

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 30th March, 2011

@124. * **Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 14-12-2011 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of religious educational institutions for female students in the country with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of students and teachers in the said institutions?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) All the four Provincial Governments including ICT Administration were requested to provide the requisite information.

Punjab, Sindh and ICT Administration have provided the requisite information which is as under:

Province/ Area	No. of Female religious Institutions	No. of Students	No. of Teachers
Punjab	1,187	1,03,334	3,603
Sindh	08	1,106	48
KPK	103	Not available	Not available
ICT	17	3,131	50

(b) The information from the remaining provinces is awaited and would be placed before the house on receipt.

@ Deferred from 2nd February, 2011 (68 Session).

@2. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:01 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the details of assistance provided by foreign countries/organizations in connection with floods in 2010 with country/ organization-wise break up and details of its utilization?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: The details of in kind relief assistance received by NDMA from international community and its utilization are enclosed as under:

- (a) Details of Stores at (**Annex-A**).
- (b) Country wise details of relief goods at (**Annex-B**).
- (c) Province-wise utilization/distribution of relief goods at (**Annex-C**).

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

33. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of wells dug for oil and gas exploration in Qadirpur, Taunsa and Kohat fields during the last two years;*
- (b) *the date on which the tenders were invited for the said projects indicating also the names of newspapers in which those tenders were published; and*
- (c) *the names of companies which were awarded the contracts for the said projects?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) During the last two fiscal years nineteen (19) wells were drilled in Qadirpur, Taunsa and Kohat areas.

@ Transferred from Cabinet Division.

(b) The requisite information is given at Annexure-I.

(c) The requisite information is given at column (5) of Annexure-I.

34. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:57 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the quantity of oil and gas being produced in Balochistan at present; and*
- (b) *the details of facilities being provided to the residents of the areas of Balochistan from where the said oil and gas is being produced?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) Current production of oil & gas from the Balochistan Province is as under,

(a) Oil/Condensate = 98.52 Barrels per day.

(b) Gas = 745.81 Million Cubic Feet per day.

(b) Oil & gas is being produced from Sui (PPL), Pirkoh, Loti & Uch (OGDCL) leases falling in Dera Bugti district. The PPL and OGDCL have been spending substantial amount voluntarily on health education and water supply etc. Details of social welfare carried out in Balochistan is at annexure I & II.

35. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 04-02-2011 at 12:58 p.m.)

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

(a) *the amount allocated in the current budget for supply of electricity to various areas in Balochistan; and*

(b) *the names of cities or villages for which that amount has been allocated?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) The total amount of **Rs.135.815 million** has been allocated in the current budget for supply of electricity under PWP-I & II to various areas in Balochistan.

(b) A list of one hundred ten (110) villages, for which amount has been allocated/received is attached as Annex-A.

36. ***Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the percentage of population of Balochistan province provided with electricity so far; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to provide electricity to the remaining population of Balochistan province?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) It is submitted that approximately 45% population of Balochistan province has been provided with electricity so far.

(b) The remaining population being scattered over a large area, requires funding to extend the electricity network for provision of electricity. The remaining villages will be electrified subject to extension of Electricity NetWork on availability of funds from GoP / GoB.

37. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:01 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and location of gas and oil fields in the country; and*
- (b) *the income earned from these field during the last ten years with year wise break up?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) the requisite information is given at Annexure-I.

(b) the requisite information is given at Annexure-II.

38. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:05 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in PPL during the last three years with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the amount given by PPL for welfare fund, hospitals, schools and roads in Balochistan during the last three years?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) Appointments made during the last 3 years (January, 2008 to December, 2010)

	Management Staff	Non Management Staff	Total
Punjab	117	12	129
Sindh	157	31	188
KPK	24	01	25
Balochistan	24	50	74
NA/FATA	0	0	0
AJK	1	01	02
	323	95	418

Detail at Annex 1, 2, 3

(b) Rs. 430 Million

Detail at Annex 4.

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

39. ***Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 09:05 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in OGDCL in pursuance of Balochistan package announced by the present government with grade wise break up?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: Nil

However OGDCL has 1402 employees on its enrolment from Balochistan province. This comes to 8.71% of its total number to employees against the provincial quota of 6% showing an excess of 2.71%.

40. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 10:25 a.m.)

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

(a) *the details of losses of life and property caused by last monsoon rains and floods in FATA with agency-wise break up; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to compensate the affectees, if so, when?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: (a) Agency-wise break up of losses of life and property caused by last monsoon rains and floods in FATA is **Annexed-A.**

(b) The Government has already paid Rs. 44.600 million as compensation to the flood affectees of FATA.

41. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the Minister for Housing and Works in reply to National Assembly Starred Question No. 156 dated 14th May, 2010 stated that 3000 Kanals of land has been purchased for the Housing scheme for Government employees in Bara Kahu, Islamabad @ 9,50000, per Kanal (Raw land);*

(b) *whether it is also a fact that in reply to Senate Starred question No. 61 dated 23rd September, 2010 the Minister stated that 3000 Kanals of land in Bara Kahu has been purchased @2,30000 for developed 500 square yards plots;*

(c) *if so, the reasons for disparity in the prices of the land indicating also the correct price of the land; and*

(d) *the person responsible for misleading the Houses and action taken against him?*

Makhdoom Shahabuddin: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is no disparity in the prices of land as the rate of Rs. 950,000/- per Kanal applies to undeveloped land and Rs. 2,300,000/- per Kanal applies to developed land as cost.

(d) N.A

42. ***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that a huge quantum of furnace oil is swindled during transportation process from Karachi to other parts of the country and the loss is being charged to the electricity consumers; and*

(b) *if the answer is affirmative indicate the quantum and the value of furnace oil heist during the last five years and action taken against the culprits to stop the practice in future?*

Reply not received.

43. ***Ms. Sabina Rauf:** (Notice received on 08-02-2011 at 14:22 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Sports be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a sports complex in district Ziarat, Balochistan, if so, when?

Minister for Sports: There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government to construct a sports complex in District Ziarat, Balochistan.

44. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:25 a.m.)

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

(a) *the acreage of land acquired for Ranolia hydel project;*

(b) *the rate at which land has been acquired; and*

(c) *the procedure adopted for acquisition of the land?*

Minister for Water and Power: Ranolia Hydel project is not being dealt by WAPDA. Sarhad Hydel Development Organization (SHYDO) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is working on this Hydel Project.

45. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Sports be pleased to state:

(a) *the names of Sports in which Pakistan holds world titles at present; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to promote Wrestling in the country?*

Minister for Sports: (a) Presently, Pakistan holds the world title in Blind Cricket only. Pakistan Blind Cricket team has won the World Cup in 2006.

(b) Primarily, it is the responsibility of Pakistan Wrestling Federation to promote wrestling in the country. Ministry of Sports, however, release annual and special grants and grants under President/PM's directives through Pakistan Sports Board to Pakistan Wrestling Federation and also arranged National Training Camps for their participation in the 11th South Asian Games -2010, Bangladesh and 19th Commonwealth Games, India.

Grants released to Pakistan Wrestling Federation for the last three years are as under:—

2007-2008

Annual	Special	Under President/ PM Directives	Under president, PSB Directives	Total
1,000,000/-	1,049,975	—	—	2,049,975

2008-2009

Annual	Special	Under President/ PM	Under president, PSB	Total
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		Directives	Directives	
861,300	1,050,000	—	—	1,911,300

2009-2010

Annual	Special	Under President/ PM Directives	Under president, PSB Directives	Total
1,000,000	1,400,000	—	—	2,400,000

46. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the weekly schedule of gas load shedding for CNG Stations and industrial sector in the country during the last six months with province-wise break up?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: In the province of Punjab, weekly schedule of gas load shedding during the last six months was as under:—

Number of days in a week

Month	Punjab	
	Industry	CNG
September, 2010	1	1
October, 2010	1	1
November, 2010	2	1
December, 2010	3 during first three weeks. 3-1/2 during last week.	1 during first two weeks. 2 during last two weeks.
January, 2011	3-1/2 during first three weeks. 4-1/2 during last week.	
February, 2011	4	2

Load shedding in other provinces *i.e.* KPK and Sindh was not observed due to court orders. In Balochistan no gas load shedding was observed as there are few (15) CNG stations and hardly any industrial load.

47. ***Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 09:35 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the names, designation, BPS, date of appointment and place of domicile of the persons working in B-17 and above in the Prime Minister's Secretariat?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat: The desired information of Officers in BPS-17 and above working in the Prime Minister's Secretariat are Annexed:

(a) Prime Minister Secretariat (Public) at (**Annex-A**).

(b) Prime Minister Secretariat (Internal) at (**Annex-B**).

48. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 09-02-2011 at 10: 11 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the outstanding amount of Wapda against Government departments in FATA with agency-wise break up?

Minister for Water and Power: The Agency wise break up of outstanding dues of WAPDA/PEPCO against Government departments in FATA is given as under:—

Sr. No.	Category	Receivable upto 31-12-2010 (Rs. in million)
1.	Bajour	34.07
2.	Mohmand	45.75
3.	Khyber	330.26
4.	Orakzai	9.36
5.	Kurram	50.11
6.	Dara (FR, KT)	4.92
7.	North Waziristan	160.53
8.	South Waziristan	72.40
Total :		707.40

49. ***Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 10-02-2011 at 09:37 a.m.)

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

(a) the amount of circular debt of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) at present; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the said debt?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) Circular debt of PSO as of date is as under:—

Customer	Principal outstanding	Financial charges	Total
Rs. in billion			
WAP DA	41.0	2.2	43.2
HUBCO	69.3	5.0	74.3
KEPCO	28.2	5.6	33.8
KESC	2.0	—	2.0
PDCs from GoP	13.4	—	13.4
Total	153.9	12.8	166.7

(b) Short term measures (as committed by MoF in meeting dated February 21, 2011) to ensure uninterrupted supplies to Power Sector from March-June 2011:—

- Release of Rs. 30 billion to PEPCO by the end of February (funds released by MoF in March 2011, out of which PSO has received Rs. 28 billion).
- Release of Rs. 30 billion to PEPCO by the end of June 2011 to clear its dues towards IPPs/PSO.
- In addition, PEPCO has been instructed by Secretary Water & Power to pay Rs. 10 billion per month to PSO from its own revenues with effect from March to June 2011.
- Ministry of Finance indicated in that meeting that the remaining debt shall be settled subsequently during the next financial year.

50. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-02-2011 at 09:12 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the present stage of work on Ranolia hydel project;*
- (b) *the date on which work on the project was started and the expected date of its completion; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that original schedule of completion of the project was revised, if so, its reasons?*

Minister for Water and Power: Ranolia Hydel project is not being dealt by WAPDA. Sarhad Hydel Development Organization (SHYDO) Khyber Paktunkhwa is working on this Hydel Project.

51. ***Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 12-02-2011 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the original estimated cost of Diamer Bhasha dam;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said cost was revised later on if, so its reasons and the revised cost of the dam;*
- (c) *the amount spent so far on the project; and*
- (d) *the sources of funding for the project?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) Rs. 894.257 billion is original estimated cost of Diamer Basha Dam.

(b) No revision of the approved PC-I cost has been made so far.

(c) An amount of Rs.1174 million has been spent so far on Administration, Land, Works, Consultants and Interest.

Rs.(In million)

Year	Expenditure	Interest
2009-10	382	30.683*
2010-11	792	As per practice interest is booked at the end of financial year, which is awaited.

*Interest is given to Government of Pakistan against CDL(Cash Development Loan).

(d) The source of funding is presently Government of Pakistan (GOP). Asian Development Bank (ADB) has shown its inclination for partial financing. Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has also announced US\$ 100 million during the FODP meeting. Negotiations with other donors are also going on.

52. *Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 12-02-2011 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the outstanding amount of WAPDA against the defaulters in the country as of 31-01-2011 with province-wise break up;*
- (b) *the amount recovered by WAPDA from defaulters during the last three years with province-wise break up; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to recover the remaining amount outstanding against the defaulters?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) The requisite information is submitted as under:—

The outstanding amount of WAPDA/PEPCO against the defaulters in the country as on 31-01-2011 with province-wise break up is given below:—

Sr. No	Province	Outstanding Dues (Rs. in Million)		
		Govt.	Pvt.	Total
1.	PUNJAB	18127.52	39404.06	57531.58
2.	KPK (Including FATA)	15247.93	38918.78	54166.71
3.	SINDH	36669.00	30936.54	67605.54
4.	BALUCHISTAN	13478.02	18002.79	31480.81
Total		83522.47	127262.17	210784.64.

(b) The amount recovered by PEPCO from defaulters during the last three years with province wise break up is given as under:—

Sr. No.	Province		Amount Recovered (Rs. in Million)		
			Govt.	Pvt.	Total
1.	PUNJAB	2008-09	25583.09	247459.02	273042.11
		2009-10	28121.12	314886.63	343007.75
		2010-11	16150.96	231249.09	247400.05
		(upto 01/2011)			
2.	KPK (Including FATA)	2008-09	5038.74	25216.39	30255.13
		2009-10	100741.67	27649.23	128390.90
		2010-11	6814.91	20537.80	27352.71
		(upto 01/2011)			
3.	SINDH	2008-09	6139.17	19184.03	25323.20

	2009-10	4775.08	22706.28	27481.36
	2010-11	2537.20	14763.52	17300.72
	(upto 01/2011)			
4. BALOCHISTAN	2008-09	12249.65	3582.03	15831.68
	2009-10	14136.03	4037.67	18173.70
	2010-11	2527.67	2457.82	4985.49
	(upto 01/2011)			

(c) Steps being taken by the Government to recover the remaining amount outstanding against the defaulters:—

- (i) Joint Secretary (CF), Finance Division, GOP, Islamabad and Additional Chief Secretary FATA, are regularly kept informed on monthly basis about the billing and the amount required to be paid by the concerned departments. Meetings with Additional Chief Secretary FATA were held frequently for recovery of outstanding electricity dues.
- (ii) Provincial Finance Secretaries are being pursued for recovery of outstanding dues against the major defaulting departments of provincial governments.
- (iii) Vigorous efforts are being made to resolve the billing/tariff dispute of AJ&K Govt.
- (iv) The officers have been entrusted with the competency to initiate recovery from defaulting Govt./ Private consumers in installments.
- (v) PEPCO Computer Centres regularly issue Equipment Removal Orders against the defaulting connections in order to recover the outstanding dues.
- (vi) Field formations have been directed to use tool of disconnection, where it is necessary.
- (vii) Incentive for waiver off late payment surcharge was given to the Government defaulting departments if, they clear the outstanding dues up to 30th June.
- (viii) Divisional as well as Circle level committees have been entrusted with the competency to settle the dispute out of Court in order to reduce the receivables.
- (ix) Vigilance on payment of electricity bills delivered to Industrial, Commercial & Tubewell consumers.

- (x) Physical checking of the premises of the permanently defaulting consumers in order to ensure that the defaulters are not using electricity from any other source.
- (xi) Follow up of Court cases / settlement of billing disputes.

53. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-02-2011 at 11:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the increase made in the electricity tariff during the last three years with year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the reasons for the said increase?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) The average increase in electricity tariff during the last three years is Rs.2.51/k Wh, the break-up is as follows:—

<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Rate Rs. / kWh</i>
01-03-2008	4.78
05-09-2008	5.58
25-02-2009	5.63
01-10-2009	5.88
21-12-2009	5.96
01-01-2010	6.65
01-07-2010	7.05
01-10-2010	7.19
01-11-2010	7.29

- (b) • There are several factors which influence at the time of determination of electricity tariff, which include variation of input cost *e.g.* furnace oil & gas, currency fluctuation, generation mix and inflation. At present, while there is acute energy shortage of electricity in the country and hydel resources are not sufficient to meet with the increased demand of electricity, consequently generation is being made on thermal resources, which leads to unfavourable generation mix. Moreover Increase in oil prices; increase in inflation also contributes towards increase in electricity rates.

- It is however added that NEPRA while determining the electricity tariff as regulator; based on cost of supply, takes all the stakeholders on board through public hearing. However due to its public policy decisions and socio-economic conditions, Government of Pakistan notifies low tariff as compared to tariff determined by NEPRA and the same is being charged to consumers.

54. ***Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 14-02-2011 at 10:15 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names, locations and estimated production capacity of Hydel Projects under construction in Sindh and Balochistan provinces?

Minister for Water and Power: The names, locations and estimated production capacity of Hydel Projects under construction in Sindh and Balochistan provinces are as follows:—

S. No.	Name of Project	Location (Distt.)	Estimated Production Capacity	
			Irrigation /Cropped Area (Acres)	Power (MW)
Sindh Province				
1.	Darawat Dam	Jamshoro	50,000	0.45
2.	Nai Gaj Dam	Dadu	57,600	4.2
Balochistan Province				
3.	Naulong Dam	Jhal Magsi	94,000	4.4
4.	Winder Dam	Lasbela	20,000	0.3

55. ***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 14-02-2011 at 10:45 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Minorities Affairs be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the Secretary, Ministry of Minorities Affairs since 2008 indicating also the name of country visited, duration and purpose of visit in each case?

Minister for Minorities Affairs:

DETAIL OF FOREIGN VISITS MADE BY MR. INAM ULLAH KHAN TORU,
FEDERAL SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF MINORITIES SINCE 2008.

Sr. No.	Country Visited	Duration	Purpose of visit
1.	Geneva	From 12-13, November, 2009	On the recommendation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in the 2nd session of United Nations Forum on Minorities Issues, in Geneva, as an independent expert on minority issues of Pakistan.

56. ***Prof Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the income and expenditure of the Gemstone Corporation of Pakistan during the financial year 2009-10 with head-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the grant given to the Corporation by the Federal Government during, that period; and*
- (c) *the profit earned or loss sustained by that corporation during the said period?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) M/s. Gemstone Corporation of Pakistan (GEMCP), a subsidiary of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources was established in 1979 to promote the gemstone sector of the country. However, due to unsatisfactory performance of the corporation, it was liquidated as per decision of the ECC in 1997. Hence no income and expenditure incurred during the financial year 2009-10.

(b) The corporation was liquidated in 1997 hence; no grant was given during the financial year 2009-10.

(c) The corporation stands abolished since 1997.

57. ***Prof Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:55 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the prevailing prices of POL products in the international market; and*

(b) *the ratio of profit the Government is earning on petroleum products in the country at present?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) Prevailing FOB prices of petroleum products in international market, published in Plaits Oilgram for Arab Gulf market on 21-3-2011 are as under:—

Product	Unit	Price
Naphtha	\$/Ton	951.63
MS95 RON (Petrol)	\$/bbl	119.61
Kerosene (SKO)	\$/bbl	132.41
High Speed Diesel (HSD)	\$/bbl	131.18
Furnace Oil	\$/Ton	638.16
Grude Oil (Arab Light)	\$/bbl	111.88

(b) Nil.

58. ***Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 10:55 a.m.)

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

(a) *details of the discoveries in the field of oil and gas during the last three years; and*

(b) *the present status of progress on the said discoveries?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources: (a) During the last three fiscal years thirty one (31) Oil/Gas and Gas Condensate discoveries were made in the country. (Details are at Annexure-I).

(b) Out of these thirty one (31) discoveries, currently sixteen (16) are producing about 10144.80 barrels of oil per day and 120.70 Million Cubic Feet gas per day, while others are being appraised. (Details are at Annexure-I).

59. ***Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 17-02-2011 at 14:45 p.m.)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that new electricity connections in SECHS, Soan garden, Islamabad, have been banned, if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that a number of new electricity connections have been provided to the residents of the said area despite the ban , if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power: It is submitted that electricity connections have not been totally banned rather provision of connections in SECHS (Soan Garden) has been restricted by IESCO due to non-availability of the required Distribution Network. The sponsor of the society could not pay in time the Electrification Cost. Besides there is right of way problem in execution of the construction of Distribution lines by IESCO for the society. However the work on construction of Distribution Lines feeding SECHS (Soan Garden) is under progress. The right of way problems are to be settled by the sponsor.

(b) In order to give relief to the people who have constructed their houses, connections were allowed from IESCOs' own Distribution Network. Since the existing lines of IESCO system cannot bear the entire load, as such, only domestic connections have been allowed. The position cannot improve unless the society has its own Distribution lines, which cannot be completed without the clearance of Right of Way problem. Hectic efforts are underway for clearance of right of way issues as and when Electrification Work is completed pending connections will be installed.

60. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 18-02-2011 at 00:00)

Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state whether it is fact that a draft Bill, on the Iqbal Academy Lahore was approved by the Cabinet during the previous regime, if so, the time by which it will be introduced in the Parliament?

Minister for Culture: On a summary submitted by Ministry of Culture on 7-1-2006, the Cabinet was pleased to approve draft Iqbal Academy Bill, in its meeting held on 17-1-2006. The Iqbal Academy Bill was subsequently introduced in the National Assembly on 10th April, 2006 but it was referred to the Standing Committee on Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs for consideration. After constitution of new Assembly, the Parliamentary Affairs Division advised that under Article 76 clause (2) of the Constitution read with Rule 253 sub-Rule (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, the said Bill pending in the National Assembly lapsed on its dissolution.

Presently there is no proposal to introduce any fresh Bill in the Parliament because Ministry of Culture is being devolved and further legislation concerning its functions has been barred.

61. ***Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 18-02-2011 at 00:00)

Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no funds have been released to the Iqbal Academy, Lahore for its activities including salaries for staff and expenses of establishment so far during the current financial

year, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be released to that academy?

Minister for Culture: Not correct. During the financial year 2010-11 budget amounting to Rs.10.50 million was sanctioned for the Academy. Out of this Rs.7.350 million have been released to Iqbal Academy, upto March, 2011.

62. ***Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 01-03-2011 at 09:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Sports be pleased to state the names of journalists and names of their organizations sent abroad by the PCB for coverage of cricket matches during the last three years with province-wise break up indicating also the names of countries and expenditure incurred in each case?

Minister for Sports: The details are given at **Annexure.**

63. ***Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 08-03-2011 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pilgrims performed Haj in the year 2010 through private Haj tour operators; and*
- (b) the number of Haj operators against whom complaints were received indicating also the action taken against them?*

Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah: (a) During Hajj-2010, 84,621 pilgrims performed Hajj through private Hajj tour operators.

(b) Against 141 Hajj Group Organizers(HGOs) 249 complaints were received in the Ministry. Enquiry has been initiated through concerned Hajj Directorates (6 in numbers) against all complaints. The action against these HGOs shall be taken on finalization of these cases, which are being finalized shortly.

64. *** Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 10-03-2011 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) names and place of domicile of the persons sent abroad on cultural tours during the last three years with province-wise break up;*
- (b) the amount spent on these tours; and*
- (c) the procedure adopted for selection of the said persons?*

Minister for Culture: (a) The information is enclosed in Annexure-I.

(b) The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 8,418,426/-.

(c) Cultural delegations / troupes are decided within the ambit of the cultural pacts / agreements with respective countries, who extend invitations for such visits. The names of the members of cultural delegations/troupes are recommended by Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) and Lok Virsa, keeping in view the nature and requirements of the respective event.

Islamabad :
The 29th March, 2011.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

For Wednesday, the 30th March, 2011

1. **Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 07-03-2011 at 10:12 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of families /persons affected by Keyal Khwar dam;*
- (b) the details of compensation paid to each of the said families /persons so far;*
- (c) the number of the said affecttees who have not been paid compensation so far and the time by which the same will be paid to them; and*
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide jobs to the said affecttees, if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power: (a) 42 families/369 persons may be affected by Keyal Khwar Hydropower Project.

(b) The process of land acquisition is at initial stage. Only section-4 has been completed. Valuation of land and property is being worked out by District Revenue Officer (DRO) Kohistan. Details of payment would be notified by Land Acquisition collector after announcement of Award.

(c) So far, no payment has been made to anyone.

(d) Class-IV staff will be appointed from the project area and 7 persons have already been employed in the office of Executive Engineer, Keyal Khwar Hydropower Project, Pattan.

ISLAMABAD :
The 29th March, 2011.

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