

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 16th November, 2012

DEFERRED QUESTION

(Question No.86 was originally set down for answering on 18th October, 2012 (86th Session) but was deferred)

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?*

Reply not received.

45. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-10-2012 at 20:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the particulars of staff working or posted in the Ministry, the Gencos and the DISCOs facing enquiries or disciplinary action for misconduct or financial misdemeanors and action taken against them?

Reply not received.

46. **Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government invited tenders and awarded contract for construction of Houses in the Officers Housing Scheme, Kurri*

Road, Islamabad, if so, the date on which the tenders were invited, particulars of tenders and the details of the contract so awarded,

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said contract has been cancelled, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the new tenders are being invited for the said scheme, if so, the time by which the tenders will be invited and the process of awarding the contract will be completed?*

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (a) Tenders for various categories of houses for Federal Government Officers of BPS-20-22 in four (04) packages were invited by PHA on March 16, 2012. Details of which are as under:—

- i. Cat-I Houses project is of Rs. 614.100 Mn. M/s Abdul Majeed & Co. is the lowest bidder in this package.
- ii. Cat-II Houses project is of Rs. 862.843 Mn. M/s Techno International is the lowest bidder in this package.
- iii. Cat-III (South) Houses project is of Rs. 421.297 Mn. M/s Abdul Majeed & Co. is the lowest bidder in this package.

Cat-III (North) Houses project is of Rs. 431.467 Mn. M/s National Construction Ltd is the lowest bidder in this package.

(b) The tenders were cancelled by the Board of Directors of PHA Foundation in its 3rd meeting held on May 18, 2012, in exercise of powers set out in the advertisement and Clause 17.04 or the instructions to the-bidders.

(c) Board of Directors of PHA Foundation reconsidered its decision regarding cancellation of tenders in its 4th meeting held on July 17, 2012 and decided to award the works to the lowest bidders keeping in view the time constraints and pressure of the allottees. Although Letters of Acceptance have been issued to all Contractors but further action on the matter has been stopped by Islamabad High Court by issuing stay Order.

47. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state the ratio of land development charges and cost of plot / land levied by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation and the Pakistan Housing Authority on each of their individual project(s) in Islamabad?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (A) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HOUSING FOUNDATION (FGEHF):

Cost of land and development charges were decided by the CDA and the rate per Sq.Yds. including development charging was applied @ Rs.250/- per Sq.Yd as directed by the Capital Development Authority (CDA).

Phase-II Sector E-12 & D-12:

Cost of land for I-8 was Rs.300 per Sq.Yard for development and Rs.650/- per Sq.Yard cost of land.

Phase-III G-13:

The Housing Foundation has charged @ Rs.600/- on of development charges with respective from allottee.

Phase-IV:

Initially Housing Foundation has allotted the plots on the basis of Phase-III plots as the land of G-14/1,2,3 is to be acquired yet and consequently the cost of land & development charge to be finalized.

Phase-V:

Land was provided by the Government for flats, only the cost of construction was charged by the allottee for flat on subsidized basis.

The cost of C type apartment 1100 sq.feet was Rs.21,60,000/-

The cost of D type apartment 900 sq.feet was Rs.16,66,000/-

The cost of E type apartment 700 sq.feet was Rs.13,20,000/-

(B) PAKISTAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOUNDATION (PHAF):

None of the projects of Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation is developing plots in Islamabad, however, ratio of the land development charges to the cost of land in each of the ongoing housing projects in Islamabad is given below:—

Sl. No.	Project	Land Development Cost (Rs.)	Cost of Land (Rs.)	Ratio (Land Development Cost / Cost of Land.
1.	Housing scheme at Kurri Road Islamabad.	579,768,929	494,514,900	1.172
2.	Construction of D-Type Apartments at Sector G-10/2, Islamabad.	197,676,051	112,711,500	1.754
3.	Construction of C & E type Apartments at Sector	184,996,328	145,381,500	1.272

G-11/3, Islamabad.

4.	Construction of C & D type Apartments at Sector I-11, Islamabad.	79,974,135	46,488,200	1.720
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48. ***Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state whether it is a fact that service charges @ 16 percent are being charged from the Government officers who have been allotted houses in Officer's Housing Scheme, Korri Road, Islamabad, if so, its reasons?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: It is to clarify that 16% service charges have not been charged from the Government Officers who have been allotted houses in the Officer's Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad. However, 17.5% Miscellaneous Charges are being charged by Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation (PHAF), details are as under:—

- 5% Departmental Charges to meet the office charges.
- 3% Contingency Charges to meet the expenditure to be incurred on the project for petty purchases, expenditures on Lab charges etc.
- 3% Design and Supervision Consultancy Charges.
- 6.5% Escalation Provision to meet the price adjustment.

49. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers who have been allotted houses in Officers' Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad, with category wise break up indicating also the amount of down payment and each installment fixed as well as deposited by each allottee so far?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: Total 588 housing units of Cat-I, II & III have been allotted to Officers of BS-20, 21 and 22 in Officers' Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad. The category wise lists of the officers who have been allotted houses in the said scheme including their names designations, the amount of down payment and each installment fixed as well as deposited by them so far are enclosed at Annex-A.

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

50. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

(a) *the names, educational qualifications and experience of Directors and other officials working on the Officers' Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad; and*

(b) *the name and previous experience of the company / firm / contractor executing the said scheme?*

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (a) The names, educational qualification and experience of Director and other officials working on the Officer's Housing Scheme, Kurri Road, Islamabad in PHA Foundation are:

S. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION	EXPERIENCE
1.	Mr. Farooq Khan Sherwani	Director (Engineering)	BSc Engineering (Civil)	40 years
2.	Mr. Ali Akbar Sheikh	Project Director	BSc Engineering (Civil)	34 years
3.	Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam	Dy. Director (Engineering)	B. Tech (Honours) (Civil)	26 years in Capital Development Authority, Islamabad.
4.	Syed Afaq Ahmed	Assistant Director	BSc Engineering (Civil)	6 months in PHA Foundation, Islamabad.
5.	Mr. Adnan Nomi	Assistant Director	BSc Engineering (Civil)	6 months in PHA Foundation, Islamabad.
6.	Mr. Farooq Khan	Sub-Engineer	Diploma in Associate Engineering (Civil)	6 months in PHA Foundation, Islamabad.
7.	Mr. Faisal Rasool Ranjha	Sub-Engineer	Diploma in Associate Engineering (Civil)	6 months in PHA Foundation, Islamabad.

(b) M/s Progressive (Pvt) Ltd. was hired as Design Consultant for the Kurri Project while M/s MAAKSONS (Pvt) Ltd. is the Contractor executing the infrastructure works at site. Previous experiences of both the firms are enclosed as Annex-A and Annex-8 respectively.

51. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:** (Notice received on 19-10-2012 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

- (a) *the schedule of completion of work on the Officers Housing Scheme, Kuri Road, Islamabad, which was intimated to the allottees;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that work on said scheme is not being completed according to the said schedule, if so, its reasons; and*
- (c) *the percentage of work completed on the said scheme so far and the time by which remaining work will be completed?*

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: (a) The allottees were intimated that construction of housing units will be completed within 24 months of start of execution of work.

(b) Start of work was delayed due to litigation among the Contractors. However, infrastructure development work has started and efforts are being made to complete the work at site as per given schedule.

(c) The infrastructure works started on March 22, 2012 which has been completed, by 19% so far. Its remaining work, will be completed by September, 2013.

52. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 20-10-2012 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the present stage of the work on Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Project?

Dr. Asim Hussain:

Project Implementation Status:

- Turkmenistan-Pakistan and Turkmenistan-India bilateral Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements (GSPAs) has been signed by the heads of respective commercial entities on 23rd May 2012. On the same day, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on “Long Term Cooperation in Gas Sector”.
- TAPI Parties have agreed to a transit fee figure.
- Road Shows to verify Project Sponsor held during 9th -20th September 2012 in Singapore, New York and London. Very well response received from leading IOCs such as Chevron, Exxon Mobile, British Gas and Financiers such as CITI Group, US EXIM, Morgan Stanley etc.

Way Forward on TAPI Project:

- *Formation of Pipeline Consortium.*—Under the GPFA signed on 11th December 2010, TAPI Parties agreed to jointly form a consortium to finance, design and construct the project.
- *Appointment of Transaction Advisor.*—TAPI Parties already agreed in principle to appoint ADB as Transaction Advisor to broadly update the Pre-feasibility study, market the project and take the transaction to Financial Close.

53. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 10:30 a.m.)

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

- the ratio of energy mix as on March, 2008 and at present;*
- whether it is a fact that the ratio of energy mix has unprecedentedly changed during the last 4-1/2 years, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- whether any study has been conducted to identify reasons for the said change, if so, the details thereof; and*
- the steps being taken by the Government to balance the energy mix?*

Reply not received.

54. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 22-10-2012 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- the functions of Department of Workers Welfare Fund;*
- whether it is a fact that Workers Welfare Fund has not been devolved to the provinces under 18th amendment in the Constitutions, if so, its reasons; and*
- whether it is also a fact that the amount in the W.W. Fund has not been handed over to the provinces so far, if so, its reasons indicating also the amount of funds and the details of its utilization?*

Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain: (a) The Functions of WWF as defined under section (6) of Workers Welfare Fund Ordinance, 1971 are financing of:—

- The projects connected with the establishment of housing estates or construction of houses for workers; and
- The other welfare measures including education, training, re-skilling and apprenticeship for welfare of the workers.

- (b) • All the functions of WWF are already decentralized / delegated to the Provincial Government as notified under Section -11C of the WWF Ordinance, 1971.
- The Federal Government releases funds to the Provincial Governments as “Grant-in -Aid” for the execution of welfare development projects, in the following areas, which are maintained by themselves (the respective Provincial Governments), as defined under Section-6 (a) & (b) of the WWF Ordinance, 1971.
 - (i) The projects connected with the establishment of housing estates or construction of houses for workers; and
 - (ii) The other welfare measures including education, training, re-skilling and apprenticeship for welfare of the workers.
- The Provincial WWBs are fully independent under administrative control of the respective Provincial Governments with regards to administration and welfare activities for the workers of their respective Provinces.

(c) The WWF releases funds to Provincial Workers Welfare Boards against their annual approved budgets for implementing various welfare projects / schemes for workers.

The amount available with WWF and its utilization is as under:—

	Rs. In Million
Total receipts of WWF during the period from 1-7-2011 to 30-9-2012.	14884.194
Funds utilized during the period.	13289.098
Amounts available with WWF in the Bank as on 30-09-2012.	1595.096

55. ***Mrs. Nasreen Jalil:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons appointed in the Ministry of Housing and its attached departments during 2010 and 2011?

Sardar Talib Hassan Nakai: The recruitments/appointments made in the Ministry of Housing and its following attached departments during 2010 and 2011 may be treated as “Nil”.

- (a) National Housing Authority
- (b) Estate Office Management

However, recruitments made in the following organizations under the Ministry of Housing during 2010 and 2011 are placed at flags mentioned against each.

- (i) FGE Housing Foundation (**Annexure-A**).
- (ii) PHA Foundation (**Annexure-B**).

56. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 11:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the losses caused due to pilferage of gas in the country are being passed on to the consumers, if so, its reasons?

Dr. Asim Hussain: This is not true that “all losses caused due to pilferage of gas in the country are being passed on to the consumers”.

There can be a number of factors comprising UFG such as leakages, measurement errors and theft/pilferage by consumer and non-consumers etc. The pilferage of gas is one of the reasons for Unaccounted for gas (UFG).

UFG is the difference between gas purchased, used by company and sold to the consumer.

Gas Utility Companies in Pakistan, in line with worldwide practice are allowed a certain percentage against the benchmark set by the Regulatory Authority. UFG within the allowable limits remains part of company’s revenue requirements (being passed on to consumers) while the impact of volumes over and above the benchmark limits does not form part of revenue requirement.

Hence not all UFG is passed on to the consumers. Gas Utility companies are penalized if UFG is above the allowed benchmark and have to pay from their own profits.

57. ***Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo:** (Notice received on 23-10-2012 at 13:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 24 replied on 10th October, 2012 and state the present status of work on restoration of damaged road between village Sagri and Doke Fatima, Tehsil and District Rawalpindi, due to laying of gas pipeline in that area?

Dr. Asim Hussain: The restoration of damaged road between Village Sagri and Dhok Fatima, Tehsil and District Rawalpindi will commence from the first week of November, 2012 and will be completed by 15th December, 2012, barring unforeseen circumstances.

58. ***Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 24-10-2012 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the role of Pakistan State Oil in fixing prices of POL and petroleum products?

Dr. Asim Hussain: *Petrol, diesel and JP-1.*—PSO's role is only to provide various components of its imports costs determined on the basis of Government's approved formula. However, calculation and announcement of ex-refinery price by using applicable rules is the responsibility of individual refineries.

Similarly, IFEM is being determined by OGRA and Petroleum Levy is being communicated by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. Margins of OMCs and Dealers are fixed by Government in Rupees per liter. PSO submit its price calculation to OGRA who review it and issue instructions (if any) for revision in calculation before announcement.

SKO & E-10.—Price is being announced by OGRA. PSO follow the price announced by OGRA.

Furnace Oil.—Prices of Furnace oil is completely deregulated and is being determined by PSO on the basis of its actual cost and Margins.

62. **Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 30-10-2012 at 12:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation recently launched membership drive for registration for Federal Government Employees to provide them plots, if so, the number of employees registered under that drive so far;*
- (b) the amount collected from the applicants and details of its utilization; and*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that no housing scheme for allotment of plots has been launched for the registered employees so far, if so, its reasons and the steps taken to launch scheme in proper CDA sector?*

Reply not received.

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The 15th November, 2012.

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,
Secretary.

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