

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 6th November, 2013

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Question Nos. 103, 1,6,21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30 were originally set down for answering 29th October, 2013 (98th Session))

103. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-07-2013 at 9:00 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the amount released for the construction of new Dams and water reservoirs in the country during the current financial year?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: An amount of Rs. 2,075.54 million (including Wapda's self-financing Rs. 231.51million) has been released for construction of Dams and reservoirs during current financial year 2013-14. Detail is at Annex-A.

1. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 30-08-2013 at 12:50 pm)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the salient features of the Government's new energy policy?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: To achieve the long term vision of the power sector and overcome its challenges, the Government of Pakistan has set the following nine goals:

1. Build a power generation capacity that can meet Pakistan energy needs in a sustainable manner.
2. Create a culture of energy conservation and responsibility.
3. Insure the generation of inexpensive and affordable electricity for domestic, commercial and industrial use.
4. Minimize pilferage and adulteration in fuel supply.
5. Promote world class efficiency in power generation.

6. Create a cutting edge transmission network.
7. Minimize inefficiencies in distribution system.
8. Minimize financial losses across the system.
9. Align the ministries involved in the energy sector and improve governance.

6. ***Mr. Amar Jeet :** (Notice received on 02-09-2013 at 12:15 pm)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a grid station was approved for Barikot (Swat) in 2010 and the amount for the same was released in 2011-2012; and*
- (b) *the details of work completed on the said grid station so far and the time by which the remaining work will be completed?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Yes. The 132 KV Grid Station was approved for Barikot, Swat in 2010 under the 6th Secondary Transmission Grid (STG) program and the amount was released for the same in 2011-12.

(b) Site was selected and acquisition of land is in progress. After possession of land the tentative time schedule for completion of work is two years.

21. ***Mr. Ahmed Hassan :** (Notice received on 11-09-2013 at 11:25 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to starred question No.57 replied on 23rd August, 2013 and state whether an additional 100 KVA transformer has been installed at village Sahib Hassan Killi near Bismillah Colony, Tehsil Takht Bhai, District Mardan, if not, the time by which the same will be installed?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Proposal for installation of additional 100 KVA transformer in village Sahib Hassan Killi near Bismillah Colony, Tehsil Takht Bhai, District Mardan is under process with planning Directorate PESCO for Technical analysis & will be installed shortly after sanction.

22. ***Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari :** (Notice received on 13-09-2013 at 10:45 am)

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

- (a) *the water flow in Indus Basin River system in each year since 2001 indicating the details for rivers Kabul, Indus, Jehlum, Chanab, Ravi and Sutlaj, separately;*

- (b) *the quantum of the said water used in the associated canal network during Rabbi and Kharif seasons with year-wise breakup;*
- (c) *the additional water made available for agriculture purposes since building of Mangla, Tarbela and Chashma reservoirs indicating also the storage at those reservoirs with year-wise breakup;*
- (d) *the number of years the reservoirs had 114 MAF or more to be distributed as envisioned in 1991 water appropriation award; and*
- (e) *the steps taken by the Government for 10 MAF additional water storage capacity as envisioned in the 1991 Water Accord?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Attached as Annexure-A.

(b) Attached as Annexure-B.

(c) Attached as Annexure-C.

(d) The reservoirs *i.e.* Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma had built-in-capacity of 15.74 MAF. The present capacity as on 23-10- 2013 is 14.26 MAF, after raising of Mangla Dam. The reservoirs do not have the capacity to meet the water demand of 114 MAF. The reservoirs along with run-off the river, as per its availability during Kharif & Rabi seasons, are available to meet the demand of 114 MAF. In case of deficiency in the rivers as well as storage, the distribution of water is made as per Para-2, Para-4, and 14 (b) of the Accord 1991.

(e) There is no quantified water of 10 MAF envisaged in water Accord for additional storage. Para-6 of the water Accord deals with the water storage which reads as under:—

“The need for storages, wherever feasible on the Indus and other rivers was admitted and recognized by the participants for planned future agricultural development.”

23. ***Mr. Heman Dass:** (Notice received on 16-09-2013 at 11:40 am)

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

- (a) *the amount of electricity bills presently outstanding against the consumers in Balochistan with district-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the reasons for non recovery of the said amount; and*
- (c) *the number of illegal electricity connections in District Turbat at present?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) An Amount of Rs.85662.21 Millions are outstanding against various districts in Balochistan ending September 2013. The district wise break-up is at **Annex-A.**

(b) Reasons for non-recovery of dues are at **Annex-B.**

(c) There are 150 illegal electricity tube-well connections in District Turbet.

24. ***Mr. Heman Dass :** (Notice received on 17-09-2013 at 03:45 pm)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of WAPDA employees penalized on the charges of their involvement in electricity theft and provision of illegal electricity connections during the last three years?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Company-wise detail of WAPDA employees penalized on the charges of their involvement in electricity connections during the last three years is attached as under:—

Name of Company	No. of employees	Reply by Company
TESCO	Nil	Annex-A
PESCO	73	Annex-B
QESCO	60	Annex-C
HESCO	29	Annex-D
SEPCO	79	Annex-E
IESCO	24	Annex-F
MEPCO	62	Annex-G
FESCO	77	Annex-H
GEPCO	66	Annex-I

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

28. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 01-10-2013 at 02:30 pm)

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

- (a) *the amount provided by the Members of Senate, National Assembly and Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa out of their development funds to PESCO for provision of transformers and other material and details of its utilization; and*
- (b) *the details of pending provisions of material for which the amount has been received but the job has not been undertaken?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) An amount of Rs.1698.263 m was provided to PESCO for provision of transformers and other material. Out of this, Rs.734.420 m has been utilized against 2258 schemes. Details are at Annex-A.

(b) Details are at Annex-B.

29. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 01-10-2013 at 02:30 pm)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that various DISCOs in the country charge amount from the consumers at the time of provision of electricity connections on account of sharing cost of transformers which are provided by the Parliamentarians and the Members of the Provincial Assemblies out of their development funds, if so, the amount collected in such cases by each DISCO during the last five years?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: No amount is charged from the consumers at the time of provision of electricity connections on account of Sharing Cost of Transformers which are provided by the Parliamentarians and Members of the Provincial Assemblies out of their development funds.

30. ***Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio:** (Notice received on 03-10-2013 at 12:50 pm)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to generate electricity with coal at Power Plant in Gaddani, Balochistan, if so, its details; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that production of electricity with coal at the said Plant will be injurious to human health and marine life, if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to overcome that danger?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Government of Pakistan has planned to construct a power park at Gadani Baluchistan with total capacity of 10x660 MW= 6660 MW.

(b) GHCL will install only two units of 660 MW each at Gadani in Public Sector on imported coal which will contain less than 1% sulfur. The plant will not cause any harm to human health and the marine life as the following emission control technologies will be applied on these units.

- Electrostatic precipitators (ESP) particulate matters (PM)
- Flue Gas Desulphurization (FGD) to control Sox.
- Low NOx burners with overfire Air Ports and selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system.
- A stack height of 210 m is proposed for wider dispersion of emission and thereby dilution. A higher stack will also effectively disperse the normal pollution from the stack.
- Properly designed wastewater treatment system will also be employed at Power Station to treat the wastewater before its disposal.

@146. * **Mrs. Sehar Kamran** : (Notice received on 08-10-2013 at 03:10 pm)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the salient decisions taken by the present Council of Common Interests (CCI) indicating also the status of implementation of the same?

Reply not received.

148. * **Syeda Sughra Imam**: (Notice received on 02-09-2013 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry of Water and Power to reduce its current expenditures by 30% during the current financial year in pursuance of Prime Minister's directive?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif : In the spirit to quickly tackle an otherwise difficult situation, Ministry has in hand a wide field of activities ranging from ensuring sustainable human resource to Protecting strategic interests of Pakistan even beyond its geographical boundaries in the shape of international arbitration proceedings with foreign countries in disputed projects.

2. All such activities are currently at very critical stage and there is an urgent need to ensure their continuity to bear the desired results.

3. It is therefore feared that if such activities are curtailed or left midway due to paucity of funds, attainment of strategic objectives of the Ministry will also get adversely affected.

4. Therefore, Finance Division has been approached to exempt the Ministry of Water and Power from 30% cut in the budget for the F.Y. 2013 are Annexed.

5. However, wherever possible the expenditure of MoWP will be curtailed.

149. ***Syeda Sughra Imam**: (Notice received on 02-09-2013 at 09:15 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that India is constructing 1000 MW Pakaldul (Drangdhuran) Dam on Chenab river; and*
- (b) *whether construction of the said dam is a violation of Indus Water Treaty or otherwise?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Yes, it is a fact that India has proposed Pakal Dul (Drangdhran) Hydroelectric Plant (1000MW Ultimate 1500MW) on Chenab River. Pakal Dul Hydroelectric Plant (HEP) is located on Marusadar River, a major right bank tributary of the Chenab Main, in Doda District, in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. It has a concrete faced rock fill dam with height of 167 m. Gross capacity of the reservoir is 132.2 Mm³ (108,000 acre-ft) and live storage capacity is 108.4 Mm³ (88,000 acre-ft). It is the first storage project proposed by India on River Chenab but it has storage capacity within the limit, specified in the Treaty.

The design of the project was received from India on 19th December 2012 and Pakistan, after detailed review of the design in view of the design criteria provided in the Treaty sought some clarifications of Maximum Design flood and operation of the Pakal Dul reservoir.

The design was discussed with India in 109th meeting of Permanent Indus Commission held in September 2013. These observations will further be discussed in the next meeting of the Commission expected to be held before 31st March 2014.

- (b) India can construct such storage dam on two conditions:
- (i) The storage capacity has to be within the limit specified in the Treaty.
- (ii) Such storage must not restrict the Water rights of Pakistan.

150. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 03-09-2013 at 10:35 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.341 billion has been released to IPPs in June 2013, if so, the names of such IPPs and the amount released in each case?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif : After deducting Liquidated damages of Rs. 23 billion, payments / adjustments of Rs. 480 billion **Rs. 341 billion on 28-06-2013** and adjustment of Rs.139 billion were made on **21st** and **29-07-2013** (**Annex – A**).

151. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 10-09-2013 at 09:15 am).

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the details of increases made in prices of natural gas for domestic and commercial consumers during the present regime?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: There is no increase made in prices of natural gas for domestic and commercial consumers during the present regime.

153. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on **11-09-2013** at **09:20 am**)

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

(a) *The names of cities to which natural gas has been provided since 2010; and*

(b) *The criteria adopted for supply of gas to the said cities?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi : (a) The names of cities to which natural gas has been provided since 2010 are as under;

SNGPL

1	Jamal Garhi	11	Ali Pur
2	Narowal	12	Kot Samaba
3	Bhowana	13	Jatoi
4	Khanqah Dogran	14	Sarai Naurang
5	Zafarwal	15	Takht-e-Nusrati
6	Shakargarh	16	Jallah Jeem
7	Sahiwal (Sargodha)	17	Mandi Faizabad
8	Haroonabad	18	Sohdran
9	Sillanwali	19	Bevel
10	Piplan	20	Bhara Kahu

SSGCL

1	Salehpat	6	Talhar
2	Khoski	7	Bulri Shah Karim
3	Shahpur Jahania	8	Raju Khanani
4	Berani	9	Nuabad
5	Kanak		

(b) The criteria adopted for supply of gas to the said cities/towns is as under.

- The Hon'able Parliamentarians identify the localities for provision of gas.
- Surveys are carried out by the gas utility companies accordingly.
- Cost estimates are furnished to Prime Minister's Secretariat for approval/release of funds.
- Thereafter, Directives are issued by Prime Minister's Secretariat for undertaking these projects.
- Gas utility companies contribute funds upto the "per consumer cost criteria" which is Rs.54,000 for Punjab and Sindh, Rs.108,000 for Khyber Pakhtunkhawa and Rs.270,000 for Balochistan.
- Cost above criteria is funded by the Govt. of Pakistan.

However, Khoski, Shahpur Jahanian, Raju Khanani, Berani and Nauabad towns were provided gas through Soft Term Loan Agreement between Government of Sindh and SSGC.

154. *Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 11-09-2013 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names of small hydel power projects under construction in the country at present indicating also the estimated cost and progress made so far in each case?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif :

- Under 18th Amendment, provinces have been empowered for development / construction of small hydropower projects.
- The provincial governments have made their plans for construction of small hydropower projects.
- Wapda has undertaken Harpo 34 MW Hydropower Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 12,957 million in Gilgit Baltistan with the NOC from Govt. of Gilgit Baltistan which is under feasibility study.

155. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 11-09-2013 at 09:20 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and educational qualifications of the members of the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for selection / appointment of the said members; and*
- (c) *the salient achievements of the Commission and details of cases disposed by it during the last three years?*

Reply not received.

156. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 12-09-2013 at 08:50 am)

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

- (a) *the number of cases of illegal Sui gas connections and theft of Sui gas surfaced during the present regime; and*
- (b) *the names of persons, factories and business owners found involved in the said cases and the action taken against them?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi :(a) The number of cases of illegal sui gas connections during the present regime are **2572**.

Volume of theft of sui gas, surfaced during the present regime is 11700 MMCF (approx.).

(b) The names of persons, factories and business owners found involved in the said cases and the action taken against them as provided by SNGPL and SSGCL are at **Annex-A & B**, respectively.

SNGPL has submitted applications for lodging FIRs in the said cases in the respective police stations while SSGCL has apprised that claim letters are being issued in the said cases.

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157. ***Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja** : (Notice received on 07-10-2013 at 11:05 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the number of persons presently working in Prime Minister's Office and Prime Minister's House, separately, with province-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: The detail of persons presently working in Prime Minister's Office and Prime Minister's House, separately, with province-wise break-up is at Annex-A and Annex-B.

158. * **Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja** : (Notice received on 08-10-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the names of members of Parliament (Majlis-e-Shoora) who were provided discretionary and special development funds by the Prime Minister since the year 2002 with year-wise break-up?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: No Member of the Parliament was provided funds from the discretionary grant of the Prime Minister since the Year 2002. The detail of Special Development Funds provided to the Parliamentarian since the Year 2002 is as under:

Cabinet Division:

- i. Funds under Khushal Pakistan Programme-I (KPP-I) during the year 2002-2008. (**Annex-I**).
- ii. Peoples Works Programme-I during the Year 2008-2013 (**Annex-II**).

Public Affairs Wing

de-linked with this Office & transferred to Parliamentary Affairs Division

- iii. Funds under Federal Priority Project (FPP) from 2003-04 & 2004-05 (**Annex-III**).
- iv. Funds under Khushal Pakistan Programme-II (KPP-II) from 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 (**Annex-IV**).
- v. Funds released under People Works Programme (PWP-II) from 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 (**Annex-V**).

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159. ***Mr. Heman Dass** : (Notice received on 08-10-2013 at 10:50 am)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Senate Starred Question No. 72, replied on 23rd August, 2013 and state:

- (a) *whether funds have been allocated in the current budget for repairing and maintenance of category-IV flats of Pak PWD blocks in sector G-10/3, Islamabad, if not, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the time by which the required funds will be allocated and the work of repairing and maintenance of the said flats will be carried out?*

Mr. Usman Ibrahim : (a) An amount of Rs.1.300 million has been allocated to Central Civil Division No. VIII, Pak. PWD, Islamabad for repair and maintenance under the Head of account “A13302-Residential Buildings (R&M)” in the current financial year. 64 flats of Category-IV are situated in G-10/3. Annual repair of these flats will be undertaken out of allocated amount.

(b) Funds have already been allocated in current financial year budget and repair & maintenance will be undertaken accordingly. (Funds are released quarterly)

160. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 08-10-2013 at 03:10 pm)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of increases made in the electricity tariff since June, 2013 indicating also the reasons for such increases?

Reply not received

161. ***Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 09-10-2013 at 12:05 pm)

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

- (a) *the number of new gas connections provided in the country during the last regime with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of new cities, villages and localities in the country which were supplied natural gas during the said period with province-wise break-up?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi :(a) The number of new gas connections provided in the country during the last regime with province-wise break-up is as under:

PROVINCE	No. of Connections
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	199,636
Punjab	1,217,752
Sindh	504,908
Balochistan	61,301

(b) The number of new cities, villages and localities in the country which were supplied natural gas during the said period with province-wise break-up is as under:

Province	Cities	Villages/Localities
Khyber	5	248

Pakhtunkhwa		
Punjab	18	1440
Sindh	12	1715
Balochistan	1	11
Total :	36	3414

162. *Mrs. Sehar Kamran : (Notice received on 09-10-2013 at 12:05 pm)

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

- (a) *the number of new electricity connections provided in the country during the last regime with province-wise break-up; and*
 (b) *the number of new cities, villages and localities in the country which were electrified during the said period with province-wise break-up?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) No. of New Electricity Connections (provided in the country during the last regime with province wise breakup):

Name of Province	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Punjab	756041	634952	631064	594957	620233	644487
KPK	70882	76676	80774	83519	62144	102249
Sindh	32455	26737	27315	30786	24341	38334
Balochistan	17575	14485	13273	11381	13449	11846
Total:	876873	752850	752426	720643	720167	796916

(b) No. of Villages Electrified (during the last regime with province wise break-up.)

Name of Province	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Punjab	6533	5033	7554	6015	5311	6375
KPK	1492	1327	2438	2364	759	576
Sindh	1411	1874	3215	1990	2464	2800
Balochistan	1005	1634	1855	1326	1134	1097
Total:	10441	9868	15062	11705	10268	10848

ISLAMABAD :
 The 5th November, 2013.

AMJED PERVEZ,
 Secretary.