

SENATE SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Tuesday, the 17th May, 2016

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

*(Questions Nos. 20, 36, 153, 155 and 158 deferred on 22nd April, 2016
(247th Session)*

(Def.) *Question No. 20. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 17-03-2016 at 09:45 a.m.)

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing Small Hydro Power (SHP) projects in the country with province wise break up;*
- (b) the amount provided to each province for the said project during the last three fiscal years;*
- (c) the policy / procedure laid down for participation of private sector in SHP projects;*
- (d) the number of the said projects completed with the participation of private sector during that period with province wise breakup; and*
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment on the impacts of the said policy, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The Small Hydro Power (SHP) Projects come under the domain of Provincial Governments. Provinces were asked to share data in this regard but despite reminders the requisite data is still awaited from the provinces. The same will be submitted on the next ROTA day of Ministry of Water and Power.

(b) The Federal Government has not allocated any funds to the provinces for undertaking small hydropower projects.

(c) At Federal level, the Government of Pakistan announced Policy for Development of Renewable Energy for Power Generation, 2006 (RE Policy). The RE Policy, lays down the

procedure for the private sector to undertake commercial SHP projects on IPP mode. A copy of the RE Policy is attached herewith at Annex-I.

In addition to above, Provincial Governments have also framed their policies for undertaking SHP projects through private sector participation.

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

(Def.) *Question No. 36. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 25-03-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the number of family courts functioning in Islamabad at present;*
- (b) the number of cases filed in those courts during the last three years with year wise breakup indicating also the number of cases disposed off and those pending out of the same; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said courts are facing a number of problems in disposal of the cases, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken / being taken by the Government to remove the same?*

Mr. Zahid Hamid: (a) At present eight (08) Family Courts are functioning in Islamabad. Details are given below.

District and Sessions Divisions-East Islamabad	District and Sessions Divisions-West, Islamabad
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(b) The number of cases filed in these Courts during the last three years, with year-wise breakup indicating the number of cases disposed off and those pending out of the same is as under;

(c) The Courts are facing a number of problems in disposal of cases which are as under:—

- (i) Contemporary laws dealing with family suits and custody matters need to be amended according to present era, especially Family Act, 1964.
- (ii) Limited space, no proper separate rooms/meeting place for visitation of minors with their parents. The same is done in court rooms which are already too small.

- (iii) Frequent adjournments and strikes on the part of lawyers.
- (iv) Government departments do not cooperate for implementation of orders passed by the family courts in execution proceedings.
- (v) There is no mechanism to procure the attendance of counsels on the date of hearing which is the main problem in the disposal of family cases.
- (vi) Shortage of court staff.
- (vii) Shortage of facilities including clean water, washrooms and proper sitting place in the premises and in the courts.
- (viii) Family Courts deals with much aggravated issues of parties which require proper security, therefore the security of family courts may be increased.

Steps taken/ being taken by the Government:—

- To provide ample spaces for Courts/ Family Courts, the Government arranged to construct a new building for District Judiciary of ICT at G/10-1, Mauve area, Islamabad.
- As far security arrangements are concerned the Government has installed walk through gates and provided metal detectors on all the entrances and also deputed police guards for necessary checking. Height of boundary wall has been suitably raised. Barbed wire has also been installed on boundary wall.

(Def.) *Question No. 153. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**
(Notice received on 31-03-2016 at 12:00 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Women has proposed / recommended that all educational institutions be recognized as “workplace” and be brought under the purview of “The Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010”, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Minister for Human Rights: No such proposal/recommendation has been received by the Ministry of Human Rights from the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW).

(Def.) *Question No. 155. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**
(Notice received on 31-03-2016 at 03:20 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether any project for laying of gas pipeline or installation of gas plant in Chaman, Qila Abdullah, Khanozai, Muslim Bagh, Qila Saifullah, Zhob, Loralai, Duki, Mekhtar Musa Khel, Sanjavi and Harnai, Balochistan, has been approved, if so, the amount allocated for the project and the time by which work will be started on the same?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: SSGCL has reported that there is no natural gas transmission network at proposed locations. However, a proposal of LPG Air Mix plants was

initiated to cover districts. But, the proposal has yet to be financed, SSGCL has taken up the matter and Ministry has forwarded a proposal to the Prime Minister Office.

(Def.) *Question No. 158. **Senator Sitara Ayaz:**

(Notice received on 01-04-2016 at 09:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state whether the National Commission on the Status of Women is still functioning under the Federal Government, if so, the name, designation and grade of its present head?

Minister for Human Rights: The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) is functioning under the Ministry of Human Rights. The Commission is, however, an independent, autonomous body established under NCSW Act, 2012. The tenure of the previous Chairperson Ms. Khawar Mumtaz has expired on 31st December, 2015. Appointment of a new Chairperson is under process in terms of section 4 of the NCSW Act, 2012.

*Question No. 110. **Senator Ahmed Hassan:**

(Notice received on 22-03-2016 at 12:30 p.m.)

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

- (a) the schedule prescribed for electricity load shedding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at present; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that unscheduled load shedding is being carried out in different areas of Malakand Division, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) As per SOP, load shedding is being carried out by PESCO on the basis of quarterly Composite Efficiency Index (CEI) of the 11 KV feeders.

The present schedule for electricity load shedding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is as under:

(b) No unscheduled load shedding is being carried out in Malakand Division, excluding faults and system constraints (Overloading of Power Network System) in some areas. However, the over loading problem/system constraints in the different areas of Malakand will be minimized after construction of 220KV Grid Station at Chakdara by the NTDCL.

*Question No. 112. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 06-04-2016 at 09:15 a.m.)

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

- (a) the amount payable to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as royalty on net hydle power profit; and*
- (b) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to pay the said amount to that province?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) & (b) In pursuance of directions of the Federal Government and strict financial management, WAPDA has cleared all outstanding payables on account of Net Hydel Profit pertaining to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa till 29-02-2016 calculated on the basis of decision taken during the meeting chaired by the Federal Minister for Water and Power held in Aug. 1992 whereby it was decided to pay Rs. 500 million per month to the Govt. of NWFP as an adhoc payment. Accordingly, there is nothing payable in this regard.

Pertinent to mention that in pursuance of MoU signed between Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federal government regarding NHP payments and subsequent approval by the CCI, the agreed amount of Rs. 70 billion will be paid to the provincial government in 4 years with 25 billion to be paid out the tariff of the current fiscal year. (2015-16)

*Question No. 113. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**
(Notice received on 06-04-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

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

(a) the amount of circular debt of Pakistan State Oil at present; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to rationalize the said debt?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) As of today, PSO's circular debt balance stands at Rs. 204 billion as compared to Rs. 222 billion in January, 2015. Break up and comparative is furnished below:

In addition to above, PSO has price differential claims of Rs. 9.6 billion against GOP and LNG receivable of Rs. 7.4 billion against SNGPL as of today.

(b) The balance of Circular debt which was at Rs. 222 billion at the start of January, 2015 has been reduced to Rs. 204 billion as of today. The major reason for said reduction in circular debt balance was:

---- GOP injected Rs. 40 billion in January, 2015 on behalf of the Power Sector.

---- In addition to the above injection, Mo W&P put in place an arrangement with effect from February 07, 2015 to deter further accumulation of circular debt, wherein payment against furnace oil supplies are being made to PSO within seven (7) days.

Under this arrangement, payment of Rs. 249 billion has been received by PSO against supplies worth Rs. 262 billion made to the Power Sector from February 07, 2015 to May 9, 2016.

Amount of Rs. 13 billion is outstanding under the seven (7) days arrangement as of today.

*Question No. 114. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:**

(Notice received on 06-04-2016 at 11:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken / being taken by the Government to remove the existing provocative sectarian literature and prevent new publication of such literature in the country?

Reply not received.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony has referred the question to the Cabinet Division, Min.I section *vide* their letter No. 1(2)/2016/Senate dated 11th May, 2016, with a request to allocate this question to the concerned Ministry/Division.

*Question No. 115. **Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:**

(Notice received on 07-04-2016 at 10:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the number of Judicial and Inquiry Commissions set up by the Government during the last five years indicating also the date of setting up, composition, Terms of Reference, findings / recommendations and implementation status of recommendations in each case?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: Different Ministries are responsible for Commissions formed on different issues relating to them under the Rules of Business, 1973. The following Commission of Inquires were setup on the initiative of the Ministry of Law and Justice during last five years:—

- (a) Commission of Inquiry regarding the Abbottabad Case (**Annex-I**) [Secretarial Support was provided by Cabinet Division].
- (b) Commission of Inquiry regarding the Murder of Saleem Shezad Journalist (**Annex-II**) [Secretarial Support was provided by Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control].
- (c) Judicial Commission on Sugar Price Hike Scam (**Annex-III**) [Secretarial Support was provided by Ministry of Finance].
- (d) Commission of Inquiry into Allotment of Land in Gawadar (**Annex-IV**) [Secretarial Support was provided by Ministry of Ports and Shipping].

2. Dates of setting up, composition and Term of Reference are mentioned in the Annexures.

3. Findings/ recommendations and implementation status are not available in this Division as this Division is not the Secretariat of any of the Commissions and concerned Ministries / Division provided secretarial assistance to the Commissions. They are requested to provide the findings / recommendations of the Commissions which are still awaited.

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

*Question No. 116. **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 08-04-2016 at 09:40 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the shortfall of gas in the country is set to widen during the next couple of years, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to make new explorations and adopt other measures to minimize the same?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: Yes,

Government is taken following steps to minimize the shortfall of gas:

- (i) Import of LNG
- (ii) Import of gas from Iran.
- (iii) Import of gas from Turkmenistan.
- (iv) Promotion of LPG air mix.
- (v) The government has introduced Petroleum Policy, 2012 with better incentives.
- (vi) New exploration Licences are being granted. During the tenure of this Government 46 new exploration licences covering an area of 94,608.85 Sq. Kms have been granted to different E&P companies.
- (vii) 271 wells have been spudded since 05-06-2013.
- (viii) 73 oil/gas discoveries have been made;
- (ix) 23 Leases have been granted;
- (x) Monitoring of E&P activities have been enhanced.
- (xi) 17,864 LKm of 2D and 14,233 Sq. Km of 3D seismic survey have been acquired since 05-06-2013 to identify new prospects.
- (xii) Apart from conventional resources, the Government is also making all out efforts to pave way for exploration of unconventional resources like Tight gas, Shale Gas and Low BTU gas etc.

***Question No. 117. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati:**

(Notice received on 08-04-2016 at 09:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *whether any agency / department of the Government monitors the transmission of power in the country and problems related thereto, if so, the details thereof; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that transformer testing facility available in the country is inadequate, if so, the steps taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) National Transmission network consists of 500kV, 220kV and 132kV Transmission lines. National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDCL) manages 220 kV and 500kV Grid Stations and Transmission Lines. Power Distribution Companies are responsible for management of 132/66/11 kV networks in their respective areas.

National Power Control Center (NPCC) performs the responsibilities of Power System Operator. On the behalf of power purchaser NPCC dispatches load from all Power Stations through 500/220/132 kV Transmission network as per Grid Code. NPCC also monitors the flow of power to distribution companies.

NTDC and DISCOs are responsible for handling of problems/issues in their respective networks. On the secondary level. National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), being the energy regulator, also monitors Transmission and Distribution of Electric power in the country under a licensing regime.

(b) The Transformers being procured by NTDC or DISCOs are type test equipment and the suppliers provide warranties for operations. However a complete testing facility for all ranges of Distribution Transformers is available at HV & SC Lab Rawat, Islamabad. In addition to above, partial testing service of various ranges of Power Transformers is also available both in public and private sectors.

*Question No. 118. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 11-04-2016 at 02:42 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the names and locations of potential areas where water reservoirs and small dams can be constructed in the country;*
- (b) *the names and locations of the said dams constructed during the last ten years in the country; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct water reservoirs in Koh-e-Suleman, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The details of identified potential areas where water reservoirs and small dams can be constructed is as under:

(b) Detail of dams constructed by WAPDA during last ten years in the country is as under:

(c) Yes, feasibility study of Murunj Dam located in Koh-e-Suleman range is being carried out by WAPDA. The detail is attached as **Annex-A**.

*Question No. 119. **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice received on 12-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of areas in Hazara Division where drilling for exploration of oil and gas has been made so far indicating also the results thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take more steps for discovery of oil and gas in the said Division, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) MOL Pakistan has drilled one Exploratory well namely MGN-1 in Margalla-North block located at Sarhadna Village, District Haripur, which was a dry hole.

(b) Yes. Following are the details:

- Drilling of another Exploratory well is under consideration in Margalla Block, subject to positive outcome of 2D seismic data acquisition and its processing.
- Similarly the Government has initiated security clearance of further sixteen (16) blocks for award, out of which the following three blocks include areas of Hazara Division:
 - (i) Abbottabad Block No. 3372-25 covering areas of districts Manshera & Abbottabad.
 - (ii) Hazro Block No. 3372-26 covering areas of district Haripur.
 - (iii) Hasan Abdal Block No. 3371-18 covering areas of district Haripur.

***Question No. 120. Senator Shahi Syed:**

(Notice received on 12-04-2016 at 01:02 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the names of IPPs which are using LNG for generation of power in the country at present indicating also the rates of GST and GIDC being charged on LNG from them?

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: SNGPL has reported that regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) is being supplied to the following IPPs:

- Kot Addu Power Company Ltd (KAPCO)
- Fauji Kabirwala Power Company Ltd (FKPCL)
- Rousch (Pakistan) Power Ltd (RPPL)
- Saif Power Ltd (SPL)
- Sapphire Electric Company Ltd (SECL)
- Orient Power Company (Pvt.) Ltd (OPCL)

- Halmore Power Generation Company (Pvt.) Ltd (HPGCL)
- Davis Energen (Pvt.) Ltd

General Sales Tax (GST) is being charged at 17%, whereas no GIDC is applicable on RLNG.

***Question No. 121. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz:**
(Notice received on 12-04-2016 at 02:30 p.m.)

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

- the amount outstanding against the power consumers to whom electricity is being supplied from Padidan feeder, District Nowshehro Feroz with village wise break up;*
- whether it is a fact that the supply of electricity to a number of villages under the said feeders has not been disconnected despite the fact that huge amounts are outstanding against them, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- whether it is also a fact that the consumers of village Sinyari under that feeder are being sent excessive bills and their supply of electricity is also disconnected every now and then, if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- whether any inquiry has been conducted against the SDO and Line Superintendents at the said feeder for provision of illegal connections to the consumers, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) An amount of Rs. 67.73 Million (47.990 Million against Urban and 19.74 Million against Rural) is outstanding from power consumers against Padidan Feeder, District Nowshehro Feroz.

Village-wise breakup is attached at **Annex-A**.

- The electricity supply of only defaulting consumers is being disconnected.
- It is not a fact. Excess Bill is not being sent to any consumer in village Sinyari. The supply of electricity to defaulting consumers is only being disconnected.
- No inquiry is being carried out against the SDO and Line Superintendent at the said feeder since no illegal connection has been provided to any consumer.

***Question No. 122. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**
(Notice received on 12-04-2016 at 02:45 p.m.)

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

- the names, designations, educational qualifications and place of domicile of the persons working in the Ministry of Water and Power on deputation basis; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of the said officers working in the power wing of that Ministry have been granted extensions in their deputation despite the fact that they do not have the required educational qualifications and experience, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The names, designations, educational qualification and place of domicile of the persons working in the Ministry of Water and Power on deputation basis are as under:—

(b) No officer has been granted extension beyond the maximum period of deputation *i.e.* 5 years, except in case of Mr. Zargham Eshaq Khan, Joint Secretary (Power Finance) whose extension for one year beyond five years has been approved by the competent authority upto 12-12-2016 due to his experience relevant to the post with the direction that no extension beyond the above extended period shall be allowed.

***Question No. 123. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice received on 13-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the names of areas in Gilgit Baltistan where drilling for exploration of oil and gas has been made so far indicating also the results thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take more steps for discovery of oil and gas in the said area, if so, the details thereof?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) No drilling for exploration of Oil & Gas has been made so far in Gilgit Baltistan.

(b) No; Areas of Gilgit Baltistan are not being considered prospective for drilling and exploration of Oil & Gas due to tectonic activities and nature of rocks.

***Question No. 124. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood:**
(Notice received on 13-04-2016 at 09:00 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of development and non development expenditures of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) during the last three years with head wise and year wise break up; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the non development expenditures of the said company?*

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: (a) The details of development and non development expenditures during last three years with-head wise and year wise breakup is attached as **Annex-A & B.**

(b) SNGPL is operating under license from Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) for transmission and distribution of natural gas in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Company takes prior approval of budgets for incurring its expenditures from its Regulator (OGRA) and the Board of Directors. The reduction either in development or non-development expenditure of company falls within the ambit/ scrutiny of OGRA.

Annexure-A

SUI NORTHERN GAS PIPELINES LTD.

Summary of Development Expenditure (Capital Expenditure) in last 3 years

Rs. in million

Description	Fiscal Year		
	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Transmission System (Transmission Pipeline Network, Sales Meters Stations and Cethodic Protection System)	3,458	2,300	304
Distribution System (Distribution Pipeline Network, Service Lines)	6,189	5,498	4,476
Consumer Meter Stations & Town Border Stations (Metering (Stations at Small Towns)	5,567	3,936	3,466
Plant & Machinery, Construction Equipment, Office Buildings and Others*	2,730	1,526	1,126
Total:	17,944	13,260	9,372

* Other expenditures incurred for procurement of Tooles & Equipment, Furniture & Fixture, Office Equipments, Computer Hardware, Motor vehicles to for development and operational activities.

***Question No. 125. Senator Shahi Syed:**
(Notice received on 14-04-2016 at 12:20 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the details of steps taken by the Government for power generation through alternative energy sources in the country during the last three years with province-wise break up;*
- (b) *the per MW expenditures on the projects of production of energy through the said sources;*
- (c) *the number of hydel power projects completed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa so far;*
- (d) *the names of ongoing hydel power projects in the said province indicating also the time / date of completion and the quantum of electricity likely to be produced in each case;*
- (e) *the number of hydel power projects in process which are to be constructed in the said province; and*
- (f) *the per unit cost of electricity presently being produced from various sources in the country?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The Government is pursuing the development of power generation through alternative and renewable energy resources in order to diversify the energy mix and utilize the indigenous sources of energy. Several steps have been taken by the Government in this regard which include:

- (i) Announcement of Framework for Power Cogeneration (Bagasse/Biomass) 2013 as addendum to RE Policy 2006 for development of bagasse based power projects.

- (ii) Detailed ground correlated resource mapping of wind, solar and biomass initiated through ESMAP – World Bank’s assistance. Biomass atlas for Pakistan completed and made public.
- (iii) Streamlined the procedure for development of renewable energy based IPP projects initiated by the Provincial Governments through necessary policy amendments.
- (iv) Government is promoting use of net-metering based renewable energy applications for power generation at consumer level for which necessary regulatory framework has been announced.

Following nine (09) alternative renewable energy power generation projects with a cumulative capacity of 447.4 MW have been added to the national grid during the last three years;

Several other projects are under construction and in different stages of project development.

(b) The per MW cost of projects as per the Upfront Tariffs announced by NEPRA is shown in the table below:

(c) Following hydel power projects completed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa so far:—

(d) Following on-going hydropower projects are at different stages of implementation:—

(e) Following hydel power projects in process which are to be constructed in Khyber.

***Question No. 126. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh:**

(Notice received on 15-04-2016 at 03:15 p.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the number of visits undertaken by the Federal Minister and Minister of States for Water and Power to the Neelum-Jhelum Hydro Power Project during the last three years indicating also the date and purpose of visit, expenditure incurred and TA / DA paid to the officers who accompanied the Minister in each case?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The Federal Minister for Water and Power visited the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project on 19th June, 2013.

The Minister of State for Water and Power visited the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project for monitoring the progress of the project on the following dates:

1. 24th to 25th September 2013.
2. 3rd December 2013.
3. 1st to 2nd October 2014.

4. 8th January 2015.
5. 28th January 2016.

The above visits were undertaken by the Minister of State on his official entitled vehicle and none of the Officer from the Ministry accompanied with the MoS during these visits.

***Question No. 127. Senator Saleem H. Mandviwalla:**
(Notice received on 20-04-2016 at 05:05 p.m.)

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

- (a) the details of the 1410 MW Tarbela extension project indicating also the original estimated cost, date of launching and completion of the same;*
- (b) whether there is any escalation in the original estimated cost of the said project, if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the work is going on the said project for the last one decade but the same could not be completed so far, if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) whether the Government has finalized any schedule for the completion of the civil work of that project by the contractors, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) whether it is also a fact that civil works have never been synchronized with electro-mechanical development of the said project, if so, the reasons thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a)

- 3 X 470 (1410 MW) units are being installed on existing Tunnel-4 of Tarbela Dam Project.
- The Contract for Civil Works of T4thHP was signed with M/s Sinohydro Group Ltd China on 09-9-2013 at the cost of US\$ 262 Million with completion of the 3 units by February 2018 respectively.
- The Contract for E&M works was signed on 14-2-2014 with the Consortium of M/s Voith Hydro Germany & China at US\$ 293 Million with completion dates of March, April and May 2017 for the 3 units respectively.
- As per Acceleration Program of T4thHP, the completion date of Civil and E&M contract is June, 2017.
- PC-I stands approved by ECNEC on 16-08-2012 for Rs. 83.6 Billion including Foreign Exchange Component of Rs. 65.8 Billion.

(b) There is no escalation in the original estimated cost of the project so far.

(c) The contract for Civil Works of T4th HP was signed on 09-09-2013 followed with E&M Contract on 14-02-2014. Thus, it is not correct that work on the project is going on for the last one decade.

(d) As per VO2 for Acceleration Program of T4th HP, the civil work handover dates of Generator Foundations and Turbine Floor area by Civil Contractor to EM Contractor for Erection of Unit No. 17, 16 and 15 are 20-07-2016, 27-08-2016 & 29-09-2016 respectively.

- (e) ● The Civil and E&M inter-contractor milestones dates have been shared with the E&M Contractor.
- The progress of Civil Works is 64% against 78% whereas for E&M works is 59% against 73%. Overall Physical Progress of the project works is 64% against 78%.
- In order to cover the lag in progress and firm up possible Acceleration Program, meetings between Client, Consultants, Civil and E&M Contractors have recently been held.
- The proposals submitted by both the Contractors are under active review and consideration by the Consultants and WAPDA to decide way forward accordingly.

In the meanwhile, both the Contractors are being vigorously persuaded to meet with their contractual commitments in letter and spirit.

*Question No. 128. **Senator Samina Abid:**
(Notice received on 22-04-2016 at 02:10 p.m.)

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

- (a) *the name of contractor who was awarded the contract for construction of the building of Government High School, Hangrai in Union Council Hangrai, Tehsil Balakot, District Mansehra by ERRA indicating also the date of award of contract and estimated cost of the project;*
- (b) *the percentage of construction work of that school completed so far; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said school has not been handed over to the concerned department so far, if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the same will be handed over to it?*

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: (a) Contractor Name - M/s Gul Haider & Sons Date of award of contract - 22-06-2010 Estimated cost of the project - Rs. 45 million.

(b) 98% construction work has been completed. Painting / Distempering & Finishing is in progress.

(c) The school building has not been handed over to Education Department as yet. However, all liabilities of the contractor have been cleared and the building will be handed over to Education Department by the end of July 2016.

***Question No. 129. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:**

(Notice received on 25-04-2016 at 11:20 a.m.)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the demand and supply of electricity in FATA at present with agency-wise break up?

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: The Agency-wise breakup of demand and supply of electricity in FATA at present is as under:

Quota allotted to TESCO is 230 MW. At present average drawl is 140 MW which will be enhanced in the month of Ramadan within the quota.

***Question No. 130. Senator Samina Abid:**

(Notice received on 04-05-2016 at 03:15 p.m.)

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

(a) the number of posts of Judges presently lying vacant in the Supreme Court of Pakistan; and

(b) the reasons for not appointing female judges in the said Court?

Mr. Zahid Hamid: (a) The sanctioned strength of Judges in the Supreme Court of Pakistan is 17 (including the Chief Justice of Pakistan). Presently one post of Supreme Court Judge is vacant.

(b) Presently there are several honorable women Judges in the High Courts.

High Court Judges are appointed as Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan through Judicial Commission of Pakistan in accordance with the provisions of Article 177 of the Constitution. There is no bar to the elevation of honorable women Judges to the Supreme Court.

***Question No. 131. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate:**

(Notice received on 26-04-2016 at 10:00 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state the amount of direct foreign investment made in the country during the last three years indicating also the names of investors in each case?

Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office: The net Foreign Direct Investment of US\$ 4,404.6 million was made in Pakistan during the last three years (March-

2013 till March-2016). As regards the name of investors in each case, it is pointed out that the data released by the State Bank of Pakistan indicates the name of country and sectors of FDI only; which is attached, Annex-A and Annex-B.

*Question No. 132. **Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari**
(Notice received on 26-04-2016 at 10:20 a.m.)

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

- (a) the present status of operation of the Nandipur Power project;*
- (b) the production capacity and actual production of the said project since June, 2014 with month-wise break up; and*
- (c) the per unit cost of production of that project during the said period?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) Nandipur Power Plant has achieved COD (Commercial Operation Date) w.e.f 23-7-2015 and is currently supplying electricity to the National grid.

(b) Gross contractual capacity of the power plant is 425 MW. The power plant has generated 1371.21 Million kwh (units) of electricity till 08th of May 2016 since commissioning.

Further, the month-wise generation has been placed at Annex-A

(c) NEPRA has determined the per unit cost of electricity, generated by Nandipur Power Plant, as Rs.11.6361/Kwh.

*Question No. 133. **Senator Sassui Palijo:**
(Notice received on 26-04-2016 at 12:45 p.m.)

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

- (a) the number of wind energy projects being constructed in districts Thatta and Jamshoro, Sindh, indicating also the estimated cost and quantum of electricity likely to be produced by the same; and*
- (b) whether any private house is being constructed in the said districts, if so, the details thereof?*

Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The following six (06) wind power projects with a cumulative capacity of 308.2 MW are operational in District Thatta, Sindh:

Nine (09) wind power projects are under construction and expected to be completed during 2016-17.

- (b) No such proposal is under consideration.

***Question No. 135. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel:**
(Notice received on 27-04-2016 at 11:40 a.m.)

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

- (a) *the procedure laid down for selection of Khudam-ul-Hujjaj;*
- (b) *the number of the said khudam selected / hired for the last Hajj, 2015, with province wise break up; and*
- (c) *the estimated number of those khudam proposed to be selected/ hired for Hajj, 2016, with province wise break up?*

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf: (a) It is to inform that Moavineen-e-Hujjaj, previously known as Khudam-ul-Hujjaj, are drawn from Pakistan Armed Forces, Civil Armed Forces and Pakistan Boy Scouts and Provincial Governments, headed by Director Moavineen-e-Hujjaj of the rank of Lt. Col. of Pakistan Army/ an officer of BS-20 from Police Service of Pakistan. The selection of Moavineen-e-Hujjaj for Hajj-2016 is being made as per laid down procedure/criteria, after approval of the same from Minister.

(b) As per Hajj Policy-2015 approved by the Prime Minister 400 Moavineen-e-Hujjaj performed welfare duty during Hajj operation-2015. Department wise detail is given below:—

(c) As per Hajj Policy-2016, approved by the Prime Minister, the proposed 400 Moavineen-e-Hujjaj will perform welfare duty during Hajj operation-2016. Details have yet to be approved by the Minister.

***Question No. 138. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari:**
(Notice received on 28-04-2016 at 11:10 a.m.)

Will the Minister Incharge of the Prime Minister's Office be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the incumbent Prime Minister announced for carrying out performance assessment and quarterly review of the Ministries, if so, the number of assessment and performance reviews conducted so far indicating also the dates and results / conclusion thereof?

Reply not Received.

The question has been transferred by the Prime Minister Office to the cabinet Division vide their U.O.No. 9(3). So(c)/Senate/15 dated 5th May, 2016. However, the Cabinet Division has not yet accepted the question.

ISLAMABAD:
The 16th May, 2016.

AMJED PERVEZ,
Secretary.