

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*

**Wednesday, the 13th January, 2010**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Question Nos. 133 and 134 were originally set down for answering on 13th October, 2009 (56th Session) but were deferred)*

133 **\*Mir Wali Muhammad Badini:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:15:a.m.)

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

- (a) the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who have been allotted residential or commercial plots in Islamabad since 2002;*
- (b) the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who were allotted more than one residential or commercial plots in Islamabad during that period indicating also the number of plots allotted and the reasons for allotting more than one plot in each case; and*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to allot residential plots to the Parliamentarians who have not been allotted plots in Islamabad so far, if so, its details?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) No plot was allotted to Parliamentarians. However, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA were allotted residential plots in Islamabad since 2002. The details are at Annex-I to Annex-IV.

(b) No plots were allotted to Parliamentarians. The Journalists and employees of CDA were allotted only one plot. The Prime Minister approved the package for BS-22 Officers and Judges of Supreme Court who were allotted additional plots as per policy. The details are at Annex-V

(c) A proposal is under consideration in coordination with Senate/National Assembly Secretariats to allot residential plots to the Parliamentarians but has not yet been finalized.

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

134 **\*Mr. Abbas Khan:** (Notice received on 31-07-2009 at 09:15:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who have been allotted residential or commercial plots in Islamabad from 1985 to 2001;*
- (b) *the names of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who were allotted more than one residential or commercial plots in Islamabad during that period indicating also the number of plots allotted and the reasons for allotting more than one plot in each case?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar:** (a) The lists of Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, Journalists and employees of CDA who were allotted residential plots in Islamabad from 1985 to 2001 are placed at Annex-A to Annex-E. The list of the beneficiaries of commercial plots is at Annex-F.

(b) As per record available in CDA/ Housing Foundation no other plots have been allotted to the Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Judges, and Journalists.

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

32. **\*Nawabzada Mir Haji Lashkari Raisani:** (Notice received on 16-10-2009 at 14:27:p.m.)

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

- (a) *the amount allocated for the National Disaster Management Authority(NDMA) in the current budget,. and*
- (b) *the amount released to the authority out of the said allocation so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) The amount allocated for the National , Disaster Management Authority in the current budget is:

- i. Non-Development Budget : Rs.66.641million
- ii. Development Budget : Rs.158.00 million

**Note:** No amount has so far been allocated to the NDMA in the National Disaster Management Fund, which is a mandatory requirement under the National Disaster Management Ordinance, 2007. The Fund is to be administered by the NDMA towards meeting the expenses for emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, relief and reconstruction.

- (b) The amount released to the Authority out of the said allocation so far:
  - i. Non Development: Rs.26.656 million @ 40% (July to December, 2009).
  - ii. Development Budget: Rs.136.00 million.

33. **\*Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain:** (Notice received on 16-10-2009 at 14:50:p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number and locations of model religious schools (Deeni Madaris) established under the administrative control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs so far indicating also the details of such institutions which are functional; and*
- (b) *the details of the contemporary subjects added in the syllabus of those madaris?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi:** (a) The number and locations of model religious schools (Deeni Madaris) established under the administrative control of the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Pakistan Madrasah Education Board) which are functional are as under:—

- (1) Model Dini Madrasah (for Girls) Islamabad located at Haji Camp, Islamabad.
- (2) Model Dini Madrasah (for Boys) Sukkur located at Haji Camp, Sukkur.
- (3) Model Dini Madrasah (for Boys) Karachi located at Haji Camp, Karachi.

(b) The syllabus of Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education, Islamabad is being followed by three Model Dini Madaris as mentioned at (a) above. The details of such contemporary subjects which are being taught in Model Dini Madaris are as under:—

- i. English.
- ii. Urdu.
- iii. Islamiat Compulsory.
- iv. Social Studies/Pak Studies.
- v. General Science.
- vi. Mathematics.
- vii. Economics.
- viii. Political Science.
- ix. Arabic Literature.
- x. Islamiat Elective.

34. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 08:30:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of historical places in the country under the administrative control of the Federal Government;*
- (b) *the steps taken by the government to preserve those places; and*
- (c) *the income and expenditure of the said places during the last five years with year-wise break up?*

**Minister for Culture:** (a) At present, there are 402 archaeological sites under the administrative control of the Federal Government through the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Culture.

It is relevant to mention that 126 sites out of total 402 have been transferred to Sindh Government last year.

(b) The Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Pakistan carried out preservation and restoration works at most important archaeological sites and monuments under its Annual Repairs and Special Repairs Programmes through its regular Annual budget.

Besides this, the conservation and restoration works have been completed under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP). Under PSDP, an amount of Rs.210.993 million has been allocated for the on-going and new projects.

In the new schemes, to attract the visitors the provision of facilities to the public like drinking water benches, sheds for visitors, sign boards, cafeteria etc., at the sites and museums has been given due priority along with the preservation and conservation of the sites/monuments.

(c) Details of expenditure and income earned, during the period is at **Annex.**  
35. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on. 17-10-2009 at 10:10:a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the number of hospitals and schools constructed by ERRA in the earth quack 2005 effected areas so far?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) As of November 13, 2009, the status of facilities is as under:—

a. **Education Facilities**

(1)	Completed facilities:	-	598
(2)	Under construction:	-	2151

b. **Health Facilities**

(1)	Completed facilities:	-	82
(2)	Under construction:	-	134

36. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 10:55:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.162 replied on 13th October, 2009 and state:*

(a) *the criteria laid down for supply of natural gas to the cities / towns / areas in NWFP; and*

(b) *whether it is a fact that Timargarah, district Lower Dir fulfill the said criteria, if so, the reasons for not supplying natural gas to that area so far?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The prescribed per consumer cost criteria, laid down for supply of natural gas to the cities/towns/areas in NWFP is Rs. 108,000/.

(b) No.

37. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 13:40:p.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the names and designation of the officers of Prime Minister's Secretariat sent abroad on official visits during the last three years indicating also the purpose of visit and amount spent in each case?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** The requisite information in respect of the Officers of Prime Minister's Secretariat (Public) and Prime Minister Secretariat (Internal) are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II

38. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 13:40:p.m)

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

- (a) the names of minerals available in Pakistan;*
- (b) the locations where minerals deposits are available; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to exploit these deposits?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) God has bestowed Pakistan with variety of Minerals which includes metallic minerals (Copper, Gold, Iron ore, Chromite, etc.), industrial minerals (Coal, Limestone, Clays, Gypsum, Rock Salt, etc.) gemstones (Ruby, Emerald, Topaz, etc.) dimension stones (Marble, Granite, Sandstone, etc.)

(b) The locations of significant mineral deposits are as under:

- Coal deposits are located in all provinces of the country however; major deposits are located in Lakhra, Meting-Jhampir & Thar Coal field in Sindh province and some areas of Balochistan.
- Copper and Gold deposits are located in Balochistan, Northern Areas, NWFP and FATA.
- Chromite and Iron ore is located in Balochistan, NWFP, FATA and Punjab province.
- Marble, Granite and Limestone are mainly located in NWFP, Balochistan, FATA and some parts of Punjab.
- Rock Salt, Limestone, Clays and Gypsum are mainly located in Punjab and Balochistan provinces.

A table showing name on mineral, size of reserves, quality and annual production of mineral resources is enclosed as Annex-I

(c) The present Government has attached high priority toward development of indigenous minerals resources. In this regard, various steps have been taken to exploit the mineral deposits:

- Implemented National Mineral Policy (NMP) in all the federating units and provided financial assistance of Rs 50 million.
- Facilitated national and international
- companies for development and mining of mineral deposits as result of which foreign invested in the development of Saindak Copper Gold deposits, Reko Diq Copper Gold deposits and Dudar Lead-Zinc of Balochistan amounting US\$ 335 million has been realized.
- Development of infrastructure in the mineral bearing areas of the country. GOP contributed Rs 1.6 billion for the development infrastructure for Thar Coal field.
- Execution of development projects aiming to impart training to locals of the Gem bearing areas of NWFP, AJ&K and Northern Areas at a total cost of Rs 100 million.
- Sponsored execution of the development projects to explore mineral deposits, prepare geological maps of the un-explored areas and conduct detailed study of the already explored mineral deposits of the country.
- Dissemination of available mineral data to private investors including international companies.

39. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mahmood:** (Notice received on 17-10-2009 at 13:40:p.m.)

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

- (a) *the production of natural gas in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the government to improve production of natural gas in the country?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) Currently about four (4) billion cubic feet of natural gas per day is being produced in the country.

(b) the Government has taken following steps to further enhance exploration activities in the country:

- (i) 116 exploration licences for exploration of oil & gas have been granted in the country.
- (ii) Petroleum Policy 2009 has been promulgated wherein further incentives have been provided to attract local and multi-national companies for investment in oil /gas sector of Pakistan.
- (iii) Pursuant to bidding round held on 30-09-2009, another 37 blocks have been awarded provisionally.

40. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 10:00:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of power grid stations proposed to be installed during the current financial year and also in future in Mohmand Agency?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** The scheme for the construction of a Grid Station in Northern Mohmand Agency had been approved by Federal Development Working Party (FDWP) dated 02-12-2006 under ADP No.689 / 731 (old / New). The estimated cost of the scheme was Rs. 199.986 million, out of which only Rs. 14.956 Million has been released by FATA Secretariat (lying with TESCO): The work on the scheme will be taken in hand after acquisition of land by Political Agent Mohmand Agency and receipt of total funds from the FATA Secretariat.

Following future plans for the construction of Grid Stations in Mohmand Agency are also under consideration and the work will be taken in hand subject to the availability of funds from the FATA Secretariat.

S. No.	Name of work	Proposed capacity of power Transformer	Length of transmission Line	Approx. cost in million
1.	Construction of new 132 kv grid station at Pendyali	2x10/13 MVA	20 KM	270.0
2.	Installation of additional Power Transformer at 132 kv grid station Ghullani	1x20/26 MVA	-	69.0

S. No.	Name of work	Proposed capacity of power Transformer	Length of transmission Line	Approx. cost in million
3.	Conversion of 66 kv grid station to 132 kv at Mamad Gat	2x20/26 MVA	45 KM	425.0
4.	Construction of new Transmission Line from 132 kv grid station Shabqadar to 132 kv Ghallanai grid station.	-	60 KM	80.0

41. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 19-10-2009 at 10:00:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure and criteria laid down for appointment of the Chairman of Pakistan State Oil (PSO); and*
- (b) *the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits available to the incumbent Chairman, PSO?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar: (a) Appointment of Board of Management /Chairman**

PSO has been formed under the provisions of Marketing of Petroleum Products (Federal Control) Act, 1974 (“the 1974 Act”). The formation/appointment of the Board of Management (out of which one Director is elected as Chairman) is made by the Federal Government under Section 7 of “the 1974 Act” which states as under:

**Board of Management**

- (i) The Federal Government may set up a Board of Management to control, manage and direct the affairs of the marketing companies in respect of which Managing Directors have been appointed.
- (ii) The Board of Management shall consist of a Chairman and such number of members, not exceeding nine, as the Federal Government may appoint.
- (iii) The Board of Management shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to acquire and hold property and shall by its name sue and be sued.
- (iv) The Chairman and members of a Board of Management shall hold office during the pleasure of the Federal Government on such terms and conditions it may determine.

**(b) Remuneration of Chairman, PSO.**

Compensation/Honorarium	Rs. 40,000/-per month.
Motor Vehicle	1300 cc car.
Driver	Driver is provided by the company and in lieu of company driver Rs. 6,500/- per month.
Security Guard	A security guard.
Mobile telephone	Mobile Cellular Phone with reimbursement of actual bill up to a maximum limit of Rs. 4000/- per month including rentals.
Office	Office accommodation within the premises of the Company with one secretary.
Travel	Economy Plus Class travel and 5 Star hotel stay on his overseas and domestic travel on business.

42. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 20-10-2009 at 08:40:a.m.)

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

(a) *the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of tourism in the country;*

- (b) *the number of tourists spots in the country;*
- (c) *the number and location of hotels under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tourism; and*
- (d) *the income through tourism and expenditure for the last ten years with year-wise break up?*

**Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman :** (a) The following steps have been taken by the Government for promotion of Tourism in the country:—

1. Development of Website for Tourism Industry.
2. Revamping/Remodeling of PTDC's Tourist Information Centers.
3. Tourist friendly countries have been increased from 2 to 24 for grant of Visa on arrival (VOA) for one month validity and multiple entry for group travel through designated Tour Operators.
4. Pakistan Missions abroad have been authorized to grant tourist/visit visa for 3 months validity and stay with double entry.
5. Special discounted tour packages have been introduced to encourage Students, families and group to explore Pakistan.
6. **Inter Provincial Coordination on Tourism Promotion:**

In order to enhance coordination and cooperation in tourism sector among federal ministry and the provincial tourism departments/ organizations, inter-provincial ministerial meetings were held on monthly basis under the chairmanship of the Federal Minister for Tourism. Following steps are being taken in the light of the decisions made in these meetings for promotion of tourism in the country.

7. **Participation in International Tourism Events:**

PTDC and Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with Provincial tour operators, hoteliers, participated in the following 4 International Tourism Exhibitions and Conferences abroad:

- *JATA World Travel Fair, Tokyo, Japan (September 2008)*
- Annual Meeting of PATA, Macau (April 2009)
- UNWTO Commission for Middle East Conference on Human Resource Challenge for tourism at Doha (22nd April 2009)
- Beijing International Tourism Exhibition (BITE), Beijing (June 2009), where Pakistan's Stall received award of "Best Organized Stall"

8. **Participation in Domestic Events:**

PTDC participated/organized the following eight domestic events to create greater awareness about Pakistan's tourist attractions:

- (i) World Tourism Day (September 2008) IDEAS (November 2008)
- (ii) Karakoram Festival at Park Towers, Karachi (February 2009)
- (iii) Sibi Mela (February 2009)
- (iv) Khanpur Lake Festival (March 2009)
- (v) Rock Climbing Competition (March 2009)
- (vi) Dawn Lifestyle Winter Exhibition (March 2009)
- (vii) PATA Seminar on "Tourism Marketing in Difficult Times" (May 2009)

9. **Tourism Policy – Review of:**

In consultation with all the Provinces including AJK and Northern Areas, broad parameters of a new, revised National Tourism Policy have been drawn up in an Inter Provincial meeting held in June 2009, which will be finalized very soon after further consultation with all stakeholders.

10. **Production & Distribution of Tourism Promotional Material:**

PTDC produced tourism promotional material (including brochures, maps, posters, videos, CDs, DVDs etc.) in English, German, Chinese and Japanese languages. During the year, PTDC distributed this material through Pakistani missions abroad, PTDC Tourist Information Centers and Motels and at different national/international conferences/Seminars/ exhibitions.

11. **Publicity through Print Media:**

12. **Tourism Development Project Completed:**

The following six developmental projects have been taken in hand by PTDC, which will be completed very soon:—

- (i) Construction of 10 rooms with allied facilities at Besham.
- (ii) Construction of 8 rooms with allied facilities at Balakot
- (iii) Repair of PTDC Motel at Chattar Plain.
- (iv) Repair/up-gradation of Tourist Information Centres at Abbottabad, Peshawar.
- (v) Construction of 14 room with allied facilities Motel at Hawks-bay, Karachi.

13. **On – Going Projects:**

- Construction of Bus Terminal including 4 rooms with allied facility at Nanakana Sahib.
- Tourist Facilitation Centres at Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Islamabad, Muzaffarabad and Gilgit.
- Rehabilitation/Refurnishing of PTDC Motel at Moenjodaro.

14. **Approved Projects:**

- Extension of PTDC Motel at Bahawalpur
- Extension of PTDC Motel at Taxila
- Extension of 5 rooms/rehabilitation of PTDC Motel Ayubia
- PTDC Spa Facility at Garam Chashma Chitral (Medical Tourism)
- Rehabilitation of 39 rooms of PTDC Motel Besham
- Rehabilitation of 30 rooms of PTDC Motel Naran
- PTDC Tourist Resort at D.1. Khan
- PTDC road side facilities at Ali Wanda, D.I.Khan
- Construction of Budgetary Hotel at Shrine of Sehwan Sharif
- Construction of Budgetary Hotel at Shrine of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai.
- Extension of PTDC Motel at Hawks Bay, Karachi.

15. **Proposed Projects:**

- Establishment of Tourist Village/Amusement Park at Multan
- Establishment of Tourist Resort at Sheikh Badin
- Establishment of Tourist Resort at Benjosa
- Establishment of Tourist Resort at Pir Chinasi, Muzaffarabad
- Establishment of Tourist Resort at Thandiani
- Establishment of Tourist Resort at Naltar, Gilgit

16. **Introduction of Domestic Tour Packages:**

Special discounted tour packages featuring different tourist attractions of Pakistan for students, families and senior citizens were launched. A special tourist coach service between Rawalpindi- Ayubia and Naran has also been started for tourist during summer holidays. Special 50% discounted room rates for PTDC Motels were announced to promote winter tourism.

17. **Successful Operation of International Bus Services:**

PTDC has been successfully operating Dosti Bus Services between Pakistan and India as well as between Pakistan and China for facilitation of cross-border tourist/trade.

18. Zero royalty fee for Peaks up to 6500-M.
19. 10% royalty fee on mountains situated in Chitral, Gilgit and Ghizar except on spantik/Golden peak.
20. 05% royalty fee on all Peaks during winter season (December –February)
21. 50% discount on royalty fee on all peaks except as mentioned in (19) and (20) above.
22. In order to promote tourism in Gilgit - Baltistan, Chief Secretary, Gilgit-Baltistan has been authorized to issue trekking permits to Chinese trekking parties entering Gilgit - Baltistan through Sust Border.
23. Decision has been made to transfer 80% of Environment Clean-up/Pollution fee (being deposited by the foreign expeditions) to Environment Department, Gilgit - Baltistan. Accordingly an amount of Rs.1.00 million has been released during the Financial Year 2008-09 for improvement of environment on mountains.
- (b) List of tourist spots in the country is at Annex-I.

(c) There is only one hotel under the administrative control of Ministry of Tourism/PTDC. The name and location of the hotel is stated below:-

“Flashman Hotel, Rawalpindi”

(d) Foreign exchange income & expenditure for the last ten years with year wise break up is stated below:—

*US\$ in Million*

Year	Foreign exchange income from Tourism	Foreign Exchange expenditure used by outbound Pakistani travellers
1999	76.4.	179.9
2000	84.4	252.1
2001	92.2	255.3
2002	105.4	178.6
2003	135.6	880.3
2004	185.6	1319.0
2005	185.3	1277.4
2006	260.1	1540.5
2007	276.1	1592.5

2008

243.5

1514.6

43. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 09:30:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of persons appointed in S.S. G.P.L. during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 with grade-wise and province-wise break up?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** Detailed grade-wise and province wise summary of executive staff employed in SSGC during the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09 is attached at Annex-A and B respectively.

44. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 10:30:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of the areas in Balochistan Province, which are provided electricity from Iran;*
- (b) *the rates of the electricity being purchased and the rates being charged from the consumers of the areas; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to purchase electricity for other areas of Balochistan; if so, the details thereof?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf :** (a) 39 MW electricity is imported from Iran to meet the power demand of South-West coast of Balochistan comprising, the districts of Turbat, Gwadar and Panjgoor and border towns of Mand, Masskhail and Taftan.

(b) The rate of electricity being purchased from Iran is US Cent 5 per KWH till 31-12-2008 which, while considering losses in transmission and distribution, in fact. increases by 24% at least. But *w.e.f.* 01-01-2009 M/s. Tavanir Iran has demanded new energy price (*i.e.* US Cent 11.67 per KWH) which is yet to be negotiated between M/s. Tavanir and NTDC. While the average sale rate being charged as per Tariff applicable allover QESCO is Rs.5.61 per KWH.

(c) Following projects are under progress regarding purchase of electricity from Iran for other areas of Balochistan.

I. Considering rapid developments in Gwadar areas, purchase of 100 MW was contracted with TAVANIR (Iran) on 07-02-2007 (with NTDC). Salient features of this project are:—

- (i) Length of 220 KV transmission line in Pakistan would be 78 KM and 51 KM in Iran.
- (ii) Agreement has been signed with SUNIR Iran for the construction of 220 KV Transmission Line and the GIS Grid Station.

- (iii) The tariff during first year of purchase of electricity will be US\$ 0.0625 per kWh. 16% General Sales Tax applies on the import of electricity from Iran.
- (iv) The project will be financed through Economic Development Bank of Iran (EDBI). The contract loan agreement between EDBI and Government of Pakistan, Finance Division is being finalized.

II. Additionally, the Minister of Water and Power has signed the MOU with the Minister of Energy of Iran on 08-04-2007, at Tehran for supply of Power upto 1000 MW from Iran to meet the demand of Balochistan and the National Grid. Consultants have been nominated by TAVANIR and NTDC to carry out feasibility study. The joint venture agreement between NESPAK Pakistan, the lead consultant, and MOSHANIR, consultant appointed by TAVANIR Iran to carry out feasibility study has been signed. The consortium will submit the feasibility report in January, 2010. Hopefully the project would be completed by 2013.

45. **\*Mst. Afia Zia:** (Notice received on 21-10-2009 at 11:25:a.m.)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat be pleased to state the steps taken by ERRA for restoration and assistance of affectees of earthquake 2005?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat :** The following steps have been taken by ERRA for restoration and assistance of effectees of earthquake, 2005:

1. **Provision of Relief Goods**

a. Immediate Relief (upto 31 March 2006)

(1) Following items were distributed in earthquake affected areas by Federal Relief Commission (FRC) upto 31 March 2006:—

(a)	Tents	-	950,420	nos
(b)	Blankets	-	6,293,581	nos
(c)	Rations	-	245,974.00	ton
(d)	Medicine	-	3,053.76	ton
(e)	Miscellaneous	-	130,994.20	ton

b. Relief items Provided from 01 April 2006 to 31 Oct 2009:—

(1) Following items were distributed in earthquake affected areas by Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority after 01 April 2006 to 31 Oct 2009:—

(a)	Tents	-	29,983	nos
(b)	Blankets	-	152,932	nos
(c)	Rations	-	45901.424	ton
(d)	Medicine	-	23.5	ton
(e)	Miscellaneous	-	224	ton

c. Besides this, a huge quantity of relief goods have been distributed by different IOs/NGOs among the people of earthquake affected areas at their own.

2. Distribution of Compensation. Following amount has been distributed among injured, next of kin of shaheeds and housing damage in earthquake affected areas:—

- (1) AJ&K - Re- 13.210 Billion  
(1) NWFP - Rs. 10.982 Billion

3. **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)/Camps**

- a. Approximately 3,50,000 affectees were accommodated in 605 Shelters Villages Camps (531 in NWFF & 74 in AJ&K) after October 2005 out of which 90% of IDPs were repatriated with handsome relief package including free transportation during first phase *i.e* till October 2006.
- b. After completion of first phase, 5424 vulnerable families comprising 29048 individuals were accommodated in 48 relief camps both in AJ&K and NWFP.
- c. During the second phase of the return starting from 01 April 2007 onwards move back of remaining IDPs in the camps was facilitated. Following relief package was provided to the returning families:—
  - (1) 14 x CGI Sheets for each family
  - (2) Free transportation
  - (3) 2 months food package
  - (4) All relief goods and other belongings previously issued to them.
- d. 100% IDPs repatriated with handsome relief package and all camps closed on 30 Oct 2008 except 2 camps under control of AJK Govt.

4. **Urban Development Programme**

ERRA's Urban Development program deals with reconstruction and rehabilitation of four earthquake affected urban centers namely: Balakot in NWFP and Muzaffarabad, Bagh & Rawalakot in AJK.

The degree of destruction in these cities varies from 70 % to 95%. In response to the earthquake 2005, ERRA provided relief assistance and coordinated the overall relief efforts. After clearing / removal of debris early recovery plan was launched under which essential services were restored/provided in the affected areas. The following steps are taken under "Urban Development Program":

- ERRA was cognizant of the fact that the urban development requires considerable time and effort. Therefore, as an interim arrangement transitional housing was provided to urban residents.
- A sum of Rs. 70.65 Billion has been disbursed for the Reconstruction of 463,243 Completely Damaged and 101,091 Partially Damaged houses in Rural area. Whereas Rs. 2.92 Billion disbursed to 25,442 affectees of three cities in AJK.
- After carefully carrying out need assessment and condition survey of the buildings, under the principle of "Build Back Better" Master planning of the cities were carried out and the aforesaid plans were later on got approved from the respective Governments.

- Based upon the master plans mega City Development projects namely Muzaffarabad City Development Project (MCDR), Bagh City Development Project (BCDP), Rawalakot City Development Project (RCDP). New Balakot City.
- Development Project (NBCDP), Old Balakot City improvement Plan (OBCIP) were conceived and got approved from competent forum.
- A complete new city called “New Balakot City” is planned and being developed at a seismically safe location near Old Balakot primarily to shift the affected population close to their existing milieu.

The total estimated cost of the City Development Projects under AJK-Urban Development Program is Rs. 21,356 MPKRs and in NWFP is 8470 MPKRs.

## 5. **Social Protection**

The following programmes are being run by ERRA under Social Protection:—

1. Establishing of Social Welfare Complexes (SWCs)
2. Establishing of Women Development Centres (WDCs)
3. Rural Landless Program
4. Targeted Vulnerability Survey (TVS)
5. Legal Aid Centres (LAC).
6. Livelihood Support Cash Grant (LSCG)

## 6. **Education, Governance, Health, Transport, Power, Telecommunication, Environment, Livelihood and Water and Sanitation (Watsan) Sectors.**

The summary of the projects being undertaken in the above sectors are given at Annex-A.

### 46. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 22-10-2009 at 09:05:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names of un-authorized occupants of Government accommodations in Islamabad from whom standard rent has been charged during the year 2008-09 indicating also the amount charged in each case?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar :**List showing the names of un-authorized occupants of Government accommodation in Islamabad from whom standard rent has been charged during the year 2008-09 indicating the amount charged in each case is at Annex-I.

### 47. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 08:55:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the duration of load-shedding being observed all over the country at present with reasons?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** Presently, there is no load shedding on Domestic, Commercial, Tube well and mixed feeders (where industry also exists) throughout the country. However, in order to meet with the gap between supply and demand, load management of various categories of industries in close consultation with all the stake holders is being observed which is as under:

Category of Industries	Hours of load shedding
Cement Industries	No Closure
Continuous process Industries	04 Hours
Textile Industries	02 Hours

Category of Industries	Hours of load shedding
All B3 & B4 consumers	04- 08 Hours
Small Medium Enterprises (SME)	06 Hours
Power Looms	02 — 04 Hours
Flour &Ghee/ Oil Mills	04 — 08 Hours

Total

load shedding in KESC's Licensed areas is no more than three (03) hours daily.

48. **\*Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for preservation and restoration of historical forts in Dir and Chitral during the last five years and the amount spent thereon?*

**Minister for Culture :** The Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Pakistan has no Historical Forts in its charge in Dir and Chitral Districts.

49. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 23-10-2009 at 10:40:a.m.)

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

(a) *the present status of the Pak-Iran-India Gas Pipeline project; and*

(b) *the time by which the said project will be implemented?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) i. Pakistan and Iran signed a Gas Sales & Purchase Agreement (GSPA) on 5th of June 2009.

ii. Pakistan and Iran have concluded and initialed an Operations Agreement, which describes in detail the operating and measurement procedures under the GSPA.

iii. The GSPA shall become effective, after (a) Issuance of GOP Guarantee and (b) Pakistan and Iran entering into a HOA, for transit transportation of Iranian gas, through Pakistan.

(b) As per project implementation schedule the work on project feasibility and front end engineering design will start after the appointment of Engineering & Project Management Consultants. Project Financing and construction will take around four years and thus first gas flow is likely by end 2014.

50. **\*Haji Ghulam Ali:** (Notice received on 24-10-2009 at 11:25:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names and length of service of the persons working as local employees in Pakistan Houses in Saudi Arabia indicating also the monthly salary and other benefits being paid to them;*
- (b) *whether they are being paid according to the Pakistani or Saudi Arabian laws; and*
- (c) *the procedure laid down for appointment of these persons?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi:** (a) Names, length of service and monthly salary and other benefits of local employees of Pakistan Houses, Makkah Mukawwarah and Madinah Munawwarah indicating monthly salary are given in Annex-I and II.

(b) They have been employed locally on contract basis. They are paid lump sum emoluments. No one is employed against regulations of the Government of Pakistan or the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(c) Services of local based employees are hired on extendable contract basis with the approval of Director General (Hajj) from amongst the Pakistanis living in KSA under Saudi Kafalat (Sponsorship).

51. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 26-10-2009 at 09:30:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Culture be pleased to state the steps taken for the promotion of cultural art in the country?*

**Minister for Culture :** (a) Following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Culture through its concerned departments for the promotion of cultural arts in the country:

- a. Exhibitions of paintings and arts works are organized at regular intervals.
- b. Organized dance and music ensembles
- c. Organized drama/ theatrical performances
- d. Organized exhibitions of arts and crafts
- e. Organized performances of folk dances & music
- f. Organized performances by visiting international cultural troupes
- g. Organized performances of Pakistani Cultural troupes in International festivals etc.

List of programs held by Pakistan National Council of the Arts during the current calendar year is at **Annexure-A**; list of programs held by Lok Virsa is at **Annexure-B**.

52. **\*Haji Mohammad Adeel:** (Notice received on 28-10-2009 at 10:15:a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that WAPDA (PESCO) has sent electricity bills amounting to Rs. 1 billion to the provincial government of NWFP in connection with the losses suffered by WAPDA (PESCO) due to operation in Swat; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that WAPDA (PESCO) has sent electricity bills of Swabi and Mardan camps and relief centers amounting to Rs.18 crores to the NWFP government, if so, its reasons?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** (a) PESCO has not sent any electricity bill to the Provincial Government of NWFP in connection with losses / damages suffered by PESCO due to the Army operation in Swat.

(b) Actual amount of energy bills upto 09/2009 on account of electricity usage in the Camps and Relief Centres was Rs. 269.53 million and not Rs. 180 million. However, on the prescribed format provided to PESCO by Energy Monitoring Cell under the Provincial Government, PESCO has provided account No. wise electricity bill claims for Swabi and Mardan Camps and Relief Centres.

53. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 28-10-2009 at 13:00:p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of Gas connections provided to the residents of village Misryial Gulshan Khaliq Colony near Government Primary School Misryial Rawalpindi; and*
- (b) *the time by which gas connections will be provided to the remaining applicants?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** (a) "Village Misryial" and "Gulshan Khaliq Colony" are two different localities.

Village Misryial is located near Rawalpindi Cantt. and is approximately 3 KMs away from the Peshawar Road and is already on gas. **263** domestic and **07** commercial connections have been provided there.

Gulshan Khaliq Colony is located adjacent to Village Misryial and gas distribution network does not exist there.

(b) SNGPL has **51** pending applications of residents of village Misryial, Rawalpindi. Out of which, demand notices will be issued to **18** applicants by January, 2009 and remaining **33** applicants will be issued demand notices by July, 2010 on turn/merit basis.

Due to financial constraints, at present company has no plan to supply natural gas to Gulshan Khaliq Colony.

54. **\*Mr. Abdur Rashid:** (Notice received on 18-11-2009 at 11:15:a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work of the service road between sub-sector G-14/3 and G-14/4, Islamabad, has not been completed so far;*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that sewerage pipelines have not been laid in the said sectors so far;*
- (c) *if so, its reasons; and*
- (d) *whether any time limit and target has been fixed to complete the work, if so, its details?*

**Mr. Rehmatullah Kakar :** (a) The construction work of service road between sub-sector G-14/3 and G-14/4 is almost complete except at one location.

(b) The sewerage pipe lines in sector G-14/4 has been laid except at three locations.

(c) The work is held up due to:—

- (i) Existence of structure at right of way.
- (ii) Land disputes.

(d) The efforts are underway to remove these road blocks with the help of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). The remaining, held up work on disputed/encroached area will be completed soon on the removal of above obstacles.

55. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-11-2009 at 09:45:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of persons sent on Hajj through regular and private schemes during the last three years and current year with province-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the details of the Hajj Quota enhanced by the Government of Saudi Arabia for Pakistan during the said period and the mode of its distribution?*

Reply not received.

56. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:**(Notice received on 21-11-2009 at 09:45:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the names and place of domicile of persons appointed as Pesh Imam and Khateeb in Hajj Directorate, Quetta, during the last one year?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi :** There was no post of Pesh Imam and Khateeb available in the Hajj Directorate Quetta, however, a person named Maulvi Wali Muhammad of District Quetta has been working voluntarily as Pesh Imam since last year.

A post of Pesh Imam (BS-9) has now been created and appointment of Pesh Imam is under process.

57. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 21-11-2009 at 09:45:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs be pleased to state the number of persons working in the President House and Prime Minister's Secretariat sent on Hajj on the expense of the funds provided by Saudi philanthropists during the last three years including current-year with province-wise and district-wise break up?*

**Syed Hamid Saeed Kazmi:** No person, working in the President House and Prime Minister's Secretariat was sent on Hajj by Ministry of Religious Affairs on the expenses of the funds provided by Saudi philanthropists during the last three years including current year, therefore, the question for provision of province-wise and district-wise break-up does not arise.

58. **\*Prof. Khurshid Ahmed:** (Notice received on 21-11-2009 at 09:50:a.m.)

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

- (a) the action taken by the Government on the Justice (Recd) Bhagwan Das Report about oil prices and exploitative profit made by the oil companies; and*
- (b) whether the said Report will be placed on the Table of the House?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** (a) A committee comprising representatives of Ministries of Finance, Planning, FBR, Chamber of Commerce, OGRA, Petroleum, independent oil experts, Ex-Senator Engineer Rukhsana Zuberi and Oil Industries has been constituted to review oil-pricing formula in light of the Judicial Commission report as per desire of the Supreme Court.

- (b) Judicial Commission Report is under consideration of the Supreme Court.*

59. **\*Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 03-12-2009 at 12:00:p.m.)

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

- (a) the latest position of availability of oil and natural gas in the country and the prospects of making new discoveries;*
- (b) the total demand of oil and natural gas in the country at present being met by internal sources;*
- (c) the total quantity of oil imported during each of the last three years till date to meet the shortfall in internal production, country-wise; and*
- (d) the total expenditure incurred on such imports during the last three years and current year?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The position of oil and gas availability as on 30-06-2009 is as under:

- (i) Oil 314.39 Million Barrels*

(ii) Gas 28.90 Trillion Cubic Feet

The Government has taken following steps to further enhance exploration activities in the country:—

- (i) 115 exploration licences for exploration of oil & gas have been granted in the country.
- (ii) Petroleum Policy 2009 has been promulgated wherein further incentives have been provided to attract local and multi-national companies for investment in oil /gas sector of Pakistan.
- (iii) Pursuant to bidding round held on 30-09-2009, another 37 blocks have been awarded provisionally.
- (iv) The prospects of new discovery are dependent on extensive exploration work especially in NWFP & Balochistan, which would improve with Law & order improvement.

(b) Present requirement of oil in the country is around 19 million tons per annum out of which around 3 million tons (15%) is met from the internal sources. The balance demand of oil is met through imports of crude oil and other petroleum products.

(c) The existing demand of natural gas in the country is 5190.5 MMCFD out of which 3895.5 MMCFD is met by the internal sources. Since there is no external source of natural gas at present, country is facing a shortfall of 1295 MMCFD.

Total quantity of oil imported is as under:

**(Million Tons)**

Year Products	Petroleum	Crude Oil	Total
2006-07	8.33	8.10	16.43
2007-08	9.02	8.42	17.44
2008-09	9.76	8.06	17.82
2009-10*	4.44	2.51	6.95

October, 2009

\* July-

(c) Total expenditure on oil imports is as under:—

**(US \$ Billion)**

Year	Petroleum Products	Crude Oil (FOB)	Total
2006-07	3.67	3.86	7.53
2007-08	6.20	5.67	11.87
2008-09	5.11	4.17	9.28

October, 2009

\* July-

60. **\*Mr. Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 08-12-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

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

- (a) *the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to attract foreign investors to explore and produce natural gas in the country; and*
- (b) *the details of foreign companies which have recently shown interest for the said job and the details of fields offered to them for that purpose?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a) The Government places high priority to the exploration of oil and gas resources in the country. In order to attract foreign investors, the following steps have been taken:—

- (i) Petroleum Exploration & Production Policy 2009 has recently been promulgated to provide better incentives to the E&P Companies for aggressive exploration of oil & gas.
- (ii) Presently 16 foreign companies are operating in 44 blocks in Pakistan.
- (iii) Recently Pakistan Basin Study Project has been completed, which will be helpful in identifying hydrocarbon potential in the different basins of the country. It would especially help the overseas companies to review the complete data for participation in exploration business.
- (iv) The available data has been digitized in Petro Bank for better utilization and prospect generation. The foreign/local companies can have access to the geological information for participation in the bidding rounds.
- (v) Introduced friendly regulatory environment to facilitate foreign investors.

(b) No new foreign E&P Company has recently participated in the bidding round held on 30-09-2009. However, the foreign companies already working in Pakistan *i.e.* B.P. Eni and Hycarbex took part in the bidding round. The following blocks have provisionally been awarded to these companies:

Sr. No.	Company	Block
1.	B.P. Pakistan E&P Inc.,	(i) 2568-19(Digri) (ii) 2569-3(Sanghar South)
2.	Eni (Pakistan) Ltd	(i) 2568-20(Sukkur)
3.	Hycarbex Inc.	(i) 2466-8 (Karachi) (ii) 3371-13(Peshawar)

61. **\*Mr Saleem Saifullah Khan:** (Notice received on 08-12-2009 at 09:00:a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of LPG in some cities of the country, if so, the reasons therefore;*
- (b) the details of cases of hoarding and black marketing of LPG by the gas agencies / dealers reported recently; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of LPG and control its black marketing and hoarding?*

Reply not received.

62. **\*Dr. Khalid Mehmood Soomro:** (Notice received on 10-12-2009 at 08:45:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the details of oil and gas discoveries in the country so far, indicating also the quantity and value of oil and gas explored / produced so far, with field-wise and year-wise break-up?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** Since inception Exploration & Production companies made 223 oil and gas discoveries in the country. Field wise breakup is attached at Annexure-1. Presently about 313 Million barrels of oil and about 28.8 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves are available in the country. So far cumulative production from these discoveries is 543 million barrels oil and 24.433 trillion cubic feet of gas having worth of about Rs.2700 billion and Rs. 4930 billion respectively at an average international market price of oil & average wellhead value of gas for the year 2009.

63. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 22-12-2009 at 11:30:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to the Senate starred question No.24 replied on 2nd October, 2009 and state:*

- (a) *the number of applications for domestic gas connections at Village Sagri, Teshil & District Rawalpindi received till 15th December, 2009; and*
- (b) *the number of demand notices issued so far and number of gas connections provided / not provided so far in the said village indicating also the reasons for delay in providing gas connections to the remaining applicants and the time by which all pending demands will be finalized?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** (a) The number of applications for domestic gas connection at Village Sagri, Tehsil & District Rawalpindi, received till 15th December, 2009 is **1361**.

(b) Out of **1361** applicants, **851** have been issued Demand Notices and **497** have been provided gas connections.

**33** applicants, who have completed their contractual formalities, will be provided gas connections by February, 2010 barring unforeseen circumstances.

**321** applicants are yet to deposit security/service line charges and to fulfill other contractual formalities.

Remaining **510** applicants will be issued Proposal letters/Demand notices by March, 2010, if they are on company's existing gas main.

The company is undertaking the above job on turn/merit basis. However, the above job is delayed due to shortage of material and huge quantum of distribution network, under implementation against already approved schemes.

63-A. \***Mr. Muhammad Hamayun Khan:** (Notice received on 29-12-2009)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Chevron Pakistan Ltd. and Shell Pakistan Ltd. have planned to close their supply depots in Balochistan, if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Syed Naveed Qamar :** No.

ISLAMABAD:  
The 12th January, 2010.

RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
Secretary.

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8. **Hafiz Rashid Ahmad:** (Notice received on 22-10-2009 at 09:15:a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of persons working on each dam and power house in NWFP with province-wise break up ?*

**Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:** There are total 2835 persons working on Dams and Power Houses in NWFP.

The detail of persons who belong to the other provinces is attached at Annexure-I.

9. **Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 01-12-2009 at 13:50:p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of officers working in PSO with province-wise break-up; and  
 (b) the names and place of domicile of the officers of PSO promoted during the last two years?

**Syed Naveed Qamar:** (a)

MGT GROUPS	Total	Punjab	Balochistan	Sindh (U)	Sindh (R)	NWFP	FATA	A.K	
I& Above	16	5	0	8	2	0	1	0	II
29	8	0	15	3	03	0	0		
III	93	26	1	44	13	9	0	0	
IV	203	58	4	90	28	23	0	0	V
292	90	3	126	39	31	1	2		
MGT GROUPS	Total	Punjab	Balochistan	Sindh (U)	Sindh (R)	NWFP	FATA	A.K	
VI	219	61	4	86	42	23	2	1	
VII	75	28	0	20	15	12	0	0	
	927	276	12	389	142	4	3		TOTAL

(b) Annexure-A

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