

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 22nd April, 2014**

91. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:30 pm)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan, Raja Pervez Ashraf, approved funds for provision of natural gas to Lower Dir, Talash, Timergarah, Malakand, Kuhary, Rabat Mandesh and Hajiabad, if so, the name of Parliamentarian on whose recommendation the same was approved;*
- (b) the amount approved for the said scheme indicating also the amount released out of the same so far;*
- (c) the percentage of work completed so far on that scheme; and*
- (d) whether it is a fact that remaining amount out of the approved estimate for the said scheme has not been released so far, if so, its reasons and the time by which the same will be released and the work will be completed?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) Yes. The funds were approved on the recommendations of Hon' able Senator Muhammad Zahid Khan.

(b) SNGPL has reported that total project cost of the above villages works out to Rs. 418.160 million out of which Rs. 343.588 million cost was within criteria and Rs. 74.572 million cost was above criteria. An amount of Rs. 60 million was received from Government of Pakistan and Rs 20 million received from Government of Khyber Pukhtunkhawa.

(c) The company has reported that 6% work has been completed so far.

(d) SNGPL has reported that this project was approved during F.Y 2012-13, hence it falls under the purview of Constitutional Petition-20 of 2013. Therefore, in the light of orders of the Hon' able Supreme Court of Pakistan in its decision on aforesaid petition, development work on this project is held up. The decision on the subject development schemes will be taken after

final presentation to Prime Minister by the committee constituted on 26th November 2013 to examine various PM's directives and the ongoing portfolio of the PSDP.

In addition to the above, physical execution of works is subject to the approval of Distribution Development Budget by OGRA. Nevertheless, the company has further informed that no additional Govt. funds are required for the above Project.

92. **\*Mr. Kamil Ali Agha:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 01:31 pm)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer the Senate starred question No. 74, replied on 12th February, 2014 and state:*

- (a) whether it is in the knowledge of the Government that the Indian Government has recently signed an agreement with Qatar Government for import of LNG, if so, the terms and conditions of that agreement and the rate at which LNG will be provided under the same;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government is trying to get LNG from Qatar on terms and conditions more lenient to the terms and conditions of the said agreement, if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) the present stage of negotiations for import of LNG from that country; and*
- (d) whether the Government of Pakistan and Government of Qatar have prepared draft terms and conditions for the said purpose and exchanged the same with each other, if so, the details thereof?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) Government of Pakistan is not privy to any specific agreement signed between Governments of India and Qatar with respect to import of LNG *viz-a-vis* terms and conditions and the rate thereof.

(b) As mentioned above, the terms and conditions agreed between Governments of India and Qatar, if any, are not known since such agreements are usually confidential. Besides terms and conditions are yet to be discussed between Governments of Pakistan and Qatar. Therefore, a comparison can not be carried out at this stage.

(c) Formal negotiations for import of LNG from Qatar have not yet commenced.

(d) Government of Pakistan is considering a proposition of importing LNG from Qatar based on Government to Government arrangements. Accordingly, a draft Heads of Agreement has been received from Qatargas, which is being reviewed.

95. **\*Prof. Sajid Mir:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 02:40 pm)

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

- (a) *the details of reasons /grounds on account of which the Pakistan mission are authorized to refuse issuance of Passports or CNICs to overseas Pakistanis; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Embassy of Pakistan in Athens has recently refused to renew passports / CNICs of a number of overseas Pakistanis including Mr. Javaid Aslam, Ex-President of Pakistani community in Athens, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The following documents are required for issuance of passports by the applicants:—

- (i) Duly filled-in Passport Application Form-A for adult and Form-B for children (below 12 years).
- (ii) Four Passport Size Photographs of the applicant.
- (iii) Original valid CNIC/NICOP/CRC (Computerized Registration Certificate) issued by NADRA along with one photocopy.
- (iv) Original existing passport along with one photocopy.
- (v) In case of loss of passport, Police Report is also required.

*Note:* Consular Officer of the Mission interviews the applicant before issuance of passport. If the applicant fails to provide the requisite documents, the Consular Officer is authorised to refuse issuance of passport. The CNIC matter is handled by NADRA. The Embassies only receive applications and forward them to NADRA for processing/ issuance of CNIC.

(b) Pakistan Embassy in Athens has informed that Mr. Javaid Aslam did not approach the Mission for renewal of his passport/CNIC in recent years. As per Mission's record, he is a fugitive from Pakistan as a court of law in Gujranwala in the past had issued arrest warrant for him for being a ring leader of human smuggling gang. An International Red Warrant for his arrest issued by Interpol also exists. He is believed to have obtained political asylum in Greece. He was blacklisted for passport facilities by the Government of Pakistan in the past for being a leader of human smuggling mafia in Greece and for masterminding the criminal activities of his gang. It may also be noted that in November, 2006, an attempt was made by the Government of Pakistan to extradite him to Pakistan. The Greek authorities refused his extradition as he took the plea before Greek authorities that his life was in danger in a military-ruled Pakistan.

97. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 11-03-2014 at 04:50 pm)

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

- (a) *the names of countries / companies with which the Government of Pakistan is negotiating for the import of LNG;*

- (b) *the terms and conditions and price quotation under consideration for the import of LNG; and*
- (c) *the comparison of the said terms and conditions and price quotation with the terms and conditions and price quotations of import of LNG by India and other regional countries?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) The Governments of Pakistan and State of Qatar have been in discussion for import of LNG from Qatar. Pakistan State Oil Company Limited and Qatargas Operating Company Limited have been nominated by respective governments to negotiate import of LNG from Qatar. The Government also intends to invite open tenders for procurement of LNG.

(b) The terms and conditions and price are yet to be discussed and finalized.

(c) As mentioned above, the terms and conditions and price have not yet been decided therefore a comparison cannot be made at this stage. Information on LNG contracts is highly sensitive and confidential and generally not available in the market.

98. **\*Mr. Babar Khan Ghauri:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the quantity of POL products being imported annually by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and its subordinate departments / organizations indicating also the quantity of the said products being imported / shipped through Pakistani and foreign ships / tankers separately?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) There is only one public sector company under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources namely Pakistan State Oil Company Limited that has imported following quantities of POL products during last financial year 2012-13:—

(000 Tons)

Imported through Foreign Ships	Imported through Pakistani Ships (PNSC)	Total
7,357	3,458	10,815

99. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 10:30 am)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether any irregularity has been surfaced on account of payment of salaries, allowances and other benefits to Ex-MD. and present MD. of PSO, if so, the action taken thereon?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) No irregularity has surfaced, however, an excess payment was made to Ex MD, PSO due to following reasons:

- PSO Board determined Rs.2,000,000/- as salary, allowances and other benefits in its 199th Meeting held 9th February, 2012 in respect of Mr. Naeem Yahya Mir, Ex MD, PSO. Ministry reduced this to 1,651,000/- in comparison to previous MDs pay package of Rs.1,541,000/- approved in 2009 (an increase of around 7%) which was concurred by Finance Division and finally approved by Prime Minister.
- During approval process an excess payment of Rs.8,650,000/- was made out of which Rs.3,819,000/- has been recovered. PSO has asked Ex-MD to deposit remaining amount of Rs.4,831,000/-.

(b) No irregularity has surfaced, so far, on account of the payment made to Mr. Amjad Parvez Janjua, Sr. General Manager, PSO who has been allowed to look after the work of the post of Managing Director, PSO.

100. **Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 10:30 am)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government has signed agreements with USA for investment in the country during the year 2013-14, if so, the present status of those agreements?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office:** No. agreement on bilateral investment has been signed with USA in 2013-2014.

101. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 12-03-2014 at 10:30 am)

*Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the number of plots developed for Government Employees in the Bara Kahu Housing Scheme, Islamabad, so far with category-wise break-up?*

**Mr. Usman Ibrahim:** Total 3253 plots for Federal Government Employees and other specified groups will be developed in the Bhara Kahu Housing Scheme, Islamabad.

Detail of plots is as under as per layout plan:—

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Cat	BPS	Size	No of Plots
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Cat-I	20-22	50' x 90'	385
Cat-II	18-19	40' x 80'	574
Cat-III	16-17	35' x 70'	734
Cat-IV	10-15	30' x 60'	836
Cat-V	1-9	25' x 50'	724
<b>Total</b>			<b>3253</b>

104. **\*Mr. Saleem H. Mandviwalla:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to abandon the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project, if so, its reasons;*
- (b) *the legal implications of abandoning the said project and penalties in dollars likely to be imposed on Pakistan in such case;*
- (c) *the cost of the said project for Pakistan;*
- (d) *the percentage of work completed by Iran on the said project so far to meet the obligations of the project as per the agreement made between the two countries; and*
- (e) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan is not embarking on the said project, if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Govt. of Pakistan to abandon the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline project. Pakistan is however unable to undertake the construction of the pipeline due to international sanctions on Iran.

(b) There is no such proposal of abandoning the project. The commercial agreement has a laid down procedure for different eventualities including negotiations between parties, arbitration, penalties, termination, Force Majeure etc.

(c) As per Bankable Feasibility Study the total cost of the project estimated in 2012 is around 1.86 Billion US\$.

(d) Iran has completed the gas pipeline from the South Pars gas field up-till Inshahr which comprises of 900 km. The work on remaining 250 km of the pipeline is likely to start soon.

(e) Pakistan has been able to complete phase I of the project by completing the Front End Engineering & Design, detailed Route Survey, Social and Environment Impact Assessment Study, and Feasibility Study. The concrete markers have been installed along the whole route and land acquisition process has been initiated.

In phase II the land acquisition process will be completed and construction of the pipeline will be started once the EPC contract is finalized and financial close is achieved. It is likely that the financial close cannot be achieved due to international sanctions on Iran.

In pursuance of recent meetings with Iran an Experts Group has been formed to formulate workable Implementation Schedule. Pakistan is facing Force Majeure type situation and currently engaged with Iran as per the provisions in the agreement.

106. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 12:00 noon)

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the performance of Pakistan embassies with regard to resolving the problem of Pakistanis living / working abroad?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** The seven million strong Pakistani Diaspora constitutes an important link in developing closer relations with the host countries. The Diaspora also makes significant financial contribution to the country's economic development.

Welfare of Pakistani community is one of the highest priorities of Pakistan Missions abroad. They are following the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to ensure that problems of community members are resolved timely. For that purpose missions maintain regular contacts with the community in order to deepen their outreach.

The range of services being provided to the community by Pakistan Missions abroad include:

- i. Issuance / Renewal of MRPs;
- ii. Issuance of NADRA cards;
- iii. Issuance/ Renewal of manual passports/ Emergency passports;
- iv. Issuance of visas / NICOPs;
- v. Attestation of documents;
- vi. Assistance in transportation of dead bodies; and
- vii. Assistance in release of Pakistani prisoners abroad.

Missions also maintain interactive websites containing up to date information about consular services with the facility of downloading relevant documents.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs maintains close liaison with Missions abroad and the stakeholders within the country to ensure the welfare of Overseas Pakistanis through:

- i. Inter-Ministerial Committees;
- ii. Maintaining comprehensive database of Pakistanis under detention abroad and those released/repatriated by Pakistan Missions;
- iii. Contact with relatives/families of the detainees abroad, as well as relevant NGO's;
- iv. Following-up on relevant bilateral agreements/ arrangements with foreign governments.

107. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 13-03-2014 at 12:00 noon)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of sports in the country?*

**Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada:** Primarily it is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federations to promote their own sports. The Government substantiates the efforts of National Sports Federations by giving them financial and administrative support.

The Government is committed to provide maximum possible financial and administrative support to the National Sports Federations for promotion of their respective games. The Federal Government through Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) is providing financial assistance to the affiliated National Sports Federations in the shape of annual grants for holding the national championships and to meet their day-to-day requirements. The special grant for participation in international competitions at home and abroad.

PSB also bears the expense on preparation and participation of Pakistan contingents in Olympic Games, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, South Asian Games, Islamic Games as well as other mega sports events.

Organized special sports events like Prime Minister's Sports Festival, 2012, Pakistan Inter-Board Sports, 2012 and 2013 for promotion of sports PSB also sponsored holding of National Games biannual.

PSB organizes the Inter-Provincial Sports Tournaments regularly. These tournaments are being organized in rotation in various Provinces of the country including AJK, Northern Area, FATA and Islamabad. These include both boys and girls competitions and are attracting greater participation.

#### YOUTH SUMMER TRAINING CAMPS

Pakistan Sports Board every year organizes Youth Summer Training Camps at its Coaching Centres located at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta in which

approximately 270 boys and girls of youth participate. The qualified coaches of the country are detailed to impart coaching to them. The participating young sports boys and girls are provided opportunities to learn the basic techniques, skills and systematically method of training. Subsequently by attending these camps they improve their Performance.

## PROMOTION OF CLUB SPORTS

The Sports Clubs are the nurseries from where the sporting activities are originated and subsequently the budding sportspersons emerge with their talented qualities. This is the area where Government support can produce marvelous results. Keeping in view, the significance of clubs sports, the Executive Committee of PSB approve the promotion of club sports in the country.

108. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq:** (Notice received on 14-03-2014 at 09:20 am)

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

- (a) *the number of applications received for allotment of category I and II plots / flats by the members of Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation up to 31.12.2013;*
- (b) *the names and date of application of the employees who were registered up to 10.09.2009 for allotment under the said categories with seniority-wise and category-wise break-up; and*
- (c) *whether allotments of same will be made in phases-wise, if so, the estimated number of applicants who will be allotted plots /flats in the first, second and third phase indicating also the expected date / time of the same?*

**Mr. Usman Ibrahim:** (a) Detail of number of applications received for allotment of category I & II Plot / Flats by the members of Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation upto 31-12-2013 are 1207 and 3906 respectively the detail is given at Annexure-I.

(b) Detail of names and date of application of the employees who were register upto 10-09-2009 for allotment under the said categories with seniority-wise and category-wise break-up are given at Annexure-II.

(c) Following two projects are in pipe-line to be started in near future:

- i. Housing Scheme at Bara Kahu, Zone IV, Islamabad. As per tentative planning total 3253 plots of different categories will be allotted. The estimated number of plots will be allotted in category I & II.
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Category	Total No. of Plots	52 % (for FGE's)
Cat-I	385	200
Cat-II	574	298

- ii. G + 14 storey apartments scheme in Sector G-13, Islamabad catering total 2886 apartments of different categories. Wherein 75% apartments are reserved for FG Employees which comes to 2169 and 25% are reserved for General Public which comes to 717. The estimated number of apartments will be available in category I & II. The willing members of Housing Foundation are being allotted apartments on depositing of down payment.

S.No.	Cat	75% For FGE's	25% for G. Pub	Total No. of apts.
1.	I	156	52	208
2.	II	312	104	416

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

110. **\*Mr. Ahmed Hassan:** (Notice received on 14-03-2014 at 10:30 am)

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

- (a) *the date on which the project for Construction of Suspension / Arch Bridges at District Dir was approved and launched;*
- (b) *the amount allocated and released for the said project during the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) *the details of the work done on that project so far and the time by which remaining work will be completed?*

**Mr. Usman Ibrahim:** (a) The project for construction of Suspension/Arch Bridges at District Dir was approved for Rs. 178.00 Millions *vide* Admn Approval No. F. (60) (NA-33)/2009 AEA) dated **4-6-2009** for 80 Nos bridges out of which 69 Nos were suspension Bridges & 11 Nos were Arch Bridges. Feasibility report/PC-I for the project was prepared without any site survey and structural design. The span of fall the bridges was taken 9.15 meters (30-feet).

Work on 22 Nos Suspension Bridges was awarded/launched on **10-6-2010** wherein 7 Nos have been completed and 15 Nos are in progress. It is pertinent to mentioned here that there is a difference of more than 100 % between the assessed cost at the time of preparation of original PC-I and the estimation as per site conditions.

(b)

Amount allocated during 2013-2014	Amount released during 2013-2014
46.00 Millions	9.199 Millions

(c)

Nos of bridges	Work awarded	Work completed	Work in progress
69 Nos Suspension Bridges	22 Nos Suspension Bridges	07 Nos	15 Nos

Revised PC-1 amounting to Rs. 798.00 millions has already been submitted for accord of the approval from the competent forum.

The remaining/on-going bridges will be completed subject to accord of approval of revised PC-I and full release of funds.

111. **\*Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 07-03-2014 at 09:15 am)

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

- (a) the number of equivalent certificates issued by the Inter Board Committee for certificates of foreign educational institutions during the last five years with country-wise and year-wise break-up;*
- (b) the number of applications for issuance of equivalent certificates to foreign educational certificates rejected by that committee during the said period; and*
- (c) the procedure being adopted for verification of foreign educational certificates before issuance of equivalent certificates by the said committee?*

**Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada:** (a) A total of 118,148 Equivalence Certificates of Secondary (SSC) & Higher Secondary School Certificates (HSSC) have been issued by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (BCC) for certificates of Foreign Educational Institutions during the last five years. Country-wise and Year-wise break-up of equivalence certificates issued by IBCCs at Annexure-I.

(b) A total of 27 applications for seeking SSC & HSSC equivalence of Foreign Educational Certificates were rejected by the Equivalence Committee (EC) of IBCC during the said period.

(c) The IBCC processes the cases of Foreign Educational Qualifications on the face value of Original and authentic documents duly verified by the issuing authority. However, in case of non-verified certificates also requiring some clarifications, the certificates are referred to the issuing authority / Institution for verification and clarification. Meanwhile on the basis of complete and authentic documents Provisional Equivalence are issued to the applicants enabling them secure admission for further Education. Upon receipt of verification / clarification. Proper / final Equivalence Certificates are issued by the IBCC accordingly.

112. **\*Begum Najma Hameed:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:00 am)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that large reservoirs of gold have been discovered in Gilgit Baltistan with collaboration of USA, if so, the year during which the same were discovered; and*

(b) *the estimated volume of the said reservoirs?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) No large reserves of gold have been discovered in Gilgit Baltistan with collaboration of USA. However, on the basis of mineral investigations/sampling carried out by Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP) and Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation (PMDC) for Northern Areas Administration during 1992-2001 & 2005-06, gold showings/ prospects have been identified at the following locations:—

1. Machulu and Ranthak, District Ghanche
2. Sumayar, Minapin and Hassanaba, District Hunza-Nagar
3. Golodass and Phakora, District Ghizar
4. Shigri Bala, District Skardu
5. Chelum Nala, District Astore
6. Bagrote and Shingai Gah, District Gilgit.

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) provided financial and technical assistance for the Northern Areas Administration's project "Geochemical Exploration and Evaluation of Gold and Base Metals" executed by PMDC during 1992-95.

(b) The volume of any gold occurrence has not been quantified and requires detailed exploration work.

113. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:45 am)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether the Government has taken any step in consultation with the provinces for the revival of the executive magistracy / magisterial / powers, if so, its details?*

**Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada:** Yes. The Ministry of IPC moved a Summary to the Cabinet titled "**Amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 for restoration of Executive**

**Magistracy**". The cabinet in its meeting held on 4th September 2013, *inter-alia*, decided as follows:

A Committee headed by Mr. Zahid Hamid, Federal Minister for Science and Technology and comprising Kh. Zaheer Ahmed, Special' Assistant to the Prime Minister, Prosecutor General Sindh and Mr. Farogh Naseem will be constituted to make recommendations with regard to the following:

Review of the Summary for Cabinet submitted by the Inter Provincial Coordination Division on 7th August, 2013 titled "**Amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 for restoration of Executive Magistracy**" with reference to pending legislation in the Supreme Court of Pakistan in the Balochistan case.

Presently, the summary is under review by the said Committee constituted by the Cabinet.

114. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 18-03-2014 at 10:45 am)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that US National Security Agency (NSA) is / has been carrying out cyber surveillance of Pakistani documents, data, communications (metadata) and other information from computer and telephone networks; and*
- (b) *whether the said issue of violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and the breach of official and private cyber security has been raised with US Government at any level or with any office bearer of that Government, if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) The response may be obtained from the Cabinet Division, Ministry of Interior and agencies dealing with cyber security as the subject does not fall under the purview of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(b) Sovereignty of the country is of paramount importance for the Government. Following media reports of surveillance/telephone hacking, our concerns were brought to the attention of US authorities.

117. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 9:46 am)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state the details of funds released for Zakat and Ushr during last five years with province-wise and year-wise break-up?*

**Sardar Muhammad Yousaf:** The year-wise total amount of Zakat funds released to the Provinces and Federal Areas is given below:

(Rs. in million)

Year	Province/Areas	Amount
2009-10	Punjab	2253.470
	Sindh	1095.470
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	730.606
	Balochistan	245.347
	ICT	14.700
	FATA	39.165
	Gilgit Baltistan	42.095
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4420.853</b>
2010-11	Punjab	4557.021
	Sindh	2649.452
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	1979.028
	Balochistan	801.084
	ICT	80.244
	FATA	229.689
	Gilgit Baltistan	142.673
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10439.191</b>
2011-12	Punjab	1954.047
	Sindh	847.953
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	482.635
	Balochistan	196.400
	ICT	74.131
	FATA	73.628
	Gilgit Baltistan	40.000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3668.794</b>

(Rs. in million)

Year	Province/Areas	Amount
2012-13	Punjab	2108.009
	Sindh	871.354
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	507.892
	Balochistan	187.795
	ICT	97.203
	FATA	128.046
	Gilgit Baltistan	51.368
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3951.667</b>
2013-14	Punjab	2162.368
	Sindh	893.824
	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	520.989
	Balochistan	192.638
	ICT	99.710

FATA	131.348
Gilgit Baltistan	52.692
<b>Total</b>	<b>4053.569</b>

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118. **\*Mr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 09:40 am)

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to the Managing Directors of OGDCL?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** At present Executive Director (Joint Venture) is looking after the work of Managing Director, OGDCL, the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to MD are detailed below:—

(i) Basic Pay	Rs.464,192.00
(ii) Entertainment Allowance	10% of basic pay
(iii) House Rent Allowances	60% of basic pay
(iv) Petrol Allowance	Rs. 37,410.00
(v) Special Allowance	Rs. 34,640.00
(vi) Technical Pay	6% of basic pay
(vii) Utilities	15% of Basic pay
(viii) Gross Salary	<b>958,656.72</b>
(ix) Car / Medical Facilities	As per Company Policy.

119. **\*Mrs. Rubina Irfan:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 10:40 am)

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

- (a) *the names, designation and place of domicile of the persons working in Barkhan exploration Field in District Barkhan, Balochistan; and*
- (b) *the steps taken for socio-economic development of the local area of that field?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) At present no exploration activity is being undertaken in Barkhan block. As such, no employee of PPL is working in the area.

(b) Detail of Social welfare Schemes carried out by PPL in District Barkhan is at Annex-I.

120. **\*Mrs. Rubina Irfan:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 10:40 am)

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

- (a) *the procedure adopted for awarding contract of Saindak Project to the Chinese firm; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government and the said firm for development and uplift of socio-economic condition of the local people of that area?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) In view of the financial and technical problems experienced during trial production at Saindak Copper-Gold Project (District Chagai) by Saindak Metals Limited (SML) [a federal public sector entity] in 1996, Government of Pakistan decided to lease it out through international bidding. Adhering to the international practices and after fulfilling all codal formalities, operation of the Project was leased out to M/s China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation (MCC) [a state-owned entity of Peoples' Republic of China], initially for ten years *w.e.f.* 02-10-2002 and later on extended upto 31-10-2017. Both the initial grant and extension in lease term were approved by the Federal Cabinet.

(b) The steps being taken at Saindak Project for development and socio-economic uplift of the local people are summarized below:

- (1) Established Saindak Model School at project site.
- (2) Developed 20-beds hospital with new facilities and dispensary to provide health services to the employees and inhabitants in surroundings of the Project.
- (3) Providing potable water to the local people in the vicinity and Taftan (station Killi), which is scarce in the area.
- (4) Providing electricity to the nearby Killies free of cost.
- (5) Providing annually 20-40 scholarships to the eligible students of District Chagai in 7th & 8th Classes at different Cadet Colleges of the country.
- (6) Of 1,468 Project employees 900 belong to District Chagai.
- (7) Constructed a Technical Centre at Dalbandin to provide technical training to locals for skill development in mineral exploration and mining.
- (8) Repair of 15 km. road from Taftan to Saindak Project.
- (9) The project of drinking water at Nokundi is also in process.

121. **\*Mrs. Rubina Irfan:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 10:40 am)

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

- (a) *the criteria and procedure laid down for appointment of Managing Director and other officers in Saindak Project; and*
- (b) *the names, designation, grade, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons presently working in the said Project?*

**Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi:** (a) The Managing Director, SML is appointed by the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 198 and 199 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 which is finally approved by the Federal Government / Prime Minister of Pakistan.

(b) Since all Operational and Administrative activities at project are being carried out by the Chinese Company, MRDL (Lessee), as a result the appointments are made by the Lessee as per its own requirement and policy, the list of employees working at project available with SML is enclosed as **Annex-A**.

*(Annexure has been placed on the Table of the House as well as Library.)*

123. **\*Mr. Abdul Rauf:** (Notice received on 26-03-2014 at 09:00 am)

*Will the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination has close liaison with the Provincial Governments to control prices of essential commodities in the country, if so, the steps taken by the Federal Government in this regard?*

**Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada:** No. As is evident from the allocation of Business the Ministry of IPC is not mandated to have close, liaison with the Provincial Governments to control prices of essential commodities in the country. A copy of the Rules of Business is attached as **Annex**.

126. **\*Mr. Muhammad Zahid Khan:** (Notice received on 31-03-2014 at 10:40 am)

*Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the details of development funds provided to the Parliamentarians by the Prime Minister since June, 2013, indicating also the names of Parliamentarians concerned and the amount provided to each of them?*

**Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office:** No development funds have been released during the tenure of the present Government.

128. **\*Mr. Amar Jeet:** (Notice received on 02-04-2014 at 09:15 am)

*Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state the names, parentage, place of domicile and place of present posting of the non Muslims appointed in the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, its attached departments, subordinate offices, autonomous / semi autonomous bodies etc. since 2011-12?*

**Sardar Muhammad Yousaf:** The Details of the employees are as under:—

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AMJED PERVEZ,  
*Secretary.*

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“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Tuesday, the 22nd April, 2014

3 . **Mrs. Sehar Kamran:** (Notice received on 24-03-2014 at 02:15 pm)

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

- (a) *the details of steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to improve relations with Russia since 2000;*
- (b) *whether cooperation between the two countries in the nuclear field is under consideration; and*
- (c) *the key challenges to enhance relations with that Country?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs:** (a) Established in 1948, the diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Russia have historically been cold essentially due to divergence of our strategic orientation during the Soviet Union era. The September 2001 terrorist attacks in the US, followed by international involvement in Afghanistan were a watershed in forging a new era of our relations with Russia. Ironically, if Afghanistan was the main source of tensions between the two countries in the 1980s, it became the point of convergence.

2. Since then, relations between Pakistan and Russia have gradually improved to develop mutual understanding on important political and security issues and commencement of cooperation in various fields. Pakistan fully recognizes Russia's re-emergence as a major political and economic player in the region and the world; after a hiatus of nearly two decades. Similarly, Russia knows that Pakistan can play a key role in the Afghan endgame, which has been its constant concern in the post 2014 scenario.

3. The present government has a keen interest in improving relations internationally on political and economic fronts with special emphasis on the neighboring countries. On Russia, the Prime Minister's guideline is that "being an important and regional power, we shall continue to enhance ties".

4. Our relations with Russia have since warmed up and we have been able to develop mutual understanding on important political and security issues. In the last two years, many high profile visits have been exchanged; at political, diplomatic and military levels.

5 Russia has also shown keen interest for investment in the following vitally important projects for Pakistan:

- a. Regional and trans-regional issues related to regional energy corridors *i.e.* investment of \$500 million Central Asia-South Asia (CASA-1000) project and TAPI etc.
- b. Joint energy projects and investment opportunities in Pakistan.
- c. Modernization of Pakistan Steel Mills.

6. There is yet another positive development in our bilateral relations after the formation of the new government. From 17-20 October 2013, the Pakistan Navy Ship Aslat made a friendly port call to the Russian naval base of Novorossiysk. This was a historic event as being the first port call to Russia by any Pakistani naval fleet. During the visit full protocol was extended with a message of stressing the need for carrying out such visits in future as well. A Russian Navy ship would also be making the first ever port call to Pakistan in end-April.

(b) Following the Pakistan-Russia Summit meeting between two Presidents at Almaty on 4 June 2002, a Consultative Group on Strategic Stability was established. So far eight meetings have been held. It is a platform for exchange of views on issues related to arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament amongst other issues of mutual interest. There is a growing convergence on several arms control related issues, for example on conventional weapons, prevention of arms race in outer-space, and the destabilizing nature of Anti-Ballistic Missile system. The progress is slow however; a consistent engagement would be required for building an independent and robust relationship.

(c) We do not have any noteworthy challenge in the context of our political relations with Russia. However, the following are the sticking points causing impediments in the Russian investment in Pakistan:

**(i) Unsettled Mutual Claims**

During Soviet times, Pakistan exporters earned rights to export their goods into Soviet Union, equivalent to the value of sea freight earned by them for Soviet ships. After the collapse of Soviet Union, disputes arose regarding rights of Pakistani exporters to ship their goods to Russia (successor state) in lieu of freights arranged by them for the Soviet vessels.

Since both Pakistan and Russia could not make any head way in their negotiations on settlement of claims by Pakistani exporters, a Pakistani company sought legal remedy to get their claims settled through a lawsuit against the Russian Federation. In response, the Sindh High Court ordered to freeze the funds available in the two accounts of a Russian State owned

enterprises opened in the National Bank of Pakistan in order to facilitate the repayments of State credit extended by the then USSR to the Government of Pakistan. Presently, there are six law suits pending in the Sindh High Court including one from a Russian bank.

The unsettled mutual claims issue has been hampering furtherance of our bilateral economic relations and Russian investment in Pakistan. To resolve the longstanding matter, the Prime Minister has constituted a high level committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ishaq Dar, Minister of Finance. The Committee has already met and laid down a road-map for resolving the issue with mutual understanding of all the stake holders. Once the issue is settled, it is hoped that the coming months would see an increase in the bilateral trade between the two countries.

**(ii) Russian Companies' Reluctance to Compete in Open Tenders**

All major Russian companies are state owned and are reluctant to participate in open bidding of tenders as per their policy. However, the Pakistan government is bound under PPRA rules for floating open bidding of the public projects in order to ensure transparency and price competitiveness. Exceptions may be considered for Government to Government contracts and especially for projects which have benchmarks that can help determine competitiveness of the offers. However, projects without existing benchmarks have to follow the open bidding process. We are urging the Russian side to reconsider their policy and take part in the bidding process in Pakistan.

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