

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 12th February, 2014

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

Questions Nos. 46 and 49 originally set down for answering on 15th January, 2014 (100th Session)

46. (Def.) ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 19-11-2013 at 09:35 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the amount of subsidy provided to the power sector in the country since 2008 with year-wise break-up?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The amount of subsidy provided to the power sector in the country since 2008 is placed at **Annex - A.**

49. (Def.) ***Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 19-11-2013 at 02:20 pm)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names, educational qualifications, grades and place of domicile of the persons appointed on regular and contract basis in the Ministry, its attached departments and sub-ordinate offices / organizations during the last four years?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Reply of Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB):

The person appointed on regular and contract basis in AEDB during last four years are shown in table below:

S.#	Name	Educational Qualification	Grade	Place of domicile	Status of appointment
1.	Mr. Imtiaz Ali Shah	BE (Electrical), MS (Telecom Engr.)	AES-09	Sundh (U)	Regular
2.	Mr. Shafgain Shah	MBA	AES-07	Sindh(R)	Regular
3.	Ms. Malika Quddus	MBA (Finance)	AES-06	Punjab	Contract/regularized by the Cabinet Sub Committee.
4.	Ms. Sobia Sabir	M.Sc (Pol.Sc)	AES-06	Punjab	Contract/regularized by the Cabinet Sub Committee.
5.	Ms. Ayesha Ahmad	B.Sc(Hons)	AES-06	Punjab	Contract/regularized by the Cabinet Sub Committee.

Reply of National Energy Conservation Centre (ENERCON):

Nil reply received from ENERCON.

Reply of National Engineering Services Pakistan Pvt. Ltd. (NESPAK)

The list of person appointed on regular and contract basis in NESPAK during last four years (*i.e.* 2010-1013) is enclosed at Annex-A.

Reply of National Power Construction Corporation Pvt. Ltd. (NPCC):

S.#	Name	Educational Qualification	Grade	Place of domicile	Status of appointment	Remarks
1.	Mr. Khan	Primary	3	KPK	Work Charged	—

	Bahadur				basis.	
2.	Mr. Mehboob Khan	Primary	1	AJK	-do-	Service Terminated
3.	Mr. Muhammad Ehsan	Primary	1	Punjab	-do-	-do-
4.	Mr. Amjad Ali	Primary	1	Punjab	-do-	-do-
5.	Mr. Muhammad Jahangir	Primary	1	KPK	-do-	-do-
6.	Mr. Muhammad Sarwar.	Middle	1	Punjab	-do-	-do-
7.	Mr. Rashid Masih	Primary	1	Islamabad	-do-	-do-

Ministry of Water and Power

The following deceased-son have been appointed on deceased quota in the Ministry of Water and Power on contract basis under P.M. Package:

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	BPS	Domicile	Qualification
1	Habib-ur-Rehman LDC	7	Punjab	Metric
2	Mr. Zulfiqar Ahmed Naib Qasid	1	Punjab	Middle

WAPDA:

A complete list of names, educational qualifications, grades and place of domicile of the persons appointed on regular and contract basis in WAPDA during the last four years is attached as **Annex-B**.

CEA/CFFC

A complete list of persons appointed on regular and contract basis during last four years is enclosed as **Annex-C**.

IRSA

A complete list of persons appointed on regular and contract basis during last four years is enclosed as **Annex-D**.

PCIW

A complete list of persons appointed on regular and contract basis during last four years is enclosed as **Annex-E**.

PEPCO

Detail of PEPCO (DISCOs, and GENCOs + NTDC) are at **Annex-G**.

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

57. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 20-12-2013 at 02:55 pm)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that office bearers of Pakistan Olympic Association headed by Gen. (R) Arif Hassan, which has already been declared illegal by the superior court, have given statements against the Government of Pakistan and Pakistan Judiciary in the Olympic Council of Asia and International Olympic Committee; and*
- (b) *whether any action has been taken by the Government against the said office bearers / association, if so, its details and if not, its reasons?*

Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) 1. A number of statements by Lt. Gen. (Retd) Syed Arif Hasan, reflected in print media from time to time give a negative impression about Government of Pakistan (copies enclosed). According to his statements he does not recognize the authority of the Government/ Ministry IPC or Pakistan Sports Board or their rules or policies. Record of his statements before the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) is not available.

2. National Sports Policy-2005 which contains tenure restriction clauses has been approved by the Federal Cabinet and upheld by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. However, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Arif Hasan has contested and won elections for President, POA for the 3rd term against the Government Policy. It may also be mentioned here that Government/PSB does not recognize POA headed by Lt. Gen. (R) Syed Arif Hasan being in 3rd term in violation of Revised National Sports Policy-2005 (NSP) upheld by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The court has not declared the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA) headed by Lt. Gen. (R) Arif Hasan as illegal.

3. An Interim Committee of POA conducted fresh elections on 5th July, 2013 through an Election Commission for posts of President, POA and Secretary General, etc. Maj. Gen. (R) M. Akram Sahi was elected President, POA and Khawaja Farooq Saeed as Secretary General.

4. At present, two groups are claiming to represent the POA in Pakistan. One group is the POA headed by Maj. Gen. (R) Muhammad Akram Sahi (recognized by PSB) and the other group is the POA headed by Lt. Gen. (R) Arif Hasan which is not recognized by Government but is recognized by IOC.

5. The Pakistan Olympic Association and others have filed writ petition 3501/2012 in the Islamabad High Court against the Government of Pakistan/ PSB and the matter is subjudice. The court has issued status quo orders.

(b) 1. Government / PSB does not recognize POA headed by Lt. Gen. (R) Syed Arif Hasan being in 3rd term in violation of Revised National Sports Policy-2005 (NSP) upheld by

the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Therefore, Ministry of IPC / PSB is not providing any financial / technical support to the said association.

2. As per IOC Charter, Government of Pakistan cannot interfere in the affairs of POA, therefore, the Government / Ministry of IPC is holding consultation with all the stakeholders including both POAs, National Sports Federations and Provincial authorities, etc to resolve the issue.

58. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 24-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the amount disbursed for Diامر Bhasha Dam during the current financial year indicating also the details of amount disbursed for land acquisition, feasibility study and construction, separately?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The amount disbursed for Diامر Basha Dam Project during current financial year (2013-14) is Rs. 14.500 Billion for Land acquisition and Rs. 0.648 Billion for construction. As desired, the requisite detail is as under:—

PSDP 2013-14 (Land)

Allocation = Rs. 17.00 Billion
Released by F&D/Finance = Rs. 17.00 Billion
Division upto Dec-2013

Amount Disbursed

Land acquisition = Rs. 14.500 Billion transferred To District Administration, Diامر, Gilgit Baltistan.
Rs. 4.600 Billion released by Finance Division, is under process of realization.

Feasibility Study = Nil (Already completed)

Self-Financing by WAPDA

Allocation (2013-14) = Rs. 8.150 Billion.

Amount Disbursed

Construction = Rs. 0.497 Billion.

(Preparatory Works)

Adrn: Expenditure = Rs. 0.151 Billion

59. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the amount allocated and released to Pakistan Embassy / Mission in Canada during the last five years and details of its utilization with head-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *whether audit of accounts of the Embassy / Mission for the said period has been conducted, if so, the details of irregularities surfaced therein indicating also the persons found involved and action taken against them?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The budget and expenditures incurred on Pakistan Embassy / Sub Mission in Canada during last five years are as under:—

Mission	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp
Ottawa	46.6	56.3	56.6	66.1	62.9	66.5	71.1	98.5	75.3	99.4
Montreal	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.8	5.4	4.6	5.7	5.1	6.0	7.8
Toronto	61.0	63.1	62.8	69.1	75.6	68.7	62.4	66.2	65.0	85.7
Vancouver	34.4	36.6	40.4	51.5	42.6	51.4	46.5	52.8	48.3	56

Yearly head-wise details are attached as Annexure A, B, C & D.

(b) Embassy of Pakistan, Ottawa

No audit of the accounts of our Embassy in Ottawa, Canada has been conducted in the last five years by the Audit authorities. The Audit of a mission falls under the purview of the Auditor General of Pakistan.

Consulate General, Toronto

- Audit of the accounts of Consulate General, Toronto was carried out for the period 2009-2011 (*i.e.* Audit and Inspection Report 2009-2011).
- In all, eleven (11) irregularities were reported.
- Most of the audit paras/irregularities are of procedural nature, which pertain to expenditure from PCW & EF, transportation, repair and maintenance, purchase of physical assets and purchase of Consulate building.
- Of these, one (1) audit para has been settled. Settlement of the remaining audit paras is in progress.

Consulate General, Montreal

No audit of accounts of our Consulate in Montreal has been conducted in the last five years by the audit authorities.

Consulate General, Vancouver

No audit of accounts of our Consulate in Vancouver has been conducted in the last five years by the audit authorities.

60. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of increases made in electricity prices during the present regime?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The increases in tariff during present regime were made on August, 2013 and October, 2013. However, keeping in view the socio economic policy no tariff was increased for the domestic consumers consuming up to 200 units. For rest of the categories of consumers, average increase was made by Rs. 2.17 and Rs. 0.72 *w.e.f* 5th August, 2013 and 1st October, 2013 respectively (Total Avg: increase Rs. 2.89). Details of increases made in the Electricity tariff during the present regime **are at Annex-I.**

It is pertinent to state that average tariff determined by NEPRA for FY 2012-13 is Rs. 14.66/kwh, however government due to its public policy and socio-economic condition of the country notified less tariff then the tariff determined by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority. The difference between NEPRA determined and Government of Pakistan notified tariff is paid by the government as tariff differential subsidy. It is worth mentioning that no government can provide subsidy for long time, as provision of huge subsidy hampers the economic development of the country. So, the present government made aforesaid increases in tariff. It is also worth mentioning that at present Government: is providing subsidy of Rs.

2.99/KWH (Rs.14.66-11.67) of which major share is for domestic consumers. It is pointed out that NEPRA determines different tariffs for each DISCO based on legitimate cost of supply. However, Government adopted a uniform policy for consumer end tariff.

61. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-12-2013 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the amount allocated and released to Pakistan Embassy / Mission in Uzbekistan during the last five years and details of its utilization with head-wise break-up; and*

(b) *whether audit of accounts of the Embassy / Mission for the said period has been conducted, if so, the details of irregularities surfaced therein indicating also the persons found involved and action taken against them?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) The budget and expenditure incurred on Pakistan Embassy/Sub-mission Uzbekistan during last five years are as under:—

Mission	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp	Budg	Exp
Tashkent	38.6	39.8	45.2	50.0	52.3	60.0	53.0	66.0	66.1	75.2

Rs. In Million

*Yearly head-wise details is attached as Annexure A.

(b) No audit of accounts of our Embassy in Tashkent has been conducted in the last 5 years by the audit authorities. The audit of a mission falls under the purview of the Auditor General of Pakistan. We have reminded to expedite the audit of expenditure for the last 5 years.

The last audit of Embassy of Pakistan, Tashkent was conducted for the period from 2006-09.

63. ***Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that thermal power plant, Quetta, has been closed down and declared condemned;*
- (b) whether any inquiry has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted into closure/condemning of that plant; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revive of the said plant, if so, when?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) All the Operations of the Plant were stopped/suspended on 22-04-2000 being un-economical in operation due to less utilization on account of induction of IPP (HCPC) & non-availability of firm gas supply particularly during the months of December to February. The present status of Quetta Thermal Power Plant is detailed at **Annex-A**.

(b) No inquiry has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted into closure / condemning of that plant.

(c) At present no proposal is under consideration of the Government to revive the said plant.

However, unit No. 6 is in operational condition but put at standby position these days due to non-availability of gas supply.

Annexure-A

Reply of question (a)

On 22-04-2000 all the Operations of the Plant were stopped/suspended being un-economical in operation due to less utilization on account of induction of IPP (HCPC) & non-availability of firm gas supply particularly during the months from December to February.

Present Status

Unit No.1 & 2

This coal fired units, are still In a closed position as they have out lived their useful life for more than 35 years and the capacity of which has de-rated to 4 MW.

Unit No.3

The unit is still in shut down position due to non-availability of gas/ uneconomical.

Unit No.4 & 5

These two gas turbine units were shifted to Panjgur in 2000 due to power shortage problem/load requirement in the remote area of Baluchistan.

Unit No.6

On experiencing low voltage problem in Quetta, it was decided by the Authority to restart/re-commission unit No.6 of TPS Quetta subject to the firm availability of gas.

After ensuring the firm gas supply to TPS Quetta by M/s. SSGC, Unit No.6 was restarted in May, 2004 after carrying out necessary maintenance work, since then the unit is in operational condition and generated 11.55 Mkw in October, 2013 but at present standby due to non availability of gas supply.

64. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 27-12-2013 at 09:15 am)

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

- (a) the pricing formula under which the Government make payment to the IPPs for power generated by them;*
- (b) the actual cost of production of thermal and gas based power in the country per MW and the rate at which the Government pay to IPPs for the same; and*
- (c) the profit being earned by the IPPs, per MW, on the said power?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) It is submitted that the Government does not make payment to IPPs. The pricing formula for the purchase of power from IPPs have been provided in Power Purchase Agreement (PPAs) signed between:—

- i. WAPDA & IPPs (for IPPs established under 1994 Power Policy).
- ii. CPPA & IPPs (for IPPs established under 2002 Power Policy) / every IPP have its own PPA wherein pricing formula is stipulated. Sale / purchase of power is governed by said PPA. These PPAs are duly approved by Government of Pakistan. For IPPs established under 2002 Power Policy, the pricing formula (Tariff) is determined by NEPRA. To quote example, the relevant portion containing pricing

formula of Lalpir Power Limited. (1994 Power Policy) and Atlas Power (2002 Power Policy) are attached as **Annex-I & Annex-II.**

(b) The Fuel wise cost of production / generation of electricity of Thermal & Gas based Power Plants in the country (for the period of July – December 2013) is given as under:—

<i>Source</i>	<i>Generation Cost at bus bar (Rs/Kwh)</i>
Gas	7.53
RFO	19.23
HSD	28.12
Coal	11.17

However, the rates at which (WPPO) pay to IPPs are forwarded as **Annex-III.**

(c) The profit earned by IPPs is based on and permitted by the regulator in their Tariff.

65. ***Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the annual production and consumption of oil and gas in the country with province-wise break-up?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The province-wise break-up of annual production and consumption of oil and gas is tabulated under:—

Province/Region	Consumption of Oil	Oil Production	Gas consumption	Raw Gas Production
	M. Tons (Million barrels)	Million barrels	(MMCFT)	(MMCFT)
Punjab	11,932,975 (89.497)	5.212	579,985	65,900
Sindh	4,399,323 (32.995)	11.358	594,950	1,037,016
Khyber Pakltoon Khawa	1,135,382 (8.515)	11.247	88,330 .	126,332
Balochistan	2,191,658 (16.437)	0.024	99,645	276,593
Others	308,684 (2.315)			
Total	19,968,022 (149.760)	27.840975	1362910	1505841

66. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-12-2013 at 09:45 am)

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of wanted Pakistanis in Afghanistan at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for repatriation of those persons?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs: (a) There is a Pakistani national namely Mr. Rooh Ullah in Afghanistan who is wanted in the murder case of Muhamad Sardar Khan, Advocate and former Attorney General of Pakistan.

(b) The Embassy of Pakistan has been consistently taking up the matter with Afghanistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Interior and also with the Presidential palace for the arrest and repatriation of the accused.

67. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the remuneration of the players of National Hockey Team is not at par with that of the players of National Cricket Team, if so, the reasons thereof, and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring remuneration of players of both the said teams at par, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada: (a) Yes. The remuneration of the players of National Hockey team is not at par with that of Cricket players owing to the following reasons:

- (a) The game of Hockey subsists on government grants with very low sponsorship from outside / multi-nationals. Unlike Cricket. Hockey is an amateur game wherein professionalism has not really set-in.
- (b) Owing to law and order situation, no foreign teams are coming to Pakistan and as a result neither the Business Entrepreneurs nor the Television- rights could help to secure money for Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF). Moreover, Hockey matches do not attract such large crowds, which is one of the factors towards loss of gate money.

(b) There is no proposal to bring remuneration of Hockey players at par with the Cricket players at present. However, in various meetings/occasions, it has been stressed by Ministry of IPC/ PSB that the management of Pakistan Hockey Federation may increase their sponsorships through proper marketing plans/ activities.

68. ***Mrs. Suriya Amiruddin:** (Notice received on 31-12-2013 at 09:00 am)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the World Bank Programme for the development of Mineral Resources in the country could not be launched within the stipulated period, if so, its reasons?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The World Bank (WB) has been supporting mineral sector of Pakistan from time to time in different activities and most of initiatives were timely completed. As Minerals except oil & gas, is a Provincial subject, therefore WB has been dealing with the Provinces directly. The following projects could not be materialized within the stipulated period:-

- (i) In 2007, WB offered loan amounting to US\$ 35 million for a Balochistan specific Mining Technical Assistance Project. A dispute arose between Government of Balochistan and World Bank on component sharing of loan, therefore, the Project could not be implemented and was shelved by the Bank.
- (ii) In 2008, World Bank offered to assist Government of Sindh (GoS) for Thar Coal Power Project through a lending instrument/Technical Assistance Project to be supported by an IDA Credit of US\$ 30 million. WB approved US\$ 2.000 million as Project Preparation Facility and out of this allocation, US\$ 1.5 million were spent on hiring of international consultants for preparation of project documents. However, the main project (amounting US\$ 30 million) was not approved by WB Board in 2010 nor any further funds released by the Bank citing no reason.

69. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 01-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to check power theft in the country since April, 2013 with month-wise progress break-up?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Steps taken to keep watch & control on electricity theft in the country are as under:-

- Constitution of Task Forces
- Field survey for kunda connections
- Rotation of Meter Readers
- Lodging of FIRs.
- Incentive policy to regularize the kunda connections.
- Implementations of DAWN RAIDS in the kunda infested areas.

- A public awareness campaign too is underway to educate the people not to resort to kunda Culture.
- Reward for detection of theft.
- Heavy punishments for field staff involved in theft of electricity.
- Replacement of L.T. Bear Conductors with ABC Cable.

The month wise progress made through the measures taken by the Govt. to prevent theft of electricity since April 2013 till date is a under:—

Month	FIR'Lodged (Nos)	No: of Detection Bills	Units Charged (M.Kwh)	Amount Charged (Min. Rs)	Amount Recovery Min. Rs.)
April-13	2352	164350	121.03	881.53	217.55
May-13	2256	169826	146.87	1021.52	233.8
June-13	835	251339	204.77	1477.45	410.21
July-13	4261	242301	233.97	1889.12	402.39
Aug-13	2518	219551	212.39	1785.24	303.86
Sep-13	2882	219785	187.73	1543.4	331.5
Oct-13	1223	227747	193.46	1540.53	360.65
Nov-13	805	182557	149.68	1203.02	266.26
Total	17132	1677456	1449.90	11341.81	2526.22

70. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 01-01-2014 at 09:30 am)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the progress made on the implementation of measures taken by the Government to bridge the difference between cost of electricity generation and distribution tariff since April, 2013 with month-wise progress?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: NEPRA determines the tariff based on cost of supply of each corporate entity. The tariff determined by NEPRA is charged to consumers after its notification by Government of Pakistan. Government however notifies less tariff than the tariff determined by the National Electric Power. Regulatory Authority. The difference between NEPRA determined and Government of Pakistan notified tariff is being paid by the Government as tariff differential subsidy. No government can provide subsidy for long time, as provision of huge subsidy hampers the economic development of country. So, government has increased consumer end tariff. The detail of tariff determined by NEPRA and notified by Government of Pakistan since April 2013 is as follows:—

Tariff Effective	NEPRA determined tariff (Rs./kWh)	Government of Pakistan notified tariff (Rs./kWh)	Difference (Rs/kWh)
01-07-2012	14.66	8.78	5.88
05-08-2013	14.66	10.95	3.71
01-10-2013	14.66	11.67	2.99

The detail of subsidy paid by the government since April 2013 is as follows:

Month	Tariff Subsidy Rs. Million
April, 2013	23,839
May, 2013	27,217
June, 2013	31,928
July, 2013	35,686
August, 2013	35,324
September, 2013	28,903
October, 2013	22,377
November, 2013	12,088
Total	221,362

In addition to provision of subsidy to masses, government is making efforts to reduce the cost of supply for which following medium/long term efforts are being made.

- i. Installation of Hydel Power Plants
- ii. Conversion of existing oil based 'Power plants to coal based plants.
- iii. Increase in efficiency of existing Power plants.
- iv. Establishing the new coal based Power plants.

We assure that materialization of such efforts will bridge the gap between cost of supply and consumer end tariff.

71. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 01-01-2014 at 10:00 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact PSO has paid undue demurrages to the oil ship tankers during the last two years, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the details of payments made on account of those demurrages?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Demurrages on oil ship tankers are incurred due to utilization of the ship aver and above the time agreed as per the agreement and processed for payment on the basis of claims lodged by the ship owner accompanied by the relevant supporting documents. For certain demurrage costs incurred/paid by PSO during 2012 and 2013, commercial auditors of the government of Pakistan have raised observations/queries with respect to delay in settlement, causes and justification thereof. PSO's internal Audit is also reviewing/analysing the position with respect to demurrages incurred by PSO and reasons thereof. The determination as to whether undue demurrages have been paid will be made on conclusion of this exercise *viz-a-viz* audit reports.

(b) The list of demurrages payments made in the last two years is attached hereto as **Annexure-A**.

72. ***Mr. Muhammad Humayun Khan:** (Notice received on 02-01-2014 at 09:15 am)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the details of service reforms introduced by the Ministry for improving the performance of offices of Engineering cadre since 2000?

Mr. Usman Ibrahim: Nil.

73. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the profit earned or loss suffered by the OGDCL, PPL, SSGCL and SNGPL during the last five years with year-wise breakup?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: During the reported period profit earned by SNGPL, SSGCL, OGDCL and PPL is detailed at Annexure-I. These companies did not suffer any loss during the said period.

74. ***Mrs. Kalsoom Parveen:** (Notice received on 21-01-2014 at 02:00 pm)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to import LNG from Qatar;*
- (b) whether the agreement for the said import will be signed with the Government of Qatar or with the private consortium / company;*
- (c) the proposed terms and conditions of the said agreement; and*
- (d) the name / names of company / companies in the consortium and the name of persons on the board of directors of that consortium, if the agreement is to be signed with the private consortium?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The Government of Pakistan is considering a proposition of importing LNG from Qatar based on Government to Government arrangement.

(b) The proposed agreement would be executed between the designated entities of both the governments.

(c) The terms and conditions of the agreement will be negotiated between the designated entities.

(d) The name of the company nominated by the Government of Qatar is Qatar Liquefied Gas Company Limited (3). As per information available Qatar Gas (3) project shareholders include as under;

Qatar Petroleum	—	68.5 %
Conocophilips	—	30 %
Mitsui & Co. Ltd	—	1.5 %

ISLAMABAD :
The 11th February, 2014.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.