for Making Allocations of Money from the Fund, 2008". According to this procedure, Provincial Workers Welfare Boards (PWWBs) and WWF prepare budget estimates of the each financial year, which are then approved by the Governing Body (GB) of WWF on recommendations of the Finance & Accounts Committee of WWF. Thereafter, funds are released by the Finance Division from out of Trust Fund Account as per approved budget and then utilized by the respective PWWBs and WWF.

(c) The GB of WWF is competent forum to approve the spending of funds under section 7 & 10 of the WWF Ordinance, 1971.

#29. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state: -

- (a) *the existing rate of pension admissible to the beneficiaries of EOBI; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the said rate?*

Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain: (a) The existing rate of pension admissible to the beneficiaries of EOBI is Rs. 3,600/ per month.

(b) EOBI has enhanced the rate of pension admissible to its pensioners from Rs.3,000/- to Rs. 3,600/- per month *w.e.f.* 01-01-2012.

98. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Employees' Old-Age Benefits (EOBI) has donated Rs. 100 million to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the authority which approved the donation?*

Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain: (a) Yes, Rs.100,000,000/- (Rupees one hundred million only) paid to Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, for Pakistan Sweet Home (PSH) which is providing free boarding and lodging, nutrition, health and education from reputable institutions to 3000 children (orphans) of 4 to 6 years of age group. Kids of peasants, workers if needy will also get the benefits.

(b) Chairman, EOBI.

99. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether the World Bank is providing financial assistance for the project of Extension of Tarbela Dam, if so, its details?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: Yes, the World Bank is providing 90% financial assistance for Tarbela 4th Extension Hydropower Project. The details of the project is as under:—

- The objective of Tarbela 4th Extension Hydropower Project is the installation of 3 units of 470 MW each (Total 1410 MW) on Tunnel – 4 of Tarbela Dam Project.
- Based on the proposed structure and work done so far the total cost of the project has been estimated around US\$ 928.900 million (Eq. PKR 83,601.036 Million at exchange Rate 1 US\$ = PKR 90) including interest during construction).
- A loan agreement amounting to US\$ 840 Million (International Bank for Reconstruction & Development Agency US\$ 400 Million and International Development Agency US\$ 440 Million) has already been signed between GoP and World Bank on 12-04-2012 while the balance amount PKR 17,736 Million will be financed by WAPDA / Government of Pakistan.

- The loan (loan # 8144-PAK & Credit # 5079-PAK) become effective on 27-04-2012.
 - ECNEC has approved PC-I of the project on 16-08-2012.
 - Final design report has been received.
 - Pre-qualification of Civil and E&M Works for potential bidders is under way.
100. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 14-09-2012 at 14:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state whether the Government is considering to provide tracking devices to the Hajj Pilgrims?

Syed Khurshed Ahmed Shah: (a) There is no special consideration as regards to provision of facilities to Pakistani Hujjaj or of any other country by the Saudi Government. Special premium services can be obtained on payment of additional charges. As per previous practice, the following facilities will be provided to the Pakistani Hujjaj for Hajj 2012:—

- Train facility for Government Scheme Hujjaj would be provided on payment of SR.250/- per Haji.
- In addition to main Hospital Dispensaries and Sub-Dispensaries are established at Makkah and Madinah.
- As per Saudi Taleemat, transport will be provided to the pilgrims living in any building beyond 2000 meters during Hajj season.

(b) The arrangements/facilities for the Hujjaj of each country, for every Hajj year, depends upon the annual agreements, executed with the Ministry of Hajj KSA by each country. For example, in last Hajj-2011, the train facility at Masha'er was provided only to Government scheme Hujjaj of Pakistan on additional payment of SR.250/- per Hajj. This facility was not provided to Indian Hujjaj. The same facility has now been agreed for all Pakistani Hujjaj in Hajj-2012.

101. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 17-09-2012 at 11:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is fact that dams and water reservoirs in the country have lost their live water storage capacity considerably, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: Yes, it is a fact that dams and water reservoirs in the country have lost their 29 % live water storage capacity. The detail is as under:-

Name of Dam/reservoir	Original live water storage (MAF)	Present Live water storage (MAF)	Loss
Tarbela	9.69	6.56	32 %
Mangla	5.34	4.41	18 %
Chashma	0.72	0.26	64 %

The following steps have been taken by WAPDA to enhance the life span of Dams/reservoirs:—

Tarbela Dam

- i. Various studies have been carried out to sort out the feasibility of flushing/evacuating the sediments from reservoir to restore its lost live storage (**Annex-A**).
- ii. At present a sediment Management study is under process based on the recommendations of the experts of the 5th Periodic Inspection conducted in 2007. In this regard a contract for carrying out the study has been awarded to M/s Mott MacDonald UK & MMP in association with HR Walling Ford UK (Pvt. Ltd) on May 17th 2011 for which funds are being provided by World Bank. The study is under way and will be completed by year 2013.

Mangla Dam

- i. Mangla Dam has been raised by 30 ft from 1234 ft to 1264 ft SPD to enhance its useful life, live storage has been increased by 2.9 MAF.
- ii. Mangla Watershed Management Project carrying out the raising of planting stock in nurseries, restocking of failures, protection/maintenance of structures, conservation of check-dams, gabions wire crates and walls, diversion walls, retaining walls etc., to reduce the rate of sedimentation resulting in saving of live storage from sedimentations.

Chashma

- i. Efforts are being made during flood season to flush out the sediments by operating the under sluice gates to increase the reservoir capacity.

- ii. Recently, the Chinese Delegation visited the site of Chashma Reservoir to remove the Belas / Islands within the reservoir. Their report is still awaited.

102. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 09:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of Government accommodations allotted from May 2011 to September, 2012 indicating also the names of allottees and basis of allotment in each case;*
- (b) *whether the Government employees who have been allotted the said accommodations on subject to vacation basis but have not taken over the possession of the same are authorized to give consent for allotment of those accommodations to other employees, if so, the rules under which they are authorized to do so; and*
- (c) *the details of the said houses / accommodations which were allotted on the basis of the said consent?*

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (a) The details of Government accommodation allotted from May 2011 to September 2012 indicating also the names of allottees and basis of allotment in each case is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Yes, Government accommodation allotted to Federal Government employees on subject to vacation basis but have not taken over possession of the same can be allotted to other Federal Government servant on consent of the previous allottee as per order of the Competent Authority.

(c) The detail of the said houses/ accommodation which have been allotted on the basis of consent is at **Annex-B**.

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

103. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the names and address of Hajj tour operators who have been given Hajj quotas for Hajj 2012 indicating also the quota allocated to each operator?

Syed Khurshed Ahmed Shah: The list of names and addresses of Hajj Group Organizers (HGOs), who have been given hajj quota for Hajj 2012, is attached as **Annex -A**.

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104. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) the year-wise production cost incurred upon indigenous LPG for the last five years till date;*
- (b) the sale price to the authorized dealers at present;*
- (c) the criteria adopted to determine the prices of LPG for general consumers along-with monitoring mechanism of price thereof; and*
- (d) the increase / decrease made in the prices of LPG for general consumers during 2010-2011?*

Dr. Asim Hussain: (a) The LPG producers have reported the year-wise production cost incurred upon indigenous production for the last five years till date which is attached as **Annex-I**.

(b) The Government has deregulated the prices of LPG with effect from 15-09-2000. OGRA has reported that average consumer prices notified by LPG marketing companies in the national press for information of the general public are Rs. 120/Kg for local LPG, Rs. 121/Kg for imported LPG, and Rs. 123/Kg for imported & local mix.

(c) Under LPG (P&D) Policy, 2006, OGRA has to determine the reasonableness of price keeping in view the import parity price of LPG, producer price and audited accounts of LPG marketing companies for the last two years. Further, OGRA has been entrusted to monitor the consumer prices with the view that they should remain with reasonable level. OGRA has reported that the LPG prices are being monitored by them through their Enforcement Department by surprise visits of the authorized distributors of LPG marketing companies.

(d) Since the Government has deregulated the prices of LPG with effect from 15-09-2000, accordingly, LPG prices for general consumers are now fixed by marketing companies themselves. Neither OGRA nor MPNR fixes the price for general consumers; hence no data illustrating increase / decrease in the same is available.

105. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 19-09-2012 at 13:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state number of persons recruited on regular, contract and daily wages basis by the incumbent Government in OGDCL, PSO, PPL, SNGPL and SSGC separately in each case with province-wise breakup?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The total persons recruited on regular, contract and daily wages basis by the incumbent Government in OGDCL, PSOCL, PPL, SNGPL and SSGCL with province-wise breakup are as under:—

OGDCL and PSOCL	Annex-I
PPL	Annex-II
SNGPL	Annex-III
SSGCL	Annex-IV

106. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government is giving subsidy to Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC), if so, the reasons thereof?

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: • No subsidy has been provided to KESC.

- The GoP provides subsidy to the consumers in order to share their burden of Electricity bills.

107. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- the quantity of fuel presently being supplied to KESC and the quantum of electricity being produced from that fuel by the Corporation;*
- the ratio of electricity generation from oil / fuel; and*
- whether it is a fact that the KESC is not generating electricity in accordance with the fuel / oil being supplied to it, if so, the utilization of the remaining fuel/oil?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) The supply of gas varies from 100 to 200 MM CFD however the Average supply during the FY 2011-12 is 165 MMCFD; the generation produced during the year was 8,029 Million kwh.

(b) The ratio of generation from Gas & F. Oil is 73% & 27% respectively during 2011-12;

(c) KESC purchases fule/oil according to its requirement, as Gas is not sufficient to generate entire electricity demanded.

108 ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 24-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to ensure smooth and regular supply of LPG and LNG through out the country as per requirement?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The Government has taken following steps to ensure smooth supply of LPG and LNG, however, the implementation time will be known after award of contracts and execution of relevant agreements;

LPG

- (i) Subject to paying applicable dues and handling licence from OGRA, every party has been allowed to import LPG, under the LPG (P&D) Policy, 2011.
- (ii) To ensure regular supplies of LPG in the market, OGRA under section 3.4.2 of the LPG (P&D) Policy, 2011 may require all companies holding local allocations, to import or to purchase from importer(s), at least 20% of their local supplies on monthly basis. If they do not do so, for consecutive three months, the local LPG allocations of LPG marketing companies will be cancelled by Producers upon direction of OGRA.
- (iii) In order to encourage and incentivize the local LPG producers, the monthly price of local LPG has been benched marked with Saudi Aramco Contract Price (CP) of LPG.

Currently the LPG (P&D) Policy, 2011 has been challenged in the Lahore High Court Lahore and the Court has suspended the operation of the policy.

LNG

- (i) Under LNG Policy 2011, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) have issued LNG terminal construction licenses to five private companies to import LNG at their own cost and risk for their own customers.
- (ii) OGRA have also allocated pipeline capacity, subject to certain conditions, to three of said Companies.
- (iii) Moreover, Natural Gas Regulated Third Party Access Rules 2012 have been notified to facilitate transportation of RLNG to end consumers by SSGCL and SNGPL under tolling arrangements.
- (iv) In order to expeditiously arrange LNG supplies, ECC of the Cabinet on 3/10/2012 have approved that 800 MMCFD LNG will be imported by SSGC in two rounds under long term integrated project structure through open competitive bidding under PPRA Rules.

- (v) Moreover, 200 MMCFD LNG will be imported on fast track under tolling basis by Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) from international sources.
- (vi) Import of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) from India is also under consideration. Negotiations with India's nominated commercial entity (*i.e.* M/s GAIL) for supply of approximately 200 MMscfd RLNG to Pakistan for 3-5 years is in progress.

109. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-09-2012 at 10:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that great hydro potential is located in district Chitral, if so, its details;*
- (b) *the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for launching projects for production of hydro electricity in the district Chitral; and*
- (c) *the time by which Goleen Gol Hydel Power Station will become functional?*

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar: (a) A list of identified Hydropower Potential on Chitral River Basin alongwith status is attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) WAPDA has launched Golen Gol Hydropower Project in District Chitral. Preparatory works alongwith civil works are in progress. E&M works under awarding process.

(c) The expected completion date of project is Feb., 2015.

ISLAMABAD :
The 17th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Thursday, the 18th October, 2012

@1. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 18-09-2012 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that transformers installed in New Pind Islam Colony, Sukkur, are not working properly, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD :
The 17th October, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.