

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 17th December, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

(Questions Nos. 110, 105, 106, 108, 113, 114, 118, 121, 131, 132, and 133 deferred on 10th November, 2015 (121st Session))

(Def.) *Question No. 110. **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice received on 16-09-2015 at 04:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of officers belonging to Sindh and Balochistan presently working in WAPDA?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The detail of officers belonging to Sindh and Balochistan presently working in WAPDA is as under:—

BPS	Sindh Domicile	Balochistan Domicile
20	10	—
19	52	11
18	159	13
17	114*	32**
Total	335	56

* 11 Medical Officers are working on temporary basis.

** 1 Medical Officer is working on temporary basis.

(Def.) *Question No. 105. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided financial assistance for the construction of the Neelum Jehlum Hydro Power Project and Dasu Dam, if so, the amount thereof; and*

(b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to obtain further financial assistance from the ADB or other international donors or financial institutions for the said projects, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has not provided any financial assistance for the construction of the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Electric Project (NJHEP) and Dasu Hydropower Project.

(b) **Neelum Jhelum HEP**

- No proposal for obtaining financial assistance from ADB is under consideration.
- Economic Affairs Division, Govt of Pakistan has taken up the case with Exim Bank of China for additional foreign financing requirement of US \$ 576 million.

(c) **Dasu Hydropower Project**

- The loan agreement between World Bank and Govt. of Pakistan has been signed for implementation of Dasu HPP (Stage-I). As per agreement, the Bank will finance Stage-I of Dasu HPP under IDA Credit amounting US \$ 588.40 Million. The Bank will also provide Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG) of an amount US \$ 460 Million against commercial financing needed to be arranged for Main Civil Works of Dasu HPP.
- Main Civil Works of Dasu HPP will be financed from commercial sources. An amount of US \$ 1,900 Million required for Main Civil Works have to be arranged from commercial financing.

(Def.) *Question No. 106. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 01-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electricity worth Rs. 2000 billions is being stolen annually in the country, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same; and*
- (b) *the amount recovered on account of said theft by the present Government so far?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Loss due to electricity theft against NEPRA Target of Losses:

- 2013-14 : Rs.57.77 Billion
- 2014-15 : Rs.43.03 Billion

Steps taken to prevent theft of electricity:—

- Constitution of Task Forces.

- Field survey for Kunda connections.
- Rotation of Meter Readers.
- Lodging of FIRs.
- Incentive policy to regularize Kunda connections.
- Implementation of DAWN RAIDS in Kunda infested areas.
- A public awareness campaign is underway to educate people not to resort to Kunda Culture.
- Reward for detection of theft.
- Heavy punishment for field staff involved in theft of electricity.
- As per Gazette of Pakistan Offences & Penalties relating to Electricity have been amended in the PPC & CRPC notified Acts, Ordinances, President's Orders and Regulations S.R.O. No.F/2(1)/2013 dated 31-12-2013 (circulated by SO(PF), MOWP *vide* his letter No.PF-05(21)/2012 dated 17-2-2014.
- FIA has also been assigned task to control theft of electricity.
- On the direction of Federal Government, the Punjab Government has constituted a Task Force to control theft of energy under the convenorship of Secretary Industries and DCO of the respective District.

(b) Amount charged and Recovered through Detection Bills is given under:—

Years	Amount Charged	Amount Recovered
2013-14	15058.85	3841.33
2014-15	18938.03	4712.01
2015-16 Jul-Sep.15	5523.22	1337.78
G. Total	39520.10	9891.12

Recovery of balance amount is being effected by DISCOs & Ministry of Water and Power, Islamabad.

The default cases are also being forwarded to NAB for recovery.

(Def.) *Question No. 108. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water & Power be pleased to state whether it is fact that International Organizations including IMF and World Bank in their reports have indicated that the Indus system in the country is fast becoming a 'closed basin' in which all of the available renewable resources are already allocated for use, if so, the steps being taken by the Government to find ways for efficient usage of available water and alternatives in the country?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: It is fact that International Organization including IMF and World Bank in their reports have indicated Pakistan a water-stressed country. An excerpt from the June 2015 issue of Finance and Development Magazine in a report "Is the glass half empty or half full"? is as under:—

"In Pakistan, one of the most water-stressed countries in the world despite an abundant endowment, crops are predominantly irrigated, and agriculture consumes about 95 percent of annual available surface water. Yet agriculture is largely untaxed, even though it accounts for 20 percent of GDP and employs 40 percent of the population. Irrigation fees are based on land area rather than actual water consumption, which has impeded the adoption of more efficient technology and less-water-intensive crops."

Regarding calling Indus as a "closed basin", a basin is considered closed when all of its water resources are already allocated to meet various societal and environmental needs, with little to no spare capacity left over, such that supply falls short of demand during part or all of the year.

As per IRSA's point of view Indus Basin is not a closed basin. The total quantum of Indus waters could not be tapped as yet. On an average about 30 MAF water is escaped unutilized below Kotri Barrage to the sea. After deduction of 8.6 MAF, the environmental flows to check the sea intrusion as per recommendations of International Panel of Experts (IPOE), about 22 MAF could easily be tapped for irrigation and other useful consumption.

(Def.) *Question No. 113. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the quantum of water presently being received by each province and FATA from rivers and other water sources in the country?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The quantum of water received by the provinces during last ten years (Average) i.e. 2005-06 to 2014-15 from rivers is as under:—

Figures in MAF

Province	Kharif	Rabi	Total
Punjab	33.984	16.259	50.242
Sindh	27.743	12.392	40.136
Balochistan	1.833	0.854	2.687
KPK	3.366	2.245	5.611
Total:-	66.926	31.750	98.676

As far as FATA is concerned there is no mention of its share in Water Apportionment Accord “1991”.

The information regarding other water sources in the country pertains to Provincial Irrigation Departments.

(Def.) *Question No. 114. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 17-09-2015 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the quantum of electricity presently being generated through hydel, gas, thermal, solar and wind etc. with province-wise break up including FATA?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The quantum of electricity presently being generated through hydel, gas, thermal, solar and wind etc. with province-wise break up including FATA, is given in Annex-I.

Annex-I

FUEL WISE ELECTRICITY GENERATION BREAKUP NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Fuel type	TOTAL (MW)
Hydel	3566
Gas (Natural + LNG)	2924
Thermal (FO, HSD, Coal, Nuclear)	2296
Solar	20
Wind	122
Others	0
Total	8928

(Def.) *Question No. 118. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**
(Notice received on 02-10-2015 at 10:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the subsidies being given to the domestic electricity consumers in the country at present, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also its justification?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: At present there is no proposal under consideration to withdraw the subsidies, being given to domestic electricity consumers.

(Def.) *Question No. 121. **Senator Mohsin Aziz:**
(Notice received on 05-10-2015 at 10:50 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names, educational qualifications, experience, nature of appointments and criterion adopted for the appointment of CEOs / MDs of DISCOs and GENCOs;*
- (b) *the qualification and experience prescribed for the Board of Directors of the said DISCOs and GENCOs indicating also the criterion adopted for the appointment of those Directors; and*
- (c) *whether the Boards of Directors of the above said DISCOs and GENCOs are in order?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a)

(b) The Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 provides the following criteria for a person to become director on the BoD of Public Sector Company:—

- (i) is at least graduate;
- (ii) is a reputed businessman or a recognized professional with relevant sector experience;
- (iii) has financial integrity;
- (iv) has no convictions or civil liabilities;
- (v) is known to have competence;
- (vi) has good reputation and character;
- (vii) has the traits of efficiency and honesty;
- (viii) does not suffer from any disqualification to act as a director stipulated in the Ordinance;
- (ix) has not been subject to an order passed by the commission cancelling the certificate of registration granted to the person individually or collectively with others on the ground of its indulging in insider trading, fraudulent and unfair trade practices or market manipulation, illegal banking, forex or deposit taking business;
- (x) has not been subject to an order passed by the Commission or any other regulatory authority, withdrawing or refusing to grant any license or approval to him which has a bearing on the capital market.
- (xi) is not a stock broker or agent of a broker; and does not suffer from a conflict of interest; this includes political office holders in a legislative role.

(c) The BoDs of the DISCOs and GENCOs are in order. However, the Ministry has initiated the process of revamping all the BoDs of Public Sector Companies under its administrative control to bring them further in conformity with provisions of Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013.

(Def.) *Question No. 131. **Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**
(Notice received on 14-10-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a Chinese Company namely Dong Fong has constructed a hydel power project at Jinnah Barrage, Mianwali, if so;*
- (b) *the date of commencement of the work on the said project along with its date of completion indicating also the capacity and the cost involved; and*
- (c) *whether the said project has been handed over to WAPDA or otherwise?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Yes, M/s. Dongfang Electric Corporation (DEC) of China has constructed Jinnah Hydropower Project at Jinnah Barrage, Mianwali.

- The date of commencement of work was February 18, 2006.
- Scheduled date of completion was October 31, 2013.
- Installed capacity 96 MW.
- Only mobilization advance of US \$ 19.2 million was paid by WAPDA to the Contractor M/s. Dongfang, China. The rest 85% (US \$ 108.8 million) was arranged under Supplier's Credit through Exim Bank of China by the Contractor.

(c) The Project has not been handed over to WAPDA, being under Defects Liability Period of two years. The expected date of handing / taking over is end of December, 2015.

(Def.) *Question No. 132. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and educational qualifications of sub-engineers promoted as engineers in PESCO, in January, 2014 indicating also the names of educational institutions from where they received their degrees; and*
- (b) *the names, place of domiciles and grades of those persons appointed in PESCO since January, 2015 to date?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Syed Ghazanfar Ali S/O Rast Ali Sub Engineer (Civil) of PESCO, Civil Division was promoted as Junior Engineer (Civil) *vide* Office order No. 31725-35 dated 13.11.2014. He has obtained DAE (Civil) from Government Polytechnic Institute Peshawar in 1976 from the Board of Technical Education Peshawar.

(b) Nil

(Def.) *Question No. 133. **Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**

(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 11:40)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that under the relevant rules a 50 kv transformer is provided / installed on the basis of 48 electricity connections;*
- (b) *if answer to part (a) above is in affirmative then whether the said rule is being followed in letter and spirit to avoid burning of transformers due to heavy load and loss to the exchequer; and*
- (c) *the number of the above said transformers burnt due to heavy load during the last year?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) It is not a fact that a 50 KVA transformer is installed on the basis of 48 electricity connections. The transformers are installed on the basis of connected load.

(b) The rule for installation of transformer on the basis of connected load is being followed in its true spirit.

(c) DISCOs wise detail of transformers burnt during last year is attached at Annex - A.

Annexure-A

Requisite detail is given DISCO Wise

Reply of Part (C):

Name of DISCOs	No. of 50KVA. T/F burnt due to heavy load during last year
SEPCO	208
HESCO	302
QESCO	21
PESCO	Nil
TESCO	Nil
IESCO	Nil
MEPCO	1837
PESCO	Nil
GEPCONil	
TESCO	348

@*Question No. 12. **Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan:**

(Notice received on 20-10-2015 at 12:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the details of buildings hired in Islamabad for the offices of various Government Departments during the last two years indicating also the names of the departments for which the same have been hired?

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: As the hiring of buildings for offices of various Government Departments stand decentralized *w.e.f* 01-07-2003. The above said Question is referred back by the Cabinet Division to the Ministry of Housing & Works on 8th

December, 2015. The information is widely spreaded over all the Ministries, so the reply will be forwarded to the Section Officer (Question Branch), Senate Secretariat, when it will be received.

***Question No. 29. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 22-06-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of incidents of falling of electricity wires occurred in the country during the fiscal year 2014-15 indicating also the location of the incident and loss of lives and property caused in each case; and*
- (b) the details of compensation paid to the persons / families affected by the said incidents?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a & b) The DISCO wise requisite detail of incidents of falling of electricity wires during the FY 2014-15, indicating also the locations, loss of lives property and compensation paid to the persons/families of the affectees, is given below:—

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

***Question No. 30. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the quantity of electricity being provided to each DISCO in the country on daily basis; and*
- (b) the rate at which electricity is being provided to each DISCO and the rate at which each DISCO is providing the same to consumers?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The quantity of electricity (Average Daily in MW) being provided to each DISCO in the country on daily basis (during November, 2015) is placed at Annex-A.

(b) The DISCO-wise detail of rates at which electricity is being provided to the DISCOs is placed at Annex-B.

The DISCO-wise detail of Average sale rates at which electricity is being provided to consumers is placed at Annex-C.

***Question No. 31. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood:**

(Notice received on 23-06-2015 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount of royalty on hydel power generation presently payable to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; and*
- (b) the reasons for not paying that amount to the said Government and the time by which the same will be paid?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Upon the directions of Govt. of Pakistan, WAPDA is regularly making adhoc payment of Rs. 6 billion per annum to Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa since 1991-92 as net Hydel Profit (NHP).

(b) Owing to recovery issues in FY 2011-12 & 2012-13, WAPDA could not made full amount of NHP to Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Subsequently, as on 30th June 2013, NHP arrears to Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were accumulated to the tune of Rs. 7 billion. However, due to power sector reforms and the efficient management being carried out by the present government, WAPDA has cleared the arrears. Subsequently, in addition to making payment @ Rs. 6 billion/annum.

***Question No. 32. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 24-06-2015 at 01:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names, designations, grades, length of service and the name of department of the Government employees who have been allotted plots in Islamabad during the last three years indicating also the Plot No., Sector and date of allotment in each case?

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: The requisite information and list is annexed.

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

***Question No. 33. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 01-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that no houses / flats have been constructed for Government employees in Islamabad during the last fifteen years, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct new houses / flats for Government employees in Islamabad, if so, when?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Yes, it is fact that new houses/flats have not been constructed for Government employees during the last fifteen years and it is due to imposition of ban on construction of new Government houses/flats by the Cabinet on 13-03-1995 on the summary submitted by the Ministry of Housing and works vide letter No. 15 (I)/92-FV, dated 30-11-1994.

(b) No.

*Question No. 34. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 01-07-2015 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for provision of un-interrupted supply of natural gas to domestic consumers in the country during the coming winter season?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: Both the gas utility companies *i.e.* SNGPL and SSGCL are making all efforts to ensure uninterrupted supplies to the domestic consumers. It may however be noted that there is huge gap between demand and supply of natural gas.

This shortfall is bridged through load management in different sectors including Power, Industry, CNG and Fertilizer so as to cater for high priority domestic and commercial sectors.

The situation worsens during winter months on account of usage of gas heaters and geysers. Due to exponential increase in demand during winters, the consumers may face low pressure in some localities. In order to avert low pressure due to operational bottlenecks, both the gas utility companies undertake system augmentation, looping of line, re-drilling of service tee, establishment of emergency teams to resolve low pressure complaints.

*Question No. 35. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 15-07-2015 at 12:50 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the amount allocated for the welfare of women in the country since 2009 with year wise break up indicating also the mode of utilization of the same?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: In pursuance of the 18th amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan, the Federal Ministry of Women Development working, *inter-alia*, for the welfare of women, was devolved on 30-06-2011 and the subject matter was transferred to the provinces. All functions of the Ministry were devolved except representing Pakistan at international and bilateral levels involving gender-related issues. At Federal level, the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) and the Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre (FPRC), Islamabad operate for welfare and protection of women.

Year-wise break-up of the amount allocated for the welfare of women through the erstwhile Ministry of Women Development is given below:

Financial Year	Non Development Budget	Utilization
2009-10	73,967,000	71,023,000
2010-11	85,503,000	85,493,000

Financial Year	Development Budget	Utilization
2009-10	196,2000,000	143,228,000
2010-11	76,075,000	68,440,000

Details are provided at **Annex-I**.

The year wise break up of the amount allocated for the Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre (FPRC), Islamabad is as under:

Financial Year	Budget	Utilization
2009-10	6,452,000	6,323,343
2010-11	4,382,000	4,313,112
2011-12	10,282,000	9,046,353
2012-13	8,252,000	8,183,218
2013-14	9,609,000	8,683,718
2014-15	12,267,700	11,773,128

Details are provided in **Annex-II**.

The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) has the mandate to review and monitor women related laws and policies etc. The Commission, however, does not execute welfare projects (**Annex-III**).

As regards mode of utilization, the allocated amounts have been utilized as per Government Rules, through AGPR.

***Question No. 36. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 21-08-2015 at 10.37 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount spent by ERRA in A.J.K, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Batagram, Kohistan and other affected areas for rehabilitation and construction work in wake of 2005 earthquake;*
- (b) whether any amount meant for the said work was utilized in Multan, Shangla, Larkana, or any other place in the country, if so, the quantum of the same; and*
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government for completion of unfinished work on schools, hospitals and roads in Mansehra under rehabilitation program?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) The detail of amount spent by ERRA in AJK, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Batagram, Kohistan and other affected areas for rehabilitation and construction work in wake of 2005 earthquake is as under:

i. AJK	Rs.141,774.000 million
ii. Mansehra	Rs. 33,367.350 million
iii. Abbottabad	Rs. 13,645.375 million
iv. Batagram	Rs. 13,014.775 million
v. Kohistan	Rs. 3,364.825 million

(b) no amount meant for the said work was utilized in Multan and Larkana. However, an amount of **Rs. 8979.816 Million (Rs. 6,377.725GoP + Rs. 2602.091 Housing Cash Grant and IDB Loan-116)** has been spent in District Shangla.

(c) the steps being taken for completion of unfinished work on schools, hospitals, and roads in Mansehra are as under:—

- Out of 266 under construction projects in District Mansehra, 153 projects, having physical progress of above 50% are being followed vigorously for completion on priority.
- Besides designated Consultants, progress on all under construction projects is closely monitored by ERRA through its offices including Monitoring and Evaluation Wing and as well as PERRA and SERRA.
- Projects' progress is reviewed on weekly / monthly basis.

*Question No. 37. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of electricity produced in the country through various sources which was added to the National Grid since March 2013 with source-wise breakup?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The details of electricity produced in the country through various sources which was added to the National Grid since March, 2013 with source-wise breakup, are given in Annex-I.

*Question No. 38. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**
(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and generation capacity of Independent Power Projects (IPPs) working in the country at present;*
- (b) *the quantum of electricity produced and added to the National Grid by the said IPPs from August 2014 to August 2015; and*
- (c) *the quantum of electricity being provided daily by the said IPPs to NTDC?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a, b & c) The details of IPPs alongwith requisite information as desired in parts a , b & c, categorized on the basis of different fuels used by these plants is listed below in tabular form:

*Question No. 39. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the electricity meters were replaced by fast running meters of Block No. 15-D, I-8/1, Islamabad without permission of the consumers of the said block; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that electricity wiring of the said block is out of order which aggravates the speed of those meters which results electricity bills on the higher side, if so, the time by which the said wires would be repaired alongwith the reasons of not repairing those wires till todote?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The PEPCO/DISCOs have introduced new static energy meters with latest technology and improved quality. All these meters are digital and 100% accurate, therefore perception of fast running is not correct. All the existing meters are being replaced with the new meters as per SOP issued by NEPRA, therefore permission is not required from the consumers:—

(b) IESCO is responsible for its network upto metering equipment only. The electricity wires upto meters of Block No. 15-D, Sector I-8/1 Islamabad are functioning properly. However, the wires of the said block beyond the IESCO meters are in deteriorated condition, the replacement of which is the responsibility of PWD being care taker Government Department.

*Question No. 40. **Senator Nisar Muhammad:**

(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of companies which submitted tenders for the work of transmission line of the Golan Gol Hydropower project; and*
- (b) *the name of the company which was successful in the said bidding and the rate of bidding submitted by the same?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The work for transmission line of the Golan Gol Hydropower Project: **Package-I.**

● The bidding documents for Lot-4 (Package-I) were purchased by the following 8 firms:—

- (i) M/s ICC (Pvt) Ltd
- (j) M/s NETRACON-NEIE JV
- (k) M/s Khyber Grace (Pvt). Ltd
- (l) M/s Shaheen Traders
- (m) M/s TAKAIUCC-JV
- (n) M/s NARI Consortium
- (o) M/s Khattak Allied Consortium
- (p) M/s NETRACON-NEIE/HOLLEY (Consortium)

- Only M/s. NETRACON-NEIE/HOLLEY (Consortium) submitted the bid with cost of Rs. 3.441 billion.

The work for transmission line of the Golen Gol Hydropower Project: **Package-II.**

- The bidding documents for Lot-4 (Package-II) were purchased by the following 3 firms:

- (d) M/s ICC (Pvt.) Ltd.
- (e) NEIE-AI-Hussain Traders JV
- (f) M/s NETRACON-IREEE Consortium

- All the above firm/JVs participated in the bid.
- M/s. NETRACON-IREEE Consortium was adjudged as lowest with bid cost of Rs. 1.456 billion.

*Question No. 41. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 15-10-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the cities where branch offices of Federal Services Tribunal have been established;*
- (b) *the number of cases presently lying pending in the said Tribunal; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of that Tribunal?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) The Federal Service Tribunal is functioning at Islamabad having camp offices at Lahore and Karachi.

- (b) 6200 cases are lying pending in the FST as on 31-10-2015.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more branches of the Federal Services Tribunal as yet.

***Question No. 42. Senator Khalida Parveen:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state whether any integrated system of self accountability exists in NAB in order to make the process of accountability transparent and unbiased, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not establishing such system?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: NAB has strong Internal Accountability Mechanism (IAM) which was established under the direction of present Chairman since 26-05-2015. The IAM was set up under the direct control of Chairman NAB, to process the complaints / violations reports received from Internal Monitoring Reports, Inspections, Intelligence & Vigilance system, Court decisions, any Federal/ Provincial Govt. or individuals from general public against NAB employees for their involvement in corrupt practices, asking for / receiving of bribe or threatening/ harassing with malafide intentions. General Public has been informed through advertisement in national dailies on 30-06-2015 that any grievances/complaints against NAB officers or employees may be forwarded for appropriate action (Copy attached). Any officer against whom complaint is received and found involved in the offences of corruption and corrupt practices, actions are taken on top most priority.

Twenty seven (27) applications/complaints against the employees of NAB were received and twenty one (21) have been finalized as per procedure and remaining six (6) are under scrutiny. (Detail enclosed).

Further, NAB has Intelligence and Vigilance Wing at NAB HQ and Intelligence and Security Cell at all Regional NABs were established since its inception to discretely monitor the activities of all the functionaries. Wings / Cells report directly to the Chairman NAB / DG RNABs. The Wing has its representation in all Regional NABs also. NAB employees who got involved in malpractices/ corruption were reported and punished under administrative authority of (National Accountability Bureau) S.R.O dated 26th October 2002 or directly under NAO, 1999 depending upon the nature of offence committed by the employees.

Officers found involved in corrupt practices were also proceeded under Terms and Conditions of Services (TCS 2000) and disciplinary actions are taken under said rule. NAB has initiated 10 disciplinary cases under the NAO1999 against the officers (BPS 16 and above).

Further to strengthen monitoring and supervision of under progress cases and to minimize the chance of misuse of authority or criminal breach of trust by investigation officers Monitoring and Evaluation System (MES) has been introduced recently. Progress of each case will be monitored by the Supervising Officer on daily basis.

***Question No. 43. Senator Khalida Parveen:**

(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names and other particulars of the persons and departments who were acquitted by the courts in the cases established by National Accountability Bureau against them since the establishment of that Bureau?

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: The Number of Acquitted Persons in the cases dealt in different Regional Offices of NAB since its inception to date are detailed below:

Regional Offices	No. of Acquitted Persons
Rawalpindi	115
Lahore	185
Karachi	1240
Peshawar	143
Quetta	218
Multan	14
Sukkur	00
Total	1915

The other information asked by the Hon'able Senator in the instant Questions are annexed carrying the requisite detail of each case as elaborated above.

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

*Question No. 44. **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 16-10-2015 at 03:00 p.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per policy, a refinery is established in the district / province where oil and gas field exist or from where the same are explored; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that oil has been discovered at Shakardara, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, but no refinery has been established there so far, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) No. There is no such policy restriction.

(b) As per the prevailing policy, sponsors are free to select the site of the refinery based on their commercial due diligence.

*Question No. 45. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 19-10-2015 at 09:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation has written letters to the Constitutional Bodies / Institutions for verification of their employees for allotment of plot at Bhara Kahu, Islamabad;*
- (b) the names of the said bodies / institutions which have verified their employees and informed the Foundation accordingly indicating also the date on which each body / institution sent the verification letter to the Foundation; and*

(c) *whether it is also a fact that the plots have not been allotted to the employees of the said bodies / institution so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which allotment letters will be issued to them?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) Yes, the letters were issued to Constitutional Bodies/Institutions on 31-08-2015.

(b) The replies of the following Constitutional Bodies / Institutions have been received on the dates:—

● National Assembly	:	08-09-2015
● Senate Secretariat	:	15-09-2015
● Election Commission:	:	03-09-2015
● Wafaqi Mohtasib	:	15-09-2015
● Federal Shariat Court	:	07-09-2015

(c) The allotment of plots will be made to the successful applicants /members of Membership Drive (Phase-I), after the receipt of approved lay-out plan of the Sector (Bara Kahu). In this regard, efforts are being made to complete the process of allotment as soon as possible.

*Question No. 46. **Senator Maulana Atta Ur Rehman:**

(Notice received on 20-10-2015 at 01:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that WAPDA / PESCO has not supplied electricity to Boni city, District Chitral, so far, if so, the time by which the same will be provided to that city?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The WAPDA/PESCO has not supplied the electricity to Buni City of District Chitral. The city is away from PESCO/WAPDA circuitry by more than 68 KM and the existing Grid Station cannot take load of the consumers of Buni City alongwith other connected consumers. The Buni City and other consumes before flood were almost 14000 and they were feeding from Reshun Power House under the command of PHYDO.

The Power transmission line from District Dir to District Chitral is 33 KM which is under the command of PESCO and it is feeding almost 8000 consumers of District Chitral, which is already over loaded.

Extension of the power supply to the Bunni City will be done when new power projects like Golen Gole and others are completed and commissioned of District Chitral.

*Question No. 47. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-10-2015 at 04:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to Senate starred question no 121, replied on 15th May, 2015 and state:

- (a) *whether PC-I of 132 KV grid station for Tor Ghar has been approved, if not, its reasons; and*
- (b) *the proposed site and expected date of completion of the said grid station?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) 132KV Kala Dakha Grid Station at District Torghar with the scope of 1x20/26 MVA. Power Transformer has been proposed under 7th STG. Approval of the PC-I is under process.

(b) The Grid Station is expected to be established in 2019-20 after approval and availability of funds.

***Question No. 48. Senator Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 26-10-2015 at 12:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a work order No. 2228-31 was issued by PEPCO on 23-08-2014 under ELR, if so, the number of transformers approved vide that order and the locations for which the same were approved;*
- (b) *whether the other required material has been provided / issued under the said work order;*
- (c) *the progress made for implementation of that order so far;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that work has not been started under the said work order so far, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *whether it is further a fact that work has done on other work orders which were issued after the said work order?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The work order No.2228-31 mentioned in the question is not correct. However the representative of Honorable Senator Mr. Ahmed Shah was contacted to clear/understand the Senate Question. He intimated 04 work orders under ELR *i.e.* 12-65232 (Matta Lower Dir), 11-65287 (Bagh Duresh Khel), 12-65270 (Alimasha Ajoo) and 12-65383 Haji Baba Badagai).

- (b) Material has been partially released for the above 4 work orders.
- (c) The scheme will be implemented on release of balance material.
- (d) The partially released material has been shifted to site of work orders. Work will be started as soon as the balance material is released.
- (e) No

***Question No. 49. Senator Kalsoom Parveen:**

(Notice received on 28-10-2015 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the production and consumption of the natural gas in the country at present with province-wise break-up?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The province-wise production and consumption of the natural gas in the country during first quarter of financial year 2015-16 is as under:

Province	Production (MMCFD)	Consumption (MMCFD)
Punjab	145	1,112
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	362	293
Sindh	2,781	1,870
Baluchistan	875	405
Total	4,163	3,680

*Question No. 50. **Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi:**
(Notice received on 28-10-2015 at 03:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of applications submitted by the Government employees for allotment of plots in the housing scheme presently launched by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation;*
- (b) the time by which plots will be allotted to the said applicants; and*
- (c) whether all the said applicants will be allotted / provided plots?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) The Housing Foundation has recently launched its Housing Scheme namely as Green Enclave (Phase-VI) in Bara kahu, Islamabad for those Federal Government Employees who got registration under Membership Drive (Phase-I) of the Housing Foundation. The total number of Federal Government Employees who were registered as members under Membership Drive (Phase-I) on first come first serve basis are given as under:—

Category	No. of Registered Members
I	1372
II	4512
III	7430
IV	7258
V	11725
Total	32297

(b) Presently, only 2469 plots are available for allotments in Green Enclave, Bara Kahu, Islamabad. However, Housing Foundation is in the process of acquiring more than 20,000 kanal of land in Bara kahu, whereon approximately 20,000 plots are likely to be created. Besides this, acquisition of land alongside Park Road and at Mouza Moorat Chahan and Mandowal, Tehsil Fatah Jang, District Attock/Rawalpindi near Thalian Interchange are also under consideration. As soon as these acquisitions of lands are realized, rest of the registered members will be accommodated. Efforts are being made to accomplish the process as early as possible.

(c) Presently, 2469 applicants will be accommodated against available plots. However, rest will be accommodated in forthcoming Schemes. In this regard, efforts are being made to accommodate all the members as early as possible.

***Question No. 51. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail:**

(Notice received on 29-10-2015 at 02:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) the names and addresses of the persons who have submitted applications for NOC for establishment of LPG stations in Rawalpindi division indicating also the proposed location of such station in each case;*
- (b) the time by which NOCs will be issued to the said applicants; and*
- (c) the width of road required to be there in front of such stations as prescribed in the criteria laid down for issuance of that NOC?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The list of names and addresses of the applicants (25 in Number) for grant of licenses for establishment of LPG stations in Rawalpindi is at Annex-I.

(b) Out of 25 applicants, construction license has been issued to 04 No.s applicants after fulfillment of requirements. The construction license to remaining applicants will be issued within two weeks after all the requirements verification of site by third party inspectors in accordance with LPG Rules 2001 and Regulatory framework.

(c) The LPG station can only be located on roads/highways having minimum width of 60 feet.

***Question No. 52. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja:**

(Notice received on 10-11-2015 at 12:35 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that electric poles have not been erected in the area of Rahi Lora, District Abbottabad and electric wires have been tied with trees, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which poles will be erected there for laying the electric wires thereof?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: Due to lengthy distance and less clearance in the area, the wires were temporarily tied. However, 02 electric poles have been released and the work will be completed within 02 weeks to avoid discrepancies and to ensure smooth supply.

***Question No. 53. Senator Hidayat Ullah:**
(Notice received on 11-11-2015 at 01:55 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state:

- (a) the purpose for creation of Access to Justice Fund; and*
- (b) the details of utilization of the said fund during the last five years with province wise / area wise break-up?*

Mr. Pervaiz Rashid: (a) The purpose for creation of the “Access to Justice Development Fund” is explained at **Annex-A**.

(b) Utilization status of the Fund is at **Annex-B**.

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

***Question No. 54. Senator Maulana Tanveer Ul Haq Thanvi:**
(Notice received on 12-11-2015 at 02:18 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the names and designations of the retired government employees who have been appointed against various posts in Pakistan PWD, indicating also the post against which each of them has been appointed, date of retirement from previous government service and date of appointment in Pakistan PWD?

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: Nil.

***Question No. 55. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 13-11-2015 at 01:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number and locations of WAPDA complaint office established in District Tank indicating also the number of persons working in each office;*
- (b) the number of complaints submitted to those offices during the last five years and the number of the same which have been disposed of; and*
- (c) the number of times the transformers installed in villages Medadkhel, Umerkhek, Bain, Amakhel, Kaka Khel and Mulazie, District Tank, became out of order during the said period indicating also the amount spent on their repairing?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a)

Nos of complaint offices

No of persons working in
each office

Nos of complaint offices submitted		Nos of complaint disposed off
1850		1841

Transformers installed	Transformers become out of order	Amount spent repairing
140	35 transformers became out of order and were repaired by consumers due to losses	Due to AT< loss above 80% in these areas, PESCO cannot repair the T/F.

***Question No. 56. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 17-11-2015 at 01:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for installing more than one electricity meter in private houses in Islamabad;*
- (b) *the number of private houses in Islamabad where more than one meter has been installed;*
- (c) *whether the same procedure is applicable for installing more than one meter in Government accommodations, if so, the number of Government accommodations in Islamabad where such meters have been installed; and*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that there is a disparity in the procedure for installing more than one meter in private houses and Government accommodations, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The provision of more than one residential connection in domestic premises is processed and approved after site verification by the concerned SDO/XEN subject to following conditions:—

- (i) That separate entry with proper gate exists.
- (ii) That separate electric wire circuits exists.
- (iii) That separate status of portion in the premises exists.
- (iv) That the connection shall not be used as duplicate source of the existing connections and not lead to misuse of supply in the premises.
- (v) That the portions are independent and have been approved for separate residential purpose.

(vi) That different family (tenant) has occupied second residential portion, 2nd portion should not be in use of any member of the same family residing in the 1st portion.

(vii) Other legal aspects.

(b) Most of the residential premises having two independent portions with above status have been provided more than one connection in Islamabad city area.

(c) The above mentioned procedure is not applicable for installation of more than one meter in Government accommodations allotted to one official/officer.

(d) The applications for provision of more than one connection in the same domestic premises are processed for private houses only and such procedure is not applicable to Government accommodations being having allotment of the premises in one name.

***Question No. 57. Senator Khalida Parveen:**

(Notice received on 13-11-2015 at 02:20 p.m.)

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

(a) *the number of Government accommodations in illegal occupation at present;*

(b) *whether the said illegal occupants are paying standard rent for those accommodations to the Estate Offices; and*

(c) *the reasons for not getting the said accommodations vacated so far?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: (a) At present 176 government quarter are in possession of illegal occupants under different categories.

(b) Estate Office has issued notices to illegal occupants for payment of standard rent against their illegal periods.

(c) These illegal occupants have different status of their cases. Some of them are lying pending under 15(1) (2) b of AAR-2002. Some occupants have got stayed order from different courts. Some quarters are under ejection with enforcement branch of Estate Office. However, the main reason of not getting vacated the said accommodation are:

i. Non delegation of Magistrate power.

ii. Non availability of police squad.

iii. Acquisition of stay orders from courts.

***Question No. 58. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 18-11-2015 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the officers that come under the term “designated officers” in terms of Rule 4 (3) of the Accommodation Allocation Rules 2002;*
- (b) *the competent authority to designate an officer as “designated officers”; and*
- (c) *the names, designations together with the names of departments who have been allotted designated government accommodation in Islamabad under the said Rule?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: a. Under Rule 4(3) of Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002, the Federal Government designates government owned residential for the Federal Government Servants working on “specified posts”.

b. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works has the authority to designate houses.

c. The details of Federal Government Servants who have been allotted designated government accommodation is at **Annex-A**.

***Question No. 59. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 18-11-2015 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *total number of Government accommodations in Islamabad, with sector-wise and category-wise breakup;*
- (b) *the details of the said accommodations presently in illegal occupation indicating also the names, designations and names of departments of the illegal occupants and dates from which the same are in illegal occupation; and*
- (c) *the details of cases of illegal occupation in which the courts have stayed further proceedings and date of stay order in each case and the subsequent steps taken by the Ministry including seeking vacation of the stay order?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: a. Total number of Government accommodation at Islamabad is 17613. The details are at Annex-A.

b. 153 Government accommodations are under unauthorized/illegal occupation. The details are at Annex-B.

c. 149 cases are pending in different courts. The details are at Annex-C. The cases are being continuously pursued in the court of law/District Administration for vacation of Government accommodation from illegal occupants.

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

***Question No. 60. Senator Farhatullah Babar:**

(Notice received on 18-11-2015 at 11:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has imposed ban on change of Government accommodations under rule 12 of the Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002, if so, the reasons thereof and the date from which the ban has been imposed; and*
- (b) *the details of houses allotted under the said rule since June 2013 indicating also the names, designations and names of departments of the allottees concerned and the date of allotment in each case?*

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani: a. Ban was imposed by the competent authority w.e.f 17-08-2015 to not entertain fresh cases of change of allotment of government accommodation made under Rule 12 of AAR-2002 till further order. The main reason were:—

- i. To facilitate the allotment of the senior most Federal Government Servant from GWL and
- ii- To reconstruct/stream line the record.
- b. Detail of houses allotted under said Rules since June 2013 is attached at **Annex-A.**

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

*Question No. 61. **Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail:**

(Notice received on 18-11-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names and place of domicile of the persons sent for Hajj duty in 2015 indicating also the names of their departments;*
- (b) *the details of remuneration paid to the said persons for Hajj duty; and*
- (c) *the criteria laid down for selection of persons for that duty?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf: (a) List attached at **Annexure-A.**

(b) Details of payment made to the persons deputed for Hajj duty-2015 is as under:

BPS 17 and above SR. 150-per day.

BPS 1-16 SR.120 per day.

(c) Following procedure/criteria was approved by the Secretary for the selection of:—

1. **Seasonal Hajj duty Staff**

- i. Past performance.

- ii. No.of Hajj performed during last 5 years.
- iii. General behavior and attitude toward work.
- iv. All those who have not completed 6 months service in MORA have been excluded.
- v. BS-20 and above officers having less service have been retained due to their requirement for service supervisory duties.
- vi. All those who come late from 10 and more days in main Ministry and 8 and more days in IH Wing have been excluded.

2. **Moavineen:**

- (i) He should be an employee of BS-09 to BS-17.
- (ii) He should be mentally and physically fit to stand the rigors of duty for long duration of Hajj season in Saudi Arabia.
- (iii) Preference would be given to the Arabic speaking personnel as well as knowing regional languages and having religious bent of mind.
- (iv) Disabled/handicapped persons, who cannot perform proper duty or persons suffering from contagious diseases *i.e.* Polio etc. may not be recommended in

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***Question No. 62. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail:**

(Notice received on 18-11-2015 at 02:40 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) the names, designations, if any, and other particulars of the persons sent for Hajj on Government expenses in 2015; and*
- (b) the criteria adopted for selection of the said persons?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf: (a) As per Hajj Policy 2015, there is no free Hajj. Therefore, no person performed Hajj in 2015 on Government expenditure.

(b) NIL

***Question No. 63. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi:**

(Notice received on 19-11-2015 at 11:50 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of persons who came to Pakistan during the last five years for visiting religious and sacred places of their religions, with country-wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of Pakistanis who visited abroad, other than Saudi Arabia, for religious purposes during the said period with country-wise break up?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf: (a) and (b) The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony facilitated the visit of 4550 Pakistani Zaireen to India during the last five year.

***Question No. 64. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**

(Notice received on 23-11-2015 at 12:55 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the revised cost of Nandi Pur Power Project and the amount actually spent thereon; and*
- (b) *the estimated cost of conversion of the said plant into gas fired plant?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The revised cost of Nandipur Power Project, as per Revised PC-I (approved by ECNEC in July 2013) is Rs.58,416 Million, whereas, the cost incurred till October 2015 is Rs.50,453.87 Million.

b. As far as the cost for the conversion of Nandipur GTGs on gas fuel is concerned an estimated amount of USD 25 Million (Rs.2400 Million) has been allocated in the said Revised PC-I gas pipeline cost of Rs.4.7 billion will be additional as it is not part of PC-I.

***Question No. 64-A. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 26-11-2015)

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

- (a) *the number of new industrial gas connections approved by the Government during the years 2013-14 and 2014-15 with province wise break up; and*
- (b) *the number of applications submitted for enhancement of existing industrial gas connections during the said period indicating also the number of cases approved out of the same with province wise break up and the enhancement in capacity (mmcf or mmcf/d) caused by the same?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) Both the gas utility companies have reported that no new industrial gas connection has been approved during the year FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15.

(b) Large number of requests were received by both the gas utility companies for enhancement of load, but regretted due to prevailing vast gap between demand and supply of natural gas and imposition of moratorium.

***Question No. 64-B. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan:**

(Notice received on 27-11-2015)

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

- (a) *the number of new industrial electricity connections provided in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the years 2013-14 and 2014-15; and*
- (b) *the number of applications submitted for enhancement of existing industrial electricity connections in that province during the said period indicating also the number of cases approved out of that same and the enhancement in capacity (MW) caused by the same?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a)

S#	Category	2013-14	2014-15
1	B-3 (New Connection)	04	04
2	B-4 (New Connection)	01	Nil
3	B-3 (Enhancement)	08	03
4	B-4 (Enhancement)	Nil	01

(b)

S#	Applications submitted for enhancement Category-wise	2013-14	2014-15
1	B-3 (Enhancement)	08	03
2	B-4 (Enhancement)	Nil	01

Total 8.95 MW enhancement capacity caused by the same.

***Question No. 64-C. Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani:**

(Notice received on 01-12-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the number of persons presently working in the Prime Minister's Office, its attached departments, corporations, subordinate offices and institutions etc. with grade-wise and province-wise breakup?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: The Prime Minister's Office is comprising of two parts; Public and Internal. This office has no attached departments, corporations, subordinate offices and institutions etc. The detail is as under:—

(a) **Prime Minister's Office (Public)**

No. of persons presently working	Grade-wise and province-wise breakup
227	Detail is at Annex-I

(b) **Prime Minister's Office (Internal)**

456	Detail is at Annex-II
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*Question No. 64-D. **Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani:**

(Notice received on 01-12-2015 at 09:30 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the President's Secretariat be pleased to state the number of persons presently working in the President's Secretariat, its attached departments, corporations, subordinate offices and institutions etc. with grade-wise and province-wise breakup?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD,
the 15th December, 2015

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 17th December, 2015

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

[Un-starred questions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 deferred on
10th November, 2015 (121st Session)]

(Def.) Question No. 1. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 18-09-2015 at 03:02 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the transformers installed in village Darkali Shar Shahi, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, are dysfunctional for the last several months, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the reasons for not making the said transformers functional so far and the time by which the same will be made functional?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The area of Villace Darkali Sher Shahi, Tehsil Kallar Syedan. District Rawalpindi is being fed through 09 transformers having capacities:—

50 KVA	=	2
100 KVA	=	6
200 KVA	=	1

100 KVA transformer installed near Jamia Masjid Darkali Sher Shahi was damaged during the holy Month of Ramzan. The load of the said transformer was shifted to the nearby transformer and supply was restored on same day.

(b) The required 100KVA transformer has been drawn from store on 12-10-2015 and will be installed within next few days.

(Def.) Question No. 2. **Senator Nuzhat Sadiq:**
(Notice received on 19-08-2015 at 08:55 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that transmission lines / electricity wires installed in village Chaper, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, have passed their life span, if so, the time by which the same will be replaced?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: This is fact that the LT lines were erected at Village Chaper, Tehsil Kallar Syedan District Rawalpindi in 1982, These lines have become old/worn out with the passage of time thereby losing their usefulness.

In order to meet with the load demand of the area, an LT proposal for reconducting of LT line has been prepared by IESCO under ELR and sent to Consultant *i.e.* M/s EnMass Pvt. (Ltd) for vetting. Approval of the competent authority will be obtained once response from the Consultant is received.

(Def.) Question No. 3. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 28-09-2015 at 03:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 50 kv electric transformer installed in village Phaldar, Union Council Naka pani, Tehsil Oggi, District Mansehra has gone out of order due to heavy load;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the residents of the above said village got the said transformer repaired on self finance basis and thereafter one of its coil burnt again; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to replace the said transformer with the capacity of 100 kv, if so, the expected date of its replacement, if not, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) One phase of the 50 KVA electric transformer installed in the said village was damaged due to lightening, and not due to overloading.

(b) No. It is not fact. as the faulty transformer was re-energized on 2-phases, and supply was restored through the same in emergency. However, efforts are being made to replace the said transformer with the one in good condition, at the earliest.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration for augmentation of existing 50KVA transformer with 100KVA as the existing 50 KVA transformer is running under load. However on availability of 50 KVA transformer (expectedly within two weeks) the same will be replaced.

(Def.) Question No. 4. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 13-10-2015 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the WAPDA recovers its line loss through charging its consumers who pay their electricity bills; and*
- (b) *the number of cases registered by the IESCO and PESCO against theft of electricity since 1st June 2015, and the action taken against them?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) No, it is not true that DISCOS recover their lien losses through charging its consumers who pay their electricity bills, as every consumer is being charged as per his own monthly electricity consumption.

(b)

No.of Company	FIRs Registered (Nos)	Amount Recovered through detection Bills. (Rs. million)
IESCO	176	117.81
PESCO	1061	86.13
G.TOTAL	1237	203.94

Question No. 2. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-10-2015 at 04:30 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that bifurcation of Oghi and Darband transmission lines has recently been approved, if so, the time by which that bifurcation will be done?

Reply not Recieved.

Question No. 3. **Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 20-10-2015 at 04:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact the village Kajla and Dehri Union Council Nikka pani, District Mansehra tehsil Oghi is connected to the main electric line of Tourghar; and*
- (b) *whether any survey was conducted to connect said villages with Darband line at village Jandri, if so when, if not the reason thereof?*

Reply not Recieved.

Question No. 4. **Senator Najma Hameed:**

(Notice received on 13-11-2015 at 03:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a lot of load shedding of natural gas is done in Islamabad during winter season, if so, the reasons thereof; and*

(b) *whether the Government has taken precautionary measures to avoid the said load shedding this year, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) SNGPL has reported that there is vast gap between demand and supply of natural gas on its network which is bridged through load management in Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory in Power, Industry, CNG and Fertilizer in order to cater for high priority domestic and commercial sectors in accordance with the Natural Gas Allocation and Management Policy, 2005. The situation worsens during winter months on account of usage of gas heaters and geysers. Due to exponential increase in demand during winters, the consumers may face low pressure across all regions of SNGPL.

(b) In order to combat the situation, gas supply to lower priority sectors in Punjab and Islamabad Capital Territory, including but not limited to the industrial sector, has been suspended. Even with the said suspension, the gas available is not sufficient to fully meet the demand of domestic consumers.

The Company has undertaken system augmentation, looping of line, re-drilling of service tee, establishment of emergency teams to resolve low pressure complaints. Operational teams are working round the clock for this particular activity.

ISLAMABAD :
The 15th December, 2015.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.