

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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### “QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

**Tuesday, the 1st February, 2011**

34. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 26-11-2010 at 15:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the allocation made for construction of Diamir Bhasha Dam in terms of local investment and foreign aid;*
- (b) *the amount of local investment and foreign aid spent on the said project so far; and*
- (c) *the present stage of work done and the time by which it will be completed and become operational?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The allocation made for construction of Diamer Bhasha Dam project is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Total</i>
2009-10	21,832	500	22,332
2010-11	15,000	—	15000

Release from Govt of Pakistan 2009-10 = Rs.1000 million Release from Govt of Pakistan 2010-11= Rs. 1.3 billion.

- (b) The spent amount is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Total</i>
2009-10	382	—	382
2010-11	792	—	792

(c) PC — 1 for Rs. 894,257 million PC — 1 for Diamer Bhasha Dam Project was approved on 20.08.2009. Pre-construction activities are underway since July 2009.

Thakot Bridge has been substantially completed. Bids for Construction of Project Colony in Thore Valley, District Diamer, Gilgit — Baltistan under different Package are under process / evaluation / award.

Tenders for Renovation of Officer's Hostel and Laboratory near DHQ Hospital, Chilas have been opened on 22-10-2010 and Tender for New Water Supply Connection from Harpan Das Water Tank in Chilas to WAPDA Officer's Hostel Building has been awarded to M/s. M.Aqil Khan & Brothers, Chilas on 30-11-2010. As per Cash / Work plan for 2010-2011 for Acquisition of Land amounting to Rs. 5 billion, Rs. 1.3 billion for 1st Quarter (July — September 2010 plus October 2011) has been released by GOP.

35. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names and addresses of the persons of village Dhery Shahan, Tehsil Taxila, District Rawalpindi, who applied for electricity connections from January, 2009 but connections not provided, indicating also the reasons for not supplying electricity and the time by which electricity will be supplied in each case?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The requisite detail is given as under:—

1. Dheri Shahan, adjacent to Taxila is a complete Patwar Circle, comprising number of villages, Dhokes and some portion of Taxila City. Only 44 Nos. application from Dheri Shahan / Patwar Circle were cancelled due to the reasons that these applicants either did not pay the cost of connection or the same were far away from the distribution system. Connection to all other applicants have so far been provided.

36. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 27-11-2010 at 12:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the amount of subsidy given to PESCO by the Federal Government during the last three years; and*

(b) *the losses suffered by the company during the said period with year-wise break up?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The subsidy on behalf of consumers is provided to PESCO since PESCO was not allowed to charge full tariff as determined by NEPRA. The amount of subsidy provided by the Govt. to PESCO and the losses suffered by the company during last three years, are detailed as under:

(b)	Part	FY 2007-08	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10
a)	Amount of Subsidy (Rs. in Million)	21,951.001	15,392.441	17,105.670

b) Losses (System) suffered by PESCO (Percentage)	36.1 %	37.3 %	37.0 %
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37. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount spent on the electrification of Village Samanzai Hari.fal, District Sherani; and*
- (b) *the name of the contractor who accomplished the contract work?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The village Samarzai Harifal (actual name Samarzai) was electrified at a total cost of Rs. 2.420 million.

(b) The work was executed by M/s Farooq Khan & Brothers Government Contractor Quetta.

38. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:10 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of houses in village Samanzai Harifal, District Sherani, Balochistan, not given electricity connections so far; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not supplying electricity to the said houses and the time by which the same will be electrified?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) All of the 14 Nos: Applications received in Sub Division Zhob have already been processed and connections installed.

(b) The Village has been energized on 20-06-2010. The A&A (Applications Agreement) forms were distributed amongst the inhabitants of the area of the time of electrification of the village but the connections were delayed due to late submission of Application forms by the residents to their Sub Divisional Office.

39. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 09:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state whether any mechanism has been evolved by the Government to redress permanently the difficulties and problems being faced by the pilgrims during Hajj, if so, the details thereof?*

**Syed Khursheed Ahmad Shah:** Hajj Policy and Plan-2010 provides for mechanism to supervise the Hajj operation and facilitate the Hujjaj. The overall operation of Hajj 2010 remained satisfactory. However, some difficulties were faced by the Hujjaj of 5 Makatib due to incomplete setup and general amenities.

In view of above experience, Ministry is in the process of reviewing the whole system and SOPs/detailed procedures for making the entire process transparent and pilgrim-friendly.

40. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 11:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Sports be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct new hockey grounds of international standard in the country, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:** Yes, there is a proposal to establish Hockey Stadium of international standard at Jaffar Hockey Stadium, Renala Khurd, Okara. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 48.468 million. The work will commence after release of funds by P&D Division.

Moreover, six Hockey stadia are under construction at Sheikhpura, Sukkur, Mirpur Khas, Sibi, Rawalakot and Gilgit.

Details are given at Annexure.

41. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 29-11-2010 at 14:15 p.m.)

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

(a) *the location of reserves of gold and silver in the country indicating also the estimated quantity of gold and silver in each reserve; and*

(b) *the quantity of gold and silver extracted from the said reserves during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** Occurrences and showings of Gold and Silver have been reported from various parts of the country including Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan Region and Khyber-Pakhtunkhawa. However, the reserves of these occurrences and showings

have not been confirmed except Saindak and Reko-Diq deposits. district Chagi. Balochistan. The estimated reserves of gold and silver in the country are as under:

<i>Mineral</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Reserves (Tons)</i>
Gold	Saindak	63.50
	Reko-Diq	1,275.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,339.25</b>
Silver	Saindak	70.59
	Reko-Diq	Not quantified
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70.59</b>

(b) The Saindak Copper-Gold Project, Balochistan is the only project in the country which is producing gold silver as a by-product in a nominal quantity year-wise gold and silver production is as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Production (tons)</i>	
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>
2005	1.771	2.509
2006	1.410	2.403
2007	1.576	2.136
2008	1.542	2.088
2009	1.592	2.157
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.891</b>	<b>11.293</b>

42. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of art organizations, artists and journalists who were provided financial assistance during the last three years indicating also the amount provided in each case with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the procedure adopted for selection of the said organizations, artists and journalists?*

**Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jillani:** (a) Details of financial assistance provided from regular budget to Art Organizations during last three years is at Annex-I. Financial assistance is also provided to artists/artisans out of Pakistan Culture and Art Foundation Relief Fund, details of which are at Annex-II.

(b) (i) At the time of demand for budget, the regional cultural bodies approach Ministry of Culture for assistance. The Ministry, considering their activities in the previous years, refer the cases to advisory bodies viz Pakistan National Council of the Arts and Lok Virsa. After receiving their views, the cases are again examined in the Ministry of Culture before formulating budget proposals for allocation of fund.

(ii) An Administrative Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Minister for Culture for extending financial assistance to artists and artisans. Composition of the Committee is at Annex-III.

43. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 09:15 a.m. )

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to promote Pakistani culture inland and abroad; and*
- (b) *the amount spent by the Government for the said purpose during the last three years?*

**Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jillani:** (a) Ministry of Culture is taking the following steps for promotion of Pakistani culture inland and abroad through Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) and Lok Virsa:

- (1) Exhibitions of paintings and arts works depicting Pakistani rich culture are organized at regular intervals.
- (2) Drama, theatrical performances, folk dances & music functions are organized.
- (3) Performances by visiting international cultural troupes are organized.
- (4) Art workshops and training sessions for youngsters are conducted.
- (5) Performances of puppets for children and youngsters are arranged at regular intervals.
- (6) Performances of Pakistani Cultural troupes in International festivals and events are organized under Cultural Exchange Programmes.
- (7) Series of provincial/regional festivals / mailas in which folk artists, artisans and craft people from different regions take part, are organized in different provinces.
- (8) National Heritage Museum, Media Centre, and National Monument Museum in Lok Virsa have been established to promote Pakistani culture.

(b) An amount of Rs. 77,095,285/- was spent by PNCA and Lok Virsa for the purpose during the last three years.

44. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the names, designation, grade, educational qualifications and place of domicile of persons appointed in HESCO during the last three years?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** 1920 persons have been appointed in HESCO during the last three (3) years. The detail list of their names, designation, grade and place of domicile is attached at (Annex-A) and educational qualification of the said posts is placed as (Annex-B).

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

45. **\*Prof. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 15:05 p.m. )

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Wapda Sub-Division of Dolanwala, Lahore, issued inflated electricity bills to its consumers in July, 2010, if so, the action taken in this regard?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** No inflated bills were issued by WAPDA Sub-Division Dholanwal Lahore, under Gulshan Ravi Division LESCO, to its consumers in the month of July 2010. However, the number of wrong reading complaints raised during the month of July 2010 were ninety, whereas the total number of consumers are 23,554. The percentage of complaint comes out to be 0.38%. The action taken against those who were involved in wrong meter reading is as under:

Major Punishment have been awarded.

To three No. meter readers involved in recording

Wrong meter readings.

46. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 30-11-2010 at 15:10 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the number of Government residential accommodation for Government employees in Islamabad with type-wise and category-wise break-up?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** List showing the number of Government residential accommodation for government employees in Islamabad with type-wise and category-wise break-up is annexed.

47. **\*Mr. Abdul Nabi Bangash:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount allocated by the present Government for rental power plants;*
- (b) the amount released and spent out of the said allocation so far indicating also the names of parties / companies to which the same was released;*
- (c) the present status of completion of the work on each of the said plants;*
- (d) the volume of electricity produced from the said plants so far;*
- (e) the per unit cost on the production of electricity by those plants; and*
- (f) whether it is a fact that work on some of the said plants has been delayed, if so, the action taken against the concerned parties/companies or the persons responsible for the same?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) No allocation has been made for Rental Power Plants in PSDP by the present Govt.

(b) As above

(c), (d) and (e)	S. No.	Name of RPPS	Units generated (MkWh)	Rental Price US Cents / Kwh
	1.	Gulf Rental Power, Eimanabad	226.0	2.991
	2.	Techno E. Power, Samundri	48.00	3.31
	3.	Walter Power Intl, Naudero-I, Larkana	7.60	3.602
	4.	Reshma Power Generation, Raiwind	0.40	4.279
		Total:	282.00 Mill KWH	

(f) All non performing projects have been abandoned and advance paid refunded by them.



48. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to promote Islamic values in the country?*

**Syed Khursheed Ahmad Shah:** The Government have taken certain steps for implementation of the Islamic values like wise:—

- Implementation of the recommendations of council of Islamic Ideology.
- To disseminate the Seerah of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H), National Seerat Conferences are held every year.
- To pay tributes to the Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S) Mahafil-e-Milads are also arranged.
- The Ministry gives prizes to the prize winners of the Maqalaat-e-Seerat/ Seerat books on National/regional languages every year.
- Maqalat-e-Seerat are distributed among the Madaris/ Libraries/ Institutions and also in public regularly.
- In order to further strengthen the arrangements for error free printing and recording of the Holy Quran a Bill has been prepared according to the direction of the Cabinet and is under process for legislation.
- To promote sanctity of the Holy Month of Ramzan-ul-Mubarak, Ehtram-e-Ramzan Ordinance implemented in the country.
- To bring the religious harmony in the country the Ministry of Religious Affairs is holding Ulema and Mashaikh Conferences from time to time.
- To avoid differences on the occasions of celebration of Islamic festivals, meetings of the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee/ Zonal and District Committees are being held regularly.
- Holding of Mahafil Shabeena in the Ramazan ul Mabarik throughout the country is a permanent feature of this Ministry.
- The Ministry of Religious Affairs gives comments/advice with respect to Islamic point of view to the different Ministries / Division in connection with preparation of legislation.

49. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are no arrangements at government level to recycle or preserve the sacred papers in the country, if so, its reasons and the steps taken in this regard?*

**Syed Khurshed Ahmad Shah:** Appropriate arrangements have been made for preservation of sacred papers of the Holy Quran. Following are some of the arrangements:—

- (i) Green boxes have been placed in mosques and at public places for the collection of such material,
- (ii) Local Bodies regularly dispose off this material as per guidelines of Shariah.
- (iii) Public opinion is mobilized through print and electronic media by making regular appeals to the readers to observe sanctity of the sacred papers.

However there is no arrangement at the Government level to recycle the sacred papers.

50. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:40 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that allotment of Government accommodations to Government employees is being made on out of turn basis and those on the general waiting list are being ignored, if so, its reasons?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** Allotments of government owned accommodation is made both from General Waiting List as well as on Out of Turn Basis under Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002.

51. **\*Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Government employees serving in other cities are allotted plots in Islamabad, if so, its reasons; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to allot plots to the said employees at the places / cities of their postings, if not, the reason thereof?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) The Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation, as is evident from its name provides housing facilities to the employees working in Federal Government departments, irrespective of their postings/service, anywhere in the country including Islamabad.

(b) At present, a project to provide housing facilities to Federal Government Employees posted at Karachi is under progress. Various expressions of interests have been floated from time to time to extend the housing facilities in other cities of Pakistan also. However, no project has been finalized as yet.

52. **\*Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 01-12-2010 at 10:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No. 60 replied on 23rd September, 2010 and state:*

- (a) the present legal and physical status of sector F-12, Islamabad,.*
- (b) the reasons for delay in the development of the said sector and making allotments to the Federal Government Employees;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the plots in that sector are exclusively reserved for the Federal Government Employees belonging to occupational groups only, if so, the reasons thereof and*
- (d) the names of other sectors proposed to be opened for allotment to Government Employees in near future and the progress made in this regard so far?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) Sector F-12 was allocated to FGEHF by the then Prime Minister *vide* M/o Interior u.o 5/1/2004-CDA-II dated 06th July 2005. The matter was taken up with CDA to hand over the sector but CDA showed their reluctance in handing over the sector due to heavy encroachments and huge demand to the tune of Rs. 40.00 billion to get the sector vacated. Thus the proposition may not be viable as the cost will increase very high. The matter was discussed in the meeting held in Cabinet Division on 05-05-2009 wherein it was decided that Ministry of Housing & Works / FGEHF may chalk out a plan in consultation with CDA for shifting of the scheme from this area to other zones of Islamabad like Zone-IV, V.

(b) In view of reason mentioned in sub para a above, the development process could not be considered and accordingly no allotment to FG employees has been made.

(c) As per record of this office it is not fact that the sector has exclusively been reserved for the FG employees belonging to occupational groups only.

(d) A draft summary for allotment of sector F-14 was initiated in lieu of sector F-12 which will be considered after launch of other up coming schemes of Housing Foundation. Moreover, FGEHF intends to launch following two schemes for FG employees in near future after due fulfillment of requisite formalities.

- i. Construction of G+14 storey high rise apartments with three basements in sector G-13. Islamabad. Revised FAR is still awaited from CDA.

ii. Housing scheme at Bara Kahu, Islamabad. NOC from CDA is awaited (Zone-IV)

53. **\*Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Qureshi:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 10:45 a.m.)

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

(a) *the criteria laid down for allocation of quota of plots to various Government departments by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation;*

(b) *the names of the said departments and quota of plots allocated to each of them; and*

(c) *the names of Constitutional Bodies and the quota of plots allotted to each body?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) The criteria for allocation of quota of plots to various government departments in phase-IV was determined in proportionate on the basis of past precedence and strength / number of prospective applicants and the same was approved by the Executive Committee of Housing Foundation in its 73rd meeting held on 11-11-2003.

(b) All the Federal Ministries / Divisions / Attached departments/ Subordinate offices? Autonomous bodies / Semi Autonomous government Organizations under the Administrative Control of Federal Government (**Annexed "A"**).

(c) The names of Constitutional Bodies and the quota of plots allotted to each body is as under:—

S. No.	Names of Constitutional Body.	Plots Allocated
i.	Supreme Court	34
ii.	High Court (Rawalpindi Bench).	26
iii.	Federal Shariat Court,	18
iv.	Election Commission	27
v.	Senate Secretariat	22
vi.	National Assembly Secretariat.	25

54. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 02-12-2010 at 15:00 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Indian films shown in Pakistani Cinema Houses during the period of present regime;*
- (b) *the terms and condition on which screening of such films is allowed;*
- (c) *the revenue generated through these films; and*
- (d) *whether Pakistani films were also screened in Indian Cinema Houses during the said period?*

**Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jillani:** (a) No Indian film has been shown in Pakistan during the period of present regime. However, Eighty Nine films having Indian cast and produced in countries other than India have been shown in Pakistani cinemas after certification by the Central Board of Film Censors, during the said period.

(b) The importer is required to submit an Affidavit to the effect that he is the copy right holder of the film and that the film in question has been produced in a country other than India. Ministry of Commerce allows the import of film on the recommendations of Ministry of Culture. After the import, the Central Board of Film Censors examines the film under the relevant rules, and award censorship certificate for exhibition in Pakistani cinemas.

(c) Rs. 31,82,000/- have been generated through these films.

(d) Yes.

55. **\*Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010)

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

- (a) *the budget allocated for the Alternative Energy Board for the year ending 30th June, 2010; and*
- (b) *the details of achievements and contribution of the Board towards the development of alternative energy sources in the country since its establishment?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) During the year ended 30th June 2010 an amount of Rs. 61.660 million allocated and released Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) to meet the Pay and Allowances of employees and Operating expenditure.

(b) As per the Act approved by the Parliament and the President of Pakistan in May, 2010, AEDB has now been provided the permission to undertake projects under its own.

Prior to this, AEDB was only a facilitating body and as such had facilitated a number of initiatives in the areas of policy development, capacity building of various organizations relating to renewable energy, project development (by various institutions and provinces), public sector projects financing (through various international banks and development agencies).

Through its facilitation, Wind Risk was offered to all wind projects in Sindh where at least fourteen (14) feasibilities have been conducted and four financial closures are expected in the private sector (\$ 480 million within the next six months).

Eight public sector projects on hydro have been initiated, which will be completed by the year 2012 and number of initiative sin the off-grid areas have been also initiated of pilot demonstration.

AEDB has also facilitated a number of initiatives in RE technology e.g. manufacture of solar water heaters, small/micro hydro turbines, solar PV panels and geothermal equipment, being manufactured locally.

56. **\*Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010)

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

(a) *the number of employees reinstated in Sui Southern Gas Company Limited under the Sacked Employees Reinstatement Act, 2010, with grade wise break up; and*

(b) *the financial burden on the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited as a result of reinstatements made under the Act?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Out of 2994, so far 2515 employees have been reinstated as per Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Ordinance 2009. Details attached at Annexure-A Moreover, 11 employees have approached SSGC for their reinstatement after the date of enactment of Sacked Employees (Reinstatement) Act, 2010.

(b) The monthly financial impact of these employees is Rs. 40.77 Million. Likewise, financial impact of compensation of 3 installments for the same is Rs. 1,393.45 Million. Details attached at Annexure-B.

57. \***Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 04-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, date of appointment and educational qualifications of the Assistant Directors working in the same grade in Geological Survey of Pakistan for more than last 25 years;*
- (b) *the criteria laid down for promotion and the reasons for not promoting them to the next grades so far?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The names, date of appointment and educational qualifications of the Assistant Directors working in the same grade in Geological Survey of Pakistan for more than last 25 years is at Annexure-I.

(b) The post of Assistant Director (BPS-17) is a feeding post of promotion to the post of Deputy Director (BPS-18). As per recruitment rules, the promotion is subject to (i) having 5 years service in BPS-17 (ii) Must have published at least 2 research papers in the field of Geology, (iii) Ability to initiate, supervise and co-ordinate geological field & laboratory programme. The promotion or Assistant Director (BPS-17) is subject to the availability of regular post of Deputy Director (BPS-18). As there is no post of Deputy Director lying vacant in regular setup of Geological Survey of Pakistan, these Assistant Directors have not so far been promoted to the next grade. They will be considered for promotion as soon as a regular vacancy becomes available.

58. \***Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 10-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on the project to supply natural gas to Lower Dir is in progress, if so, the percentage of work completed on that project so far;*
- (b) *the estimated cost of the said project and the amount spent so far;*
- (c) *the name of the contractor of that project; and*
- (d) *the procedure adopted for awarding contract of the said project?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Yes, work on the project for supply of natural gas to Lower Dir is in progress.

(b) Presently, about 85% percent of transmission line has been completed.

Estimated cost of the said project is Rs.516.819 million and more than Rs.170 million have been spent so far.

(c) This work is being carried out by SNGPL's own construction crew.

(d) Not applicable.

59. **\*Moulana Gul Naseeb Khan:** (Notice received on 10-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m. )

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

(a) *the details of damages caused to electricity system due to recent floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province with district-wise break-up; and*

(b) *the details of rehabilitation work of the said system done so far and the time by which it will be completed?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) 132 KV transmission and 11 KV distribution system was affected by the recent floods in the Khyber Pakhtunklm province. The details of damages due to the flood are detailed as below:

(i) 24 No. 132 KV Grid Stations and the allied transmission lines were partially damaged.

(ii) 132 KV Grid Station at Madayn. Swat and its feeding transmission lines were completely washed away.

(iii) 211 No. 11 KV feeders alongwith the allied infrastructure were affected in 21 Districts of KPK.

(b) (i) All 132 KV Grid Stations and transmission lines have since been rehabilitated except Madayn Grid and transmission line. New construction; shall take atleast 1.5 years. Supply of power to the affected area has however been restored through alternate sources.

(ii) All 11 KV feeders and the effected area haves already been rehabilitated and supplies restored except some unapproachable areas of Bahrin Kalam of Swat. The supply shall be restored as soon as the roads / access in cleared.

60. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 10-12-2010 at 10:54 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:*



(a) *the number of cultural troupes sent abroad during financial year 2010-11 indicating also the period of visit, names, designation and addresses of the persons included in those troupes and the amount spent on each troupe; and*

(b) *the procedure adopted for selection of persons for the said troupes?*

**Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jillani:** (a) Pakistan did not send any cultural troupe abroad during the financial year 2010-11.

(b) N.A.

61. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 11-12-2010 at 9:00 a.m.)

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

(a) *the names and locations of private power plants in the country at present indicating also the quantum of electricity being produced by each plant; and*

(b) *the rate at which the electricity is being purchased from those power plants and the rate at which the same is being supplied to consumers?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The name, locations, quantum of electricity, rate at which electricity is being produced rate at which same from these private Power Plants and is being supplied to the consumers is placed at **Annex-I**.

(b) NEPRA has calculated an average rate of energy as Rs. 9.57/units while the same is being supplied to the consumers at subsidized rate of Rs. 7.89 per unit.

62. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 13-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

(a) *whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Water and Power, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*

(b) *the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*

(c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, departments and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) The information is being collected from field formations spread throughout the country, it will take some time. The reply will be submitted on the next rota day of the Ministry.

63. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 15-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether 2% quota reserved for disabled persons has been observed in appointments made in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, its attached departments and subordinate offices during the last two years;*
- (b) *the names, parentage, designation, grade and place of domicile of the persons appointed against that quota in the Ministry, departments and offices during that period; and*
- (c) *the number of vacant posts against the said quota in the Ministry, departments and offices with grade wise break up and the time by which the same will be filled in?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) 2% quota reserved for disabled person stands included in the schedule of recruitment, as under:—

- i. Merit quota 75.50
- ii. Provincial quota 75.5%
- iii. Woman quota 10%
- iv. Minority quota 5%
- v. Disable quota 2%

Efforts are made to observe these quotas in the Ministry of Petroleum & NR and its attached department for recruitment when a post gains its turn against the said quota(s). No such post has gained maturity for recruitment in the Ministry, as the number of employees in each cadre is very low.

(b) In GSP the only attached department of the Ministry two persons namely Mr. Abdul Rasheed S/o Mr. Ahmed Khan, Naib Qasid BS-01 and Mr. Amanullah S/o Haji Fazal Muhammad, Khalasi (BS-01) belonging to Balochistan have been appointed against 2% disabled quota during the last two years.

(c) There is no vacant post in the Ministry against the disabled quota. However four posts reserved for disabled persons are lying vacant in BS-03 to BS-15 in the Geological Survey of Pakistan. The same are being advertised for recruitment.

64. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 22-12-2010 at 9:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister, for Sports be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of past experience of the incumbent Chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board; and*  
(b) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to him?*

**Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhani:** (a) The details are given at **Annex-”A”**.

(b) The details of salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) are given at **Annex-B**.

However, the incumbent Chairman, PCB is not getting salary or other fringe benefits, except TA/DA during the tours.

65. **\*Maulana Muhammad Saleh Shah:** (Notice received on 23-12-2010 at 09:15 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that retired employees of WAPDA who availed the facility of Medical Allowance in lieu of Medical / Hospital facility during their service are not being granted / paid Medical Allowance as announced by the Government for pensioners in July, 2010, if so, its reasons and the time by which it will be granted / paid to them?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** It is a fact that retired employees of WAPDA who have availed the facility of Medical Allowance in lieu of Medical/Hospital facility during service are not being allowed/paid Medical Allowance announced by Federal Government for its employees *w.e.f.* 01-07-2010. The reasons for not allowing Cash Medical Allowance to retired employees is as under:

- ❖ WAPDA is providing Medical Facility to its serving as well as retired pensioners through a large network of hospitals, and dispensaries spread across country equipped with qualified specialist, doctors as well as other Medical and Para Medical staff and amount of Rs.1270 million per annum is spent on these activities.
- ❖ WAPDA Pensioners are eligible for re-imbusement of cost of medicines equal to one month pension.
- ❖ In case WAPDA allows Medical Allowance to Pensioners like of Federal Government pensioners it will require financial resources. WAPDA cannot afford due to its poor financial position.

66. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 23-12-2010 at 09:45 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Minorities Affairs be pleased to state the details of foreign visits undertaken by the persons holding the portfolio of the Minister for*

*Minorities Affairs since 2008 indicating also the names of countries visited, duration and purpose of each visit?*

**Mr. Shahbaz Bhatti:**

67. **\*Syed Javed Ali Shah:** (Notice received on 30-12-2010 at 15:15 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the schedule of load shedding for residential areas and commercial areas in Islamabad is different and the duration of load shedding for commercial areas is more than that for the residential areas; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the load shedding in sub-sectors G-7/1 and G-7/4, Islamabad is being observed with the commercial area of G-7 Markaz, if so, its reasons?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) Load shedding in Islamabad urban area is 2 to 4 interruptions, each of one hour. Commercial dominated feeders also undergo load shedding for duration of 2 to 4 hours but for these categories of feeders there is a mandatory closure from 2000 to 2200 hours.

(b) Sub sector G-7/1 and G-7/4 are fed through, commercial dominated feeder namely 11 KV Sitara Market. This feeder caters G-7 Markaz besides adjacent residential area and as per policy quoted in para-a above, it undergoes mandatory load shedding for 2 hours (i.e. from 2000 to 2200 hours)

68. **\*Chaudhary Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 03-01-2011 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 553.970 million has been allocated by the Government for the scheme of Chashma Nuclear Power Project C-II Mianwali in PSDP 2010-11, if so, the amount released and progress made so far on that scheme; and*
- (b) the time by which the said scheme will be completed?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) Yes, an amount of Rs. 553.970 million has been allocated in PSDP for C-2 Project in FY 2010-11 as Local / Foreign Exchange component.

So for an amount of only Rs. 86.40 million in Local/F.E. and Rs. 605.33 million in F. Aid has been released in current fiscal year, which is only 20.67% of the allocation.

(b) CHASNUPP-2 Project is scheduled to be completed by September, 2011.

69. **\*Mr. Wasim Sajjad:** (Notice received on 04-01-2011 at 12:15 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state:*

(a) *the budget allocated for the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex and the Iqbal Academy, Lahore, separately during the current financial year; and*

(b) *whether the budget allocated for the Iqbal Academy has been released, if not, its reasons?*

**Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani:** (a) No budget is allocated to Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. on annual basis because it generates its own funds.

However. a separate budget on yearly basis is sanctioned for the Iqbal Academy Pakistan Lahore through Ministry of Finance. During the current year Rs. 10.500 million were sanctioned for the Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore.

(b) Out of the total allocation of Rs. 10.500 million for the current financial year Rs. 7.350 million have been released to Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore.

*Islamabad :  
The 31st January, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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### “UN-STARRED QUESTION AND ITS REPLY”

**For Tuesday, the 1st February, 2011**

4. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 07-12-2010 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the dates on which tests and interviews were held for appointments in OGDCL during 2010;*
- (b) *the names and place of domicile of the persons who qualified the said tests indicating also the names of posts for which they qualified;*
- (c) *the name of institute / department which conducted the said tests and the authority which checked the same; and*
- (d) *whether there is any criteria for rechecking the results of the said tests?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Written Tests held during 2010:

- (i) The first pre-recruitment written test was conducted on March 28, 2010.
- (ii) The second written test was conducted on June 30, 2010.

Interviews of candidates who qualified written tests:

- (i) Interviews of candidates who had qualified the written tests held on 28/03/2010 were conducted from 27 - 30 May 2010 at Karachi and from 31/05/2010 to 07/06/2010 at Islamabad.
- (ii) The interviews of candidates who qualified written tests held on 30/06/2010 have been scheduled for 29-30 Nov 2010 at Islamabad and 03/12/2010 at Karachi.

Interviews only:

- (i) Interviews for the posts of Sr. Security Officers were conducted on 06/08/2010 and 21/08/2010. Interviews for the post of Manager (Finance) and General Manager (Accounts) were conducted on 25/05/2010 and 26/05/2010 respectively.

(ii) Interviews for the post of General Manager (Legal Services) were conducted on 11/08/2010 and 21/08/2010.

(b) Lists containing names, place of domicile of qualified candidates and names of posts for which they qualified are available. (Annexure-I to IV)

(c) The pre-recruitment written tests, held on 28th March 2010 were conducted by Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi. They also checked the papers and compiled the results. The tests held on 30th June 2010 were conducted by OGDCL itself. Papers for the same were prepared through Institute of Engineering and Fertilizer Research (IE&FR), Faisalabad. They also checked the papers and compiled the results.

(d) There is no criteria for rechecking of results of the said tests.

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

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 31st January, 2011.*

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
*Secretary.*