

## 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*

**Friday, the 4th November, 2011**

@94. \_\***Mr. S. M. Zafar:** (Notice received on 07-02-2011 at 14:17 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) the names, designation, educational qualifications, BPS and place of domicile of the officers appointed in Employees Old Age Benefits Institution during 2009 and 2010 without advertisement of posts; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the said appointments were made in violation of relevant rules, if so, its reasons?*

**Chaudhry Wajahat Hussain:** (a) List annexed as “A”.

(b) Institution’s Field Operations was short of Human Resource. As such the activities of the Regional and Field offices were suffering and the target fixed by the Board in respect of the Registration of Employers, Employees and collection of contribution were lagging behind. Processing and disbursement of new pension cases were also being delayed resulting inconvenience to the prospective old age pensioners.

Therefore, in the interest of the Institution business, these persons were temporarily engaged on contract / *ad hoc* basis from the available applications in the light of the EOBI Recruitment Procedure, duly approved by its Board of Trustees.

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@ Deferred from the 27th October, 2011.

Proviso to Regulation 2 of the EOBI (Employees Service) Regulations, 1980 provides that appointment, on contract / *ad hoc* basis shall be made which is reproduced below:

*“Further provided that Board may direct to effect appointments on contract basis against all direct recruitment posts.....”*

Copy of the relevant provision from the Recruitment Procedures prescribed under regulation of the EOBI (Employees Service) Regulations, 1980 is annexed as “B”.

The above, therefore, transpires that the appointing these persons on contract *ladhoc* basis in view of the circumstance, mentioned above, no violation has been committed.

**Annexure-B**

**RELEVANT EXTRACT FROM RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE (OFFICERS)**

Further provided that Board may direct to effect appointments on contract basis against all direct recruitment posts. Monthly package and terms of appointment of contract employees will be as under:

GRADE	DESIGNATION	MONTHLY SALARY
6	Executive Officer	Rs. 7500/-
7	Assistant Director	Rs.10,100/-
8	Deputy Director	Rs.12,400/-
9	Director	Rs.17,250/-
10	Deputy Director General	Rs.25,100/-

- (i) In addition, Medical facilities and Casual & Sick Leave will be admissible.
- (ii) *Contract appointments shall be made initially for 2 years.*

Terms of service for contract workers approved in **60th BOT**, Item No.13.A and salary package revised *w.e.f.* 01-01-2005 *vide* office order No.64/2005 dated 16-03-2005. Two years tenure for contract appointment approved in **62nd BOT**. Designations of DEO/Jr. Engineer (Grade-6), Assistant Engineer (Grade-7) and Assistant Director General (Grade-10) have been omitted and the grade of DDG revised from 11 to 10 as per 82nd BOT decision.

@20. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 20-09-2011 at 10:05 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons sent for free Hajj with the assistance of U.A.E. during the years 2009 and 2010 with province-wise break- up; and*
- (b) *the name of authority who selected or recommended the names of the said persons?*

**Syed Khurshed Ahmed Shah:** (a) The Government of UAE sponsored 201 and 204 persons for Hajj —2009 and 2010 respectively. Province-wise break-up, of the nominees, is as under:—

Province	No. of Pilgrims	
	2009	2010
ICT	25	33
Punjab	71	67
NWFP	20	25
Sindh	40	50
Balochistan	35	20
AJK/NA	10	09
<b>Total:</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>204</b>

(b) Nominations were received through the President's Secretariat (Public).

@ Deferred from the 27th October, 2011.

@31. **\*Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi:** (Notice received on 21-09-2011 at 11:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the present status of the housing scheme of PHA for the Government officers on Kurri road, Islamabad;*
- (b) *the names of officers who have deposited down payment / installments indicating also amount deposited and option of Grey house / complete house given by each officer; and*
- (c) *the time by which construction work will be started and completed on the scheme?*

**Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat:** (a) The present status of the housing scheme at Kurri road is as under:

- Physical possession of 90.8 acres has been taken over and payment of Rs. 445(millions) has been made to CDA as cost of land.

- The design consultant has been appointed on 3rd of August, 2011 who is working out the detailed specifications, layout, design, elevations and cost of the project.

(b) Detail of names of the officers who have deposited down payment/installments, total amount deposited and option of Grey & Finished structure is annexed as Flag-A.

(c) As per the anticipated time schedule, construction activities will start by March 2012 and completed by April 2014.

@38. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-09-2011 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for construction of earthquake proof buildings in earthquake prone areas in the country?*

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@ Deferred from the 27th October, 2011.

**Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat:** The devastating earthquake of October, 2005 established a need for revision of Building Code of Pakistan to make the buildings earthquake resistant. The Ministry of Housing and Works in consultation with experts revised the Code and prepared Building Code of Pakistan (Seismic Provisions – 2007) which is now a mandatory , reference for Engineers and Architects.

All attached departments of Ministry of Housing and Works *i.e.* Pakistan-PWD, FGE Housing Foundation and Pakistan Housing Authority have already adopted this Code. All buildings are designed and constructed in conformance to Seismic Provision 2007 since then.

97. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 26-09-2011 at 10:25a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the details of dues of P.S.O. payable by various departments?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** Government Customers:

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Customer	Receivable Balance (Rs. in '000)
WAPDA	30,058,000
Pakistan International Airlines	2,167,198
Pakistan Railways	1,114,000
Pakistan Army & Airforce	1,011,866
Oil & Gas Development Corporation	340,000
Government Bunker	316,530

National Logistic Cell	419,618
Pakistan Navy	145,837
Agriculture Engineering	66,412
Pakistan Steel Mills	79,678
POF Wah	39,890
Heavy Industries Taxila	29,097
Other Government customers	3,898
<b>Sub Total (A)</b>	<b>38,792,024</b>
<i>Non-Government Customers</i>	
Customer	Receivable Balance (Rs. in '000)
HUBCO	68,970,000
KAPCO	34,238,000
KESC	5,389,000
Card customers	3,380,835
Agency & Retail customers	2,181,252
Aviation customers	1,094,698
MCC Resources Development	154,033
PAKISTAN MOTORWAY CONTRACTOR & S.K.B	156,200
Other Private Customers	120,130
<b>Sub Total (B)</b>	<b>115,684,148</b>
<b>Price differentials receivable from Gop (C)</b>	<b>14,207,000</b>
<b>Total Receivables (A+B+C)</b>	<b>168,683,172</b>

99. \*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 12:23:29 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of oil and gas wells dug in the country during the last five years indicating also the daily production from each well;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that production of oil and gas in the country is less than the demand, if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (c) *whether there as any proposal under consideration of the Government to import oil and gas from Iran, if so, its details?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) During the last five years 131 exploratory wells were drilled in the country as detailed at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that production of oil and gas in the country is less than the demand. However, the Government has taken the following steps to enhance oil and gas production/activities in the country:

- (i) Exploration licenses over 30 blocks were signed during the last calendar year *i.e.*, 2010.
- (ii) The Petroleum Exploration and Production Policy 2011 is in the offering to provide additional incentives to the investors for exploration of oil & gas in Pakistan. These additional incentives would take care of extra risk taken by E&P companies for doing business under the present security/law and order problems.
- (iii) Presently 133 exploration licenses have been granted for exploration of oil & gas in the country.
- (iv) Presently, 130 D&P Leases are operative for the enhancement of production of oil/gas in the country and 127 fields are producing oil/gas at the rate of 64,655 Barrels of Oil per day and 4215 Million Cubic Feet Gas per day respectively.
- (v) Efforts are being made to put newly made discoveries on production during 2011-2013.
- (vi) Completion of pending development projects – will enhance daily oil /gas production.
- (vii) Enhance exploration in all areas of Pakistan to add new oil/gas reserves by improving law & order and providing conducive environment to local and foreign E&P companies.
- (viii) Basin study already carried out to co-relate entire data of different basins which would help to identify new play types.
- (ix) Have State-of-the-art data repository centre – digitized data is available to existing and new companies to participate in exploration, which would help in expediting exploration of oil & gas.
- (x) Concentrating on more exploration in deeper prospects and under explored geological frontiers to add new reserves.

- (xi) Tight gas policy has been notified which will offer 40-50 percent higher prices than petroleum policy 2009 gas price to attract exploration companies to invest in tight gas fields. The country has estimated recoverable tight gas reserves of 24 Tcf. Initially 100-150 mmcf/d would be added depending on its success rate.
- (xii) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources is working on “Low Btu Gas Policy and Shale Gas Policy” to encourage the investors to exploit these reservoirs.

(c) **Import of Crude oil from Iran**

Pakistan Refinery Ltd. has a long term Contract for import of 12,000 Barrels Per Day Iranian Light crude oil from Iran. However, due to current US/European Union sanctions on Iran, refinery is facing difficulties in opening L/C, therefore, they are not importing Crude Oil from Iran since November 2010.

**Import of Natural Gas from Iran**

Yes; the Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement (GSPA) for import of 750 MMscfd of natural gas was signed with Iran in June 2009 and with all Conditions Precedent of GSPA successfully completed on 13th June 2010, the GSPA has become effective and is in its implementation phase. The work on project FEED / Bankable Feasibility is underway and is targeted to be completed by November 2012.

Project construction shall take 3 years. First gas flow is planned by December 2014.

100. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 28-09-2011 at 09:25 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of steps taken in Hajj policy 2011 for improvement of various services for pilgrims; and*
- (b) *the departments / persons who have been made responsible for provision of those facilities?*

Reply not received.

102. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 29-09-2011 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited was bound to provide its share for the gas supply schemes for which some funds are provided by the Prime Minister on the recommendations of Parliamentarians, if so, the percentage of the share which was being provided by SNGPL; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that SNGPL has discontinued to provide its share to the said schemes on the directions of OGRA, if so, its reasons and the time by which it will resume providing its share for those schemes?*

**Dr. Asim Hussain:** (a) Yes, it is a fact that SNGPL was bound to contribute their share for the schemes approved by Prime Minister upto the cost criteria in the light of approved guidelines. In case, per consumer cost for the gas schemes exceeds the cost criteria, funds over and above criteria are provided by the Government. There is no fix percentage of share as per consumer cost varies from scheme to scheme depending on the length of network required and number of houses to be covered.

(b) Yes, it is a fact that SNGPL had discontinued to provide its share as OGRA had disallowed budget on 24-05-2011 for provision of gas to new towns. However, on 18-08-2011 OGRA clarified that restriction does not apply to ongoing schemes. Further on 21-09-2011 OGRA has also allowed extension of gas to new towns/villages under the Prime Minister's directives.

103. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 08:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the number of persons appointed in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall during the last three years with province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the total number of persons belonging to Balochistan province working in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Secretariat:** (a) A total number of 243 persons were appointed in PBM during the last three years. Province/Quota wise break-up is given below:

Punjab	172
Sindh (Urban)	7
Sindh (Rural)	15
Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa	21



Balochistan	19
Azad Jammu & Kashmir	5
Gilgit Baltistan / Federally Administered Tribal Areas	4

(b) A total of 141 persons belonging to Balochistan Province are working in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall.

104. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi:** (Notice received on 03-10-2011 at 08:35 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, designation and names of departments of the persons residing in category II houses, Street No. 40, Sector F-7/1, Islamabad indicating also the dates of occupation in each case;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that some of the said houses are in occupation of unauthorized persons and the court has ordered to get these houses vacated, if so, the reasons for not getting such houses vacated so far and the time by which those will be got vacated; and*
- (c) *the amount received as rent of those houses from the said unauthorized occupants so far, if not, the steps taken to recover it?*

**Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat:** (a) the names, designation and names of departments of the persons residing in Category-II Houses, street No. 40, F-7/1, Islamabad indicating also the dates of occupation in each case is given as (Annex-A).

(b) There are three houses of Cat-II in Street No.40, sector F-7/1 Islamabad and no house is under unauthorized occupation. One of the house is under stay order and there are no court orders for vacation.

(c) Rental recovery is in process (Annex-B).

ISLAMABAD :  
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RAJA MUHAMMAD AMIN,  
Secretary.

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