

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on

Wednesday, the 15th March, 2017

68. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**
(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names of Superior Courts Judges having dual nationality at present?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): The Federal Shariat Court, High Courts of Peshawar, Balochistan and Islamabad have sent “NIL” reports.

Despite repeated requests, information is still awaited from the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore High Court and High Court of Sindh.

14. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred on 6-3-2017)

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

- (a) *the total number of Oil Refineries (ORs) in the country at present;*
and
(b) *whether there is a need to set up more ORs in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) At present, there are eight (08) oil refineries in the country, details are as under:—

Refining Capacity

S. No.	Name of Refinery	Location	Million tons per annum	Barrels per day (Bpd)
1.	Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO)	Mehmoodkot Near Multan	4.50	100,000
2.	National Refinery Limited (NRL)	Karachi	2.71	62,050
3.	Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL)	Karachi	2.10	47,110
4.	Mock Refinery Limited (ARL)	Rawalpindi	1.96	43,000
5.	Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPL-I)	Hub	1.74	35,000
6.	Byco Oil Pakistan Limited (BPL-II)	Hub	5.45	120,000
7.	Enar Petroleum Refining Facility (ENAR-I)	Karachi	0.11	2,500
8.	Enar Petroleum Refining Facility (ENAR-II)	Karachi	0.22	5,000
Total:			18.79	414,668

- (b) ➤ The consumption of POL products during FY 2015-16 is around 24 Million tons, while the local production of POL during the same year is around 11.7 Million tons against the installed capacity of 18.79 Million tons (about 62% of the capacity utilization)
- Demand of POL products during FY 2023-24 is projected to be around 29 million tons; therefore, there is need to setup more oil refineries in the country for which necessary steps are being taken.

29. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Deferred on 6-3-2017)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) makes consultation with the Ministry of Housing and Works for allocation of land to their Housing Societies in the country; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Defence Housing Authorities (DHAs) do not utilize land of Federal Government, therefore, no consultation is made with Ministry of Housing and Works.

@72. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamal Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct an under-pass in Bhara Kahu, Islamabad for commuters who intend to go to Murree?

Minister for Communications: Presently there is no such proposal under consideration of underpass on National Highway (N-75) at Bhara Kahu, Islamabad.

149. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government for up-gradation and dualization of the Indus Highway from Peshawar via Kohat-Dera Ismail Khan to Karachi; if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far; and*

(b) *the time by which the up-gradation and dualization works of said Highway will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Yes, Indus Highway N-55 starts from Kotri (Rly Xing) and ends at Peshawar. Government is currently working on the dualization of remaining sections in Phases as under:—

I.	Petaro-Sehwan	ADB (T-I)
II.	Ratodero-Shikarpur	ADB (T-I)
III.	Shikarpur-Rajanpur	ADB (T-II)
IV.	DG Khan-DI Khan	ADB (T-III)
V.	Saraigumbela-Kohat	GoP

Whereas maintenance activities are being undertaken by NHA through Road Maintenance Fund (RMA) and up gradation of existing road will be undertaken after completion of dualization work.

(b) Project will be undertaken in phases and completed in year 2025.

150. ***Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the locations of coal reserves other than Badin and Thar in the country at present?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): Major coal occurrences in the country other than Badin and Thar coal-fields are tabulated below:

Province/Coal-field	Estimated Coal Resources (Million Tons)
SINDH:	
Lakhra	1,328
Sonda-Thatta	3,700
Jherruck	1,823
Ongar	312
Indus East	1,777
Metting-Jhumpir	161
Sub-Total:	9,101
BALUCHISTAN:	
Khost-Sharig-Harnai Zardalu	76
Sor Range-Degari-Sinjdi	50
Duki	50
Mach Abegum	23
Pir Ismail Ziarat	12
Chamalang-Bala Dhaka	6
Sub-Total:	217

Province/Coal-field	Estimated Coal Resources (Million Tons)
PUNJAB:	
Salt Range	213
Makerwal	22
Sub-Total:	235
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA/FATA:	
Hungu/Orakzai	81.5
Cherat/Gulla Khel	8.5
Sub-Total:	90.0
AJ&K:	
Kotli	9
Total:	9,652

151. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of prevalent laws relate to rights of children at present;*
- (b) *the details of international conventions/agreements relating to children rights signed by the present Government;*
- (c) *whether said laws/conventions/agreements ensure the safety and protection of said rights; and*
- (d) *the details of the Government/affiliated bodies which are working in hierarchical order to ensure the welfare and protection of rights of children at present*

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): (a) In the wake of 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of minors has been transferred to the Provinces. However, various legislative measures for the protection of Children have been undertaken by the Government. The detail is as under:

Federal level

- * Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2016.
- * The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012.
- * Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002.
- * Juvenile Justice System Ordinance 2000.
- * The Bonded Labor System (Abolition) Act, 1992.
- * The Employment of Children Act, 1991.

Government of the Punjab

- * The Punjab Restriction on Employment of Children Act 2016.
- * The Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929 (Amended, 2015).
- * Punjab Prohibition of Child Labour at Brick Kilns Ordinance, 2016.
- * The Punjab Free and Compulsory Education Ordinance 2014.
- * The Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004.
- * The Punjab Supervision and Control of Children Homes Act (Amendment), 2003.

Government of Sindh

- * The Sindh Prohibition of Employment of Children. Bill, 2017.
- * The Sindh Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2015.
- * The Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act 2013.
- * The Sindh Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013.
- * The Sindh Children Act, 1955.

Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

- KPK Child Protection and Welfare Act 2010 (Amended 2016).
- Bonded Labour System Abolition Act 2015.
- The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Prohibition of Employment of Children Act, 2015.

Government of Balochistan

- Balochistan Child Protection Act, 2016.
- The Balochistan Borstal Institutions Act, 2014.
- The Balochistan Compulsory Education Act, 2014.
- The Balochistan Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act 2014.

(b) Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in Armed Conflicts has been ratified by the Government of Pakistan on 17th November, 2016. The initial implementation report of the said convention will be submitted after two years to quarter concerned.

(c) Yes, said laws/ conventions/ agreements protect the rights of the child. However, stringent measures for implementation of these laws are required at all levels with joint endeavors of Federal and Provincial Governments.

(d) Federal Mechanisms:

- The National Commission for Child Welfare and Development, Ministry of Human Rights, is coordinating for implementation of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and children related other international commitments. It is pertinent to mention that for establishment of an independent commission "National Commission on Rights of the Child Bill, 2017" is under consideration of the Senate's Functional Committee on Human Rights.
- Child Commissioners have been appointed by the Federal Ombudsman of Pakistan in all the provinces and Islamabad Capital Territory.

- National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established to monitor the human rights situation in the country.
- Ministry of Human Rights is implementing an Action Plan for Human Rights to sensitize the stakeholders at all levels across the country.
- Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal has established 159 Centers for Rehabilitation of Child Labourers to provide protection and educational services to the vulnerable children in the country.

Provincial Mechanisms:

- The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has established Child Protection and Welfare Commission. Under this commission, eight Child Protection Units have been established in different districts to provide care and protection to the vulnerable children.
- The Government of Punjab has established the Child Protection and Welfare Bureau. Under this bureau, Seven CPWBs are working to provide care, rehabilitation, education and training services to the destitute and neglected children across the province. Moreover, three CPWBs are being established at Sargodha, Faisalabad, and Multan.
- The Government of Sindh has established Sindh Child Protection Authority, 2010. Twelve Child Protection Units are working to protect the vulnerable children from abuse and exploitation across the province.
- The Government of Balochistan has enacted the Child Protection Act, 2016. Under this Act, a Child Protection Commission is being established to provide the protection of children in Balochistan from all forms of violence and abuse.

152. ***Ms. Zaib Jaffar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that surveys have been conducted to explore oil and gas in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan during the last three years;*
- (b) *if so, the results/achievements gained therefrom?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes, seismic surveys have been conducted during last three years to explore oil and gas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

(b) Thirty seven (37) exploration/ appraisal / development wells have been drilled during last three years in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Out of ten (10) exploratory wells drilled in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, seven (07) discoveries were made. In Balochistan six (06) out of seven (07) exploratory wells were unsuccessful, while one well is under drilling. 333 mmscfd gas and 18259 bbls of oil have been injected in the system during said period.

153. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise, circular debt since 01-01-2013; and*
- (b) *the reasons for the accumulation of circular debt of the Pakistan State Oil?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
	Rs. In Billion					
Receivable from Power Sector						
Opening balance	114.6	119.7	181.4	132.5	168.1	
Total Supplies	432.4	407.9	236.6	194.0	40.2	
Total Receipts	427.3	346.2	285.5	158.4	38.0	
Closing Balance	119.7	181.4	132.5	168.1	170.3	
Financial Charges					60.1	
K-Electric & Saba Power					0.8	
Total Receivable from Power Sector						231.2
Others						
PIA (including Financial Charges of Rs. 0.7 bn)	7.7	12.6	12.3	14.5	15.0	
Price Differential claims-GoP					9.6	
LNG – SNGPL	-	-	11.0	4.2	16.5	
Total Others						41.1
Total Receivables						272.3

(b) Government of Pakistan (GOP) instructed Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources to ensure uninterrupted supplies to WAPDA, HUBCO & KAPCO to avoid power crisis in the country. However, Ministry of Water & Power could not make timely payments to PSO against supplies which resulted in considerable accumulation of receivables against these entities. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources has been regularly following up the matter with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Water & Power for settlement of circular debt.

154. ***Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) *the name of oil and gas companies operating in District Sanghar at present; and*
- (b) *the details of schemes launched/implemented by said companies in the said District under CSR so far?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) At present, four (04) Exploration & Production Companies are working in District Sanghar *i.e.* OGDCL, UEPL, PPL and PEL.

(b) The details of Social Welfare Schemes undertaken by the said companies from 01-01-2012 to 31-12-2016, in the district Sanghar is at Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

155. ***Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**

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

- (a) *whether the PUG gas charges are being charged by the Sui Southern Gas Company from domestic customers through their gas bills at present; if so, the justification and category of consumers thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to abolish the same?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Sui Southern Gas Company levies ‘Passing Unregistered Gas (PUG)’ charges in the gas bills of its customers in accordance with the ‘Gas Supply Contract for Domestic Customers’ that is agreed and signed by the customer and the same is duly approved by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA).

In order to ascertain whether the meter is PUG / Sticky, a survey is conducted of customers falling under Nil / Minimum Consumption. Nil / Minimum customers are selected for survey based on their historical consumption. Criteria for survey of Nil and minimum consumption customers varies from year to year.

Once the meter is identified as PUG, a Field activity for meter replacement is generated.

Criteria for PUG estimation is attached as **Annex-I**.

(b) Not applicable.

Annex-I

CRITERIA FOR PUG ESTIMATION

Once the meter has been replaced, consumption of at least 2 months is observed for estimation of claim for the period meter was PUG as per Clause “10(iii)” of OGRA’s approved Contract for the Supply of Gas for Domestic Use, which states as under:

“In case, the meter, for any reason whatsoever ceases or omits to register regularly the volume of gas supplied, the consumer shall pay to the company for the gas supplied to him during the period the meter remained out of order or for a period 12 months, whichever is less, in the following manner”.

(a) Based on the actual bill of the corresponding period of immediately preceding year.

or

(b) If no such record is available, on the basis of bill for the preceding or following 2 months consumption whichever is higher.

Since meter is a mechanical device, it is difficult to ascertain the period when the meter becomes PUG as it gradually slows down before becoming completely PUG.

Therefore, consumption of new meter is considered more authentic and reliable for PUG estimation.

156. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to conduct next elections free and fair through latest practices as being exercised in the world?

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed):

Steps taken by the Election Commission of Pakistan for next General Elections

In order to ensure that the election is conducted honesty, justly, fairly and accordance with law, Election Commission is taking following steps:

I. Electoral Reforms

Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms was established in August, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Senator Ishaq Dar. It further constituted sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister of Law and Justice. After 70 meetings of sub-committee and more than a dozen meetings of the main committee a draft Electoral Bill has been prepared. The proposed draft of the Electoral Bill is expected to be finalized and passed during the year 2017. It is hoped that promulgation of the Election Act 2017 would simplify the laws and strengthen the electoral process.

ii. Setting up of Independent Monitoring Wing

Monitoring Wing has been established in the ECP to oversee pre-poll, post poll activities and point out illegal practices, including huge spending on Electoral exercises in violation of Law. In this regard, ECP has demanded 141 new posts and necessary budget from the Government of Pakistan to set up the Wing on permanent basis. Apart from that already monitoring officers are assigned duties to check the Electoral process (bye-elections) and point out irregularities, if any.

iii. Interaction with Political Parties and Civil Society organizations

Meetings are held with political parties and Civil society organizations for consultation on important matters such as preparation and finalization of existing Code of Conduct to get their feedback/suggestions for making improvement in election process. Some NGOs are also in touch with ECP.

iv. Re-activation of District Voters Education Committees

124 District Voters' Education Committees are, activated and are regularly accessing and motivating masses to register themselves as voters.

v. Establishment of Federal Election Academy

In order to hone the skills of officers of ECP Federal Election Academy has been established at Postal staff college G-8/4, Islamabad. Courses "on regular basis "Interpersonal Skills and Capacity Development Training Programme" are being conducted. Apart from that polling staff will be trained for which lists from various departments have been procured (four Provinces) for selection of well-reputed Polling Personnel.

vi. Purchase of 150 Electronic Machines and 100 Bio-Metric verification Machines

Tenders of Electronic Voting Machines and Bio-metric verification Machines are being evaluated. The latest position is that Letter of Award (LOA) has been issued for purchase of these machines from qualified firms. Once the process is completed and machines are delivered, these will be tested in Pilot project.

vii. Establishment of Warehouses for Storage of Election Material

In order to safeguard Election material four model warehouses one in each province will be established. Thereafter around 30 more warehouses would be set up across the country.

viii. GIS Mapping of polling stations

Verification of all Polling Stations and Geo-tagging exercise is in progress and would be completed by mid this year. The above exercise has been started to

survey new polling station and present condition of existing polling stations. The latest position is that all the districts are presently gathering Geo-tag information of Polling Stations buildings nationwide. The data of all Provincial Capital and Federal Capital Islamabad had already obtained successfully. The Geo-tag exercise is in full swing nowadays.

ix. **Gender Directorate**

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- (e) Encourage inclusion of female staff at ECP.
- (f) Develop strategies and implementation plans for reducing the gender disparity.
- (g) Conduct research to identify barriers for women and marginalized sections of society from participation in electoral process.
- (h) Develop a mechanism to electoral process inclusive as per Goal # 8 of Strategic plan.

x. **Giving the Right of vote to the Overseas Pakistanis.**

During past few years some political parties had made lot of hue and cry that overseas Pakistanis may be given right of franchise, The pros and cons of the matter are deliberated in various meetings of Parliamentary Committees established for the said purpose. Recently, in the meeting of Sub-Committee on Electoral Reforms was held on 19th December, 2016 in the Parliament House where NADRA presented a technical solution/ proposal of Internet Voting for Overseas Pakistanis. Further the Chair of the Committee has directed the NADRA to share detailed solution/proposal with the Hon'ble Election Commission. The matter relating to legal and operational issues in terms of Overseas Voting has been recommended to be discussed and finalized in the meeting of Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms. Hopefully, some solution will come to fore, so that more than eight million overseas Pakistanis cast their vote.

xi. **Updatation of Electoral Rolls**

Electoral Rolls have been up dated as of December-2016 and would be again revised / updated by December-2017. Total registered voters as of

5th December, 2016 is 97,016,232, which are expected to reach to 100,000,000 by December-2017.

xii. **Result Management System (RMS):**

- The Polling station wise Result Management System (RMS) has been specially designed for upcoming General Elections to improve the accuracy, efficiency and transparency of the result tabulation process. RMS is being used by the Returning Officer (RO) in pilot projects during Bye-Elections at the time of preparing ‘unofficial results’ and for consolidation of election results. The RMS has the capacity to store all the scan pages of Forms. XIV, XVI & XVII along with data stored into the database permanently for Audit trail accountability purposes.
- Before going into large scale implementation in General election 2018, ECP has already conducted three pilots in PP-7 (Rawalpindi-VII), NA-258 (Karachi-XX) and PP-78 /Jhang-II) and more pilot will be conducted in future Bye-Elections. The orientation training sessions of PE C HQ officers officials’ along with RECs. DEC’s and their staff has already been conducted.

157. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the funds released and utilized for construction of national highways/roads in District Buner during the tenure of the previous Government alongwith project/road-wise details thereof; and*
- (b) *the funds released and utilized for the construction of the national highways/roads in the said District by the present Government alongwith project/road-wise details thereof?*

Minister for Communications: (a) No funds released to NHA during the tenure of previous Government.

(b) No funds released to NHA during the tenure of previous Government for the construction of highway in Buner District.

158. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of lady judicial officers in the benches of High Courts and the Supreme Court at present; if so, the details alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to meet the said shortage?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): (a) No specific quota is reserved for lady judicial officers for elevation/appointment in the High Court and the Supreme Court.

There is also no bar on the elevation/ appointment of lady Judges in the Superior Courts.

After insertion of Article 175-A in the Constitution through 18th Amendment a three step procedure has been prescribed for appointment of Judges in the Superior Courts, which is as follows:

- (i) Nomination by the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP).
 - (ii) Confirmation by a Parliamentary Committee and;
 - (iii) Appointment by the President.
- (b) In view of reply to part (a) above, it needs no reply.

159. ***Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

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

- (a) *the name of training institutions/academies working under the Ministry for capacity building of its employees at present;*
- (b) *the details of teaching faculty of said institutions alongwith their qualifications and experiences;*

- (c) *the syllabus being taught in said institutions;*
- (d) *the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-2016;*
- (e) *the institution-wise total expenditures incurred thereon; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of said institutions/academies?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): (a) Federal Judicial Academy.

- (b) Teaching faculty of FJA is as under:
 - (1) Mr. Fakhar Hayat (Director).
 - (2) Mr. Salman Farooq (Director).

CVs of the Officers are attached (**Annex-I**)

In addition, two faculty members have been repatriated to their parent departments (High Courts) while the contract of third one was terminated on 28-02-2017. The filling up of these vacancies is underway. In addition the Academy maintains a panel of adjunct faculty in comprising jurists, experts and scholars in different fields.

- (c) Syllabus being taught in this Academy is at (**Annex-II**).
- (d) Expenditure position for last three years at (**Annex-III**).

(e) In order to expand the activities of the Academy its phase-II building is near completion and after its taking over more courses at one time besides research work and publications will be taken up.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

160. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government for the protection of Human Rights other than workers and poor children in the country?

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure Human Rights of all citizens as envisaged under the Constitution as well as international commitments by adopting all possible measures to ensure protection and promotion of such rights, *i.e.* rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities, etc. “The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Honor Killing) Act, 2016 and “The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016” passed by the joint session of the Parliament, and “The Criminal Law (2nd Amendment) Act, 2016 (Child Protection)” are the landmark legislations for protection of Human Rights, particularly rights of women and children. The Ministry regularly takes up all Human Rights violation cases with the concerned authorities for their redressal.

The steps taken by the Government for protection of Human Rights in the country are as under:

1. Action Plan for Human Rights, approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 13th February, 2016, is being implemented. The Action Plan provides for specific interventions for policy and legal reform; key priority areas for protection of rights of women, children, minorities and marginalized groups; awareness and sensitization; strengthening of NHRIs, monitoring mechanism in order to ensure protection of Human Rights in the country.
2. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. The Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR Complaint Rules, 2015 which comprehensively elaborate the procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights Violations. The Commission has received 495 complaints of human rights violations since December, 2015 and processed for redressal. The Commission has also taken 84 *suo-moto* actions, during the said period.
3. A National Institute of Human Rights has been established at the cost of Rs. 58 (M) for capacity building, training, research and development has been approved; whereas Rs. 100 (M) Endowment Fund for Free Legal Aid for Poor Victims of Human Rights Violations, is being established.

4. A Project titled, Helpline “1099” for Legal Advice to the victims of Human Rights Violations has been launched. The Helpline (1099) provides referral services to address grievances of the victims. Since May, 2015 to January, 2017 total calls received are 54919, out of which 4704 were eligible. 2426 cases were provided legal advice, whereas 2278 were referred to the relevant Departments for redressal.

5. The Ministry of Human Rights has initiated Public Awareness Campaign on Human Rights Education and Sensitization under Action Plan for Human Rights, 2016 through Seminars as well as advertisements in print and electronic media. The campaign’s target is general public, civil society, researchers, academia, students, government functionaries and different segments of society. The campaign focuses promotion of Human Rights’ values for creating a culture of tolerance and respect. In this regard, the following activities have been undertaken:
 - i. 09 Seminars have been organized in various Universities during 2015 and 30 Seminars during 2016 as a part of Human Rights Education, Sensitization & awareness raising.
 - ii. 3 Day Public Awareness Campaign on Pakistan Radio Network, PTV and ATV has been launched for awareness raising among general masses.
 - iii. Moreover, 6 Day Public Awareness Campaign has been launched on print media through publishing half page/quarter page advertisements.
 - iv. “Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Material on Human Rights Issues” has been developed as a part of Public Awareness Program.
 - v. Universal Children Day (20th November) International Human Rights Day (10th December) and International Women’s Day (08th March) are also celebrated as regular features in order to create awareness among the masses.

6. Ministry of Human Rights has formulated a draft National Policy Framework for promotion and protection of human rights after completing the consultative process at federal and provincial level. The draft has been circulated among Ministries/Divisions for final consultation/input before submission to Federal Cabinet for its approval. The task for formulation of Provincial Strategies on Human Rights has also been started in collaboration with Provincial Governments.
7. The Action Plan provides for designing and execution of Men Engage Model Program to eliminate Gender Based Violence (GBV). It aims at engaging men to challenge discriminatory norms and stereotypes that prevent women's participation in all spheres of life including contribution to economy. A national survey on Men's perceptions towards GBV has been launched in 10 districts of the country for interventions on the findings.
8. A National Task Force (NTF) to monitor implementation of Action Plan for Human Rights has been notified under the chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights comprising parliamentarians (one each from National Assembly & Senate of Pakistan), relevant Federal Ministries and Provincial Human Rights Departments. Provincial Task Forces (PTF) in Punjab, KP and Sindh have also been approved. Establishment of Provincial Task Force in Balochistan is also in process.
9. District Human Rights Committees are also being established to monitor human rights situation, in the country.

161. ***Mr. Muhammad Jamaluddin:**

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revise Pay-scales and upgrade posts of employees of the Pakistan Ordinance Factories, Wah Cantt. at par with the employees of the Federal Government?

Disallowed on re-consideration.

162. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the total number of combing and long service cases relating to sui gas completed in Mardan during the year 2015-16 alongwith details thereof;*
- (b) *the total cost incurred thereon alongwith the procedure adopted therefor; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said work completed on political grounds and without merit; if so, the actions taken against responsables thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) SNGPL has reported that total 31 cases of long service line measuring 1” dia. x 2000 metres and 16 combing cases measuring 1” dia. x 3908 metres & 2” dia. x 3380 metres have been laid down during the year 2015-16 in Mardan.

(b) The total cost incurred is as follows:—

Description	Cost (in million)
Long Service line	2.580
Combing cases	11.940

The processing of long service line and combing cases has been carried out on the basis of maturity of applications as per turn/merit of each case as per Company’s Policy.

(c) The processing of long service line and combing cases has been carried out solely on the basis of maturity of applications as per turn/merit of each case as per Company’s Policy.

163. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any official approved map of Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any penalty for wrong depiction of Pakistan's national map?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Official Map of Pakistan prepared by Survey of Pakistan is at **Annex-A**.

(b) Section 20(d), sub-clauses (iii) & (v) read with Section 8 & 22 of Surveying & Mapping Act – 2014 (**Annex-B**) provides for penalty for wrong depiction of Pakistan's National map. Relevant clauses of Section 20(d) are reproduced below:—

Sub-Clause (iii)

An individual who engages in geospatial data production, analysis and surveying & mapping activities in violation of provisions of this Act shall be liable to be imprisoned for a term which may extend upto one year and a fine upto one million rupees;

Sub-Clause (v)

The owners, Directors or Managers whosever of any accused organization, firm individual or group of individuals which engages in geospatial data production, analysis, surveying and mapping activities or any related activities in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall, if it is proved that such activities have been committed with the consent or connivance on the part of the owner, Director or Manager, as the case be, be liable to be imprisoned for a term which may extend up to one year and a fine upto five million rupees.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

164. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether any plan has been made by the Government not to print extra ballot papers for the forthcoming elections?

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): The Parliamentary Committee has proposed a formula in Draft Election Bill 2017 regarding printing of ballot papers which will be implemented after approval of Law by the Parliament, as reproduced under:

“70. Printing of ballot papers.—(1) The Commission shall, pursuant to the finalization of the list of the polling stations, determine the constituency-wise requirement of ballot papers based on the formula that the number of ballot papers per polling station shall be rounded off to the next hundred.

Explanation.—“Rounding off to the next hundred” means that if the total strength of voters at a polling stations is 1201 to 1299 the printing of ballot papers for that polling station would be 1300”.

(2) The Commission shall ensure that the total requirement of ballot papers for the general elections are printed by the printing presses of the Printing Corporation of Pakistan or such other press which is owned and operated by any authority under the control of the Federal or a Provincial Government as may be notified by the Commission for the purpose.”

165. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of projects started by the National Highway Authority during the last five years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the construction works of said projects are being delayed due to shortage of funds; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that such delay causes escalation of cost of said projects; if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Communications: (a) GoP Funded Projects. List of project is at **Annex-A**.

Foreign Funded Projects. List of project is at **Annex-B**.

(b) GoP Funded Projects. Yes, it is fact that construction work of some projects is being delayed due to Shortage of fund as well as some other problems such as Land Acquisition and Removal of Utilities. It is further added that 07 Contracts/ Projects are completed out of 18 numbers of started Contracts/ Projects during the last five years.

Foreign Funded Projects. In case of foreign assisted projects, there are no delays due to shortage of funds.

(c) Yes, it is also fact that such delays escalate the project costs. Efforts are being made that the funds required for completion of projects are provided through additional allocation(s). Also close liaison with the local administration is being enhanced for early possession of land along with emphasizing, the Contractor to complete the works in time.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

166. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is fact that the construction of road from Chakdara, Swat to Khawazakhela was approved with the co-operation of UAE; if so, the reasons for delay of its construction?

Minister for Communications: No, there is no such proposal under consideration regarding construction of road from Chakdara, Swat to Khawazakhela with the cooperation of UAE.

167. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the future of CNG Sector in Pakistan alongwith details of analytical justifications in view of increasing demand of natural gas of other Sectors?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): The current raw gas production in the country is around 4,000 MMCFD whereas constrained demand of gas is over 6,000 MMCFD. There are about 3500 CNG stations in the country and out of these over 2300 CNG stations are located in the Province of Punjab which do not have sufficient gas production to meet even the demand of its domestic gas consumers being top most priority sector. In order to meet the demand of gas in Punjab about 600 MMCFD of RLNG is being imported and supplied to various consumers including the CNG stations located in the province of Punjab. The CNG stations in other provinces are running on indigenous gas supply.

With respect to availability of indigenous gas for the sectors, CNG sector is listed at last priority. Further there is ban on issuance of new gas connections as well CNG licences in the country. Government has since deregulated the sale price of CNG. The supply of gas / RLNG to this sector is contingent upon availability of gas / RLNG.

168. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) *Whether it is a fact that 2849 persons appointed in the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) during the period from 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2016; if so, the number of persons out of them recruited from Balochistan alongwith posts and names thereof; and*
- (b) *Whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make more recruitments in the SSGCL during the year 2017?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) No, SSGC has not employed 2849 persons during the period 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2016. Factually, SSGC has employed 486 Executives and 414 Sub-Ordinates Staff (total 800) during the said period. The details of recruitment of Balochistan based Executives and Sub-Ordinate staff is attached at **Annex-I** and **Annex-II** respectively.

(b) The recruitment in Executives Cadre will be subject to availability of establishment/operational requirement of the Company. However, approximately 60 number of Executives are expected to be employed in 'SSGC in the year 2017. Whereas the recruitment of about 180 persons in Sub-Ordinate Cadre will be made as per Agreement signed between SSGC Management and CBA duly approved by BoD for *ex*-workers who have been retired during the period from 2009-2011.

Annex-I

SUI SOUTHERN GAS COMPANY LIMITED
List of Balochistan Based Executives Appointed during the period from
01-01-2011 to 31-12-2016

SR. NO.	EXE_NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	GRADE
1.	10348	Mr. Shaikh Muhammad Tahir	Chief Manager	EXE.VI
2.	10916	Mr. Farhan Umar	Chief Engineer	EXE.VI
3.	9412	Maj.(R) Asif Hussain	Deputy Chief Manager	EXE.V
4.	9547	Capt.(R) Pervaiz Ahmed Kakar	Deputy Chief Manager	EXE.V
5.	10235	Mr. Muhammad Akram Bizanjo	Senior Engineer	EXE.IV
6.	10523	Mr. Aminullah Pirzada	Secretary	EXE.III
7.	10581	Mr. Tikka Khan Jamali	Assistant Manager	EXE.II
8.	10622	Mr. Sarwar Aslam	Assistant Engineer	EXE.II
9.	10640	Mr. Shabir Ahmed	Assistant Engineer	EXE.II
10.	10356	Mr. Inam Karim	Assistant Engineer	EXEC.II
11.	10409	Mr. Shehzad Khan	Assistant Manager	EXEC.II
12.	10522	Mr. Noor Hussain	Assistant Manager	EXEC.II
13.	10529	Mr. Noor Khan	Assistant Manager	EXEC.II
14.	10727	Mr. Tanveer Ahmed	Assistant Manager	EXEC.II
15.	10268	Mr. Imdad Ali Baloch	Executive	EXE.I
16.	10355	Mr. Syed Yasir Hameed Shah	Executive	EXE.I
17.	10570	Mr. M. Sumair Gul Ansari	Executive	EXEC.I
18.	10709	Mr. Bilawal Ur Rehman	Executive	EXEC.I
19.	10710	Mr. Saad Ullah	Executive	EXEC.I
20.	10758	Mr. Habibullah	Executive	EXEC.I
21.	10763	Mr. Muhammad Asim	Trainee Engineer	TE
22.	10764	Mr. Muhammad Khan	Trainee Engineer	TE
23.	10765	Mr. Nasir Ali	Trainee Engineer	TE
24.	10766	Mr. Wajid Khan	Trainee Engineer	TE
25.	10767	Mr. Fakhar ul Islam	Trainee Engineer	TE
26.	10768	Mr. Mohammad Ajab Khan	Trainee Engineer	TE
27.	10769	Mr. Javed Ahmed	Trainee Engineer	TE
28.	10782	Mr. Bilal Ahmed	Trainee Engineer	TE

SR. NO.	EXE_NO.	NAME	DESIGNATION	GRADE
29.	10834	Mr. Muhammad Abid	Trainee Engineer	TE
30.	10835	Mr. Asif Khan	Trainee Engineer	TE
31.	10838	Mr. Hambal Iqbal	Trainee Engineer	TE
32.	10839	Mr. Muhammad Hassan Jamali	Trainee Engineer	TE
33.	10840	Mr. Bashir Ahmed	Trainee Engineer	TE
34.	10841	Mr. Muhammad Behram	Trainee Engineer	TE
35.	10842	Mr. Naveed Hassan	Trainee Engineer	TE
36.	10843	Mr. Imran Anwar	Trainee Engineer	TE
37.	10844	Mr. Allah Dad	Trainee Engineer	TE
38.	10858	Mr. Muhammad Tayyab	Management Trainee	MT
39.	10859	Mr. Kamran Rahim	Management Trainee	MT

Annex-II**Sui Southern Gas Company Limited****List of Balochistan Based Sub-ordinate Staff Appointed during the period from 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2016**

Sr.No.	Emp. No.	Name	Designation	Grade
1.	24685	Muhammad Sikander Hayat	Helper	SS.I
2.	24696	Muhammad Uffan Sami	Clerk	SS.III
3.	24695	Muhammad Akber	Helper	SS.I
4.	24699	Rahim Bukhsh	Clerk	SS.III
5.	24709	Shagufta Afzal	Attendant	SS.I
6.	24710	Abrar Hussain	Key Punch Operator	SS.II
7.	24729	Javeed Rasheed	Record Keeper	SS.II
8.	24735	Saeed Muhammad	Helper	SS.I
9.	24847	Muhammad Shafi	Helper	SS.I
10.	24767	Elahi Bukhsh	Helper	SS.I
11.	24750	Ahmed Khan	Record Keeper	SS.II
12.	24822	Inayatullah	Clerk	SS.III
13.	24836	Rab Nawaz	Helper	SS.I
14.	24851	Shah Nawaz	Instrument Mechanic	SS.III
15.	24857	Abdul Rauf	Clerk	SS.III
16.	24880	Gul Muhammad	Helper	SS.I
17.	24874	Nacieeb Ahmed	Clerk	SS.III
18.	24877	Abdul Bari	Driver	SS.II
19.	24889	Allah Ud Din	Helper	SS.I
20.	24896	Muhammad Ayaz	Record Keeper	SS.II

Sr.No.	Emp. No.	Name	Designation	Grade
21.	24897	Muhammad Saleem	Clerk	SS.III
22.	24898	Muhammad Haroon	Record Keeper	SS.II
23.	24904	Uzair Asghar Awan	Record Keeper	SS.II
24.	24917	Bibi Mattako	Attendant	SS.I'
25.	24940	Muhammad Ismail	Helper	SS.I
26.	24956	Abdul Wahid	Clerk	SS.III
27.	24987	Hazrat Ali	Helper	SS.I
28.	24967	Masooma	Clerk	SSA!!
29.	24989	Hazrat Ali	Driver	SS.II
30.	26943	Muhammad Jahangir Khan	Clerk	SS.III
31.	26951	Ghulam Murtaza	Mechanic	SS.III
32.	26964	Muhammad Asif	Helper	SS.I
33.	26972	Muhammad Ayub	Helper	SS.I
34.	26971	Amanullah	Helper	SS.I
35.	26973	Gul Rehman	Clerk	SS.III
36.	26975	Khair Bux	Helper	SS.I
37.	26980	Yousuf Ali	Helper	SS.I
38.	27006	Muhammad Asif	Driver	SS.II
39.	27010	Ahtasham UI Haq	Helper	SS.I

169. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to establish Science and Technology Institutes in backward areas of Pakistan; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Science and Technology (Rana Tanveer Hussain): 1.

Yes. Ministry of Science and Technology has devised National Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for implementation of National, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy. There is a proposal in the Strategy document for establishment of Science & Technology Institutes in different disciplines of Science & Technology for rapid socio economic development in the country. The summary for approval of the Strategy document from National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) headed by the Prime Minister is under consideration at Prime Minister's Office. After approval of the Strategy document different S&T institutes would be established across the country including backward areas within the span of 10 years (Annex-I).

2. Following proposals submitted by PCSIR are under consideration of Ministry of Science and Technology:

- i. Establishment of Precision Systems Training Centre (PSTC) and PCSIR. Laboratories at Gwadar (Balochistan) at the cost of Rs.777.32 million for the period of 36 months.
- ii. Up-Gradation of Fruit Processing & Analytical Laboratories and Establishment of Gemstones Cutting & Polishing Centre at Skardu (Gilgit-Baltistan) at the cost of Rs.56 million for the period of 36 months (Annex-II).

3. Following proposals are under consideration of Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF):

- i. To establish five Science Centres at Khairpur, Mansehra, Bahawalpur, Lasbela and Gilgit.
- ii. To establish a Science Museum at Jhang.
- iii. Technical assistance from PMNH for the establishment of Natural History Museum at Tando Muhammad Khan, Hyderabad (Annex-III).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

170. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to start construction works of the Malakand Expressway;*
- (b) if so, the time by which the construction works will be started thereon; and*
- (c) the present status of Malakand Expressway via Mardan-Palai?*

Minister for Communications: (a) There is no proposal under consideration in NHA for construction of Malakand Expressway.

(b) Nil

(c) Nil

171. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that illegal gas connections have been given by local employees of the gas department in villages of District Karak; if so, actions taken against responsables thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): No.

172. ***Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state:

(a) *the steps taken by the Ministry/Defence Production Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all laws and rules made thereunder with reference to business allocated to the said Division and its Attached Departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*

(b) *the subject-wise list of titles of said laws/rules;*

(c) *whether it is a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to consolidate and amend the said laws and rules to keep pace with changes in the society; if so, the details; if not, reasons thereof;*

(d) *whether it is also a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to determine the anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said laws and rules; and*

(e) *the names of officers/branches appointed/designated therefor?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

173. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the achievements gained by such steps taken by the National Accountability Bureau to control corruption in the country during the tenure of the present Government?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): NAB has taken many steps to control corruption through comprehensive approach and to create effective platform for prudent and accountable management of public resources. The three pronged strategy of NAB consisted upon **Awareness, Prevention and Enforcement** can be counted the major steps for eradication of corruption from society.

Apart from these, NAB has taken the strategic measures during last three years and initiated tangible actions to bring about the revival and rejuvenation of National Accountability Bureau by enhancing both the quality and quantity of manpower. The salient features of strategic measures are:

- a. In order to ensure effective enforcement of NAO the operational methodology and standard operating systems have been revised / upgraded as approved during the 19th DG's Conference in September 2014 which are helpful in effective and transparent disposal of cases to curtail the abuse of authority in an arbitrary manner.
- b. The concept of combined investigation team (CIT) has been introduced for utilization of collective wisdom and experience of senior investigators and law officers to improve quality of inquiry / investigation and the time limit have been fixed for the completion of complaint verification, inquires, investigation and filing of reference as:—

Complaint Verification	02 Months
Inquires	04 Months
Investigation	04 Months
Consequently the time for filing of reference would be the total time of above. However, the said time limit is not mandatory and would be enhanced depending upon the cogent reasons.	10 Months

Pakistan is improving its position amongst the International community, in terms of corruption due to the strategy of Government for zero tolerance to the corruption and un-tired efforts of NAB. As per Transparency International (Berlin) Report on Corruption Perception Index (CPI) for the year 2014 Pakistan got the best position ever since the first CPI was publicized in 1995. Evidently, Pakistan secured 29 points out of 100 and stood at 126th position out of 193 countries, as compared to the preceding year *i.e.* 2013, when it got 28 points and standing at 127th position. Pakistan again improved its position as per Transparency International Report on corruption perception index (CPI) for the year 2015 from 126th to 117th and now on 116th position which further boosts the dedication of NAB toward eradication of corruption from the Country.

Recent PILDAT survey has placed the NAB as the most trustworthy of Government Departments. As per the said survey 42% of Pakistanis have shown their trust and confidence in NAB as compare to 30% for Police and 29% of other Government Office and other Departments.

174. ***Ms. Zaib Jaffar:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to control increasing incidents of rape particularly with minors in the country; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce/make more stringent laws to control the said crime?*

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): (a) The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure Human Rights of all citizens as envisaged under the Constitution as well as international commitments by adopting all possible measures to ensure protection and promotion of such rights, *i.e.* rights of women, children, persons with disabilities and minorities, etc. The Ministry regularly takes up all Human Rights violation cases including the cases of rape with the concerned authorities.

The steps being taken by the Government to control the increasing incidents of rape, particularly with minors in the country are as under:

1. Pakistan Penal Code, section 375 (v) states that a man is said to commit rape who has sexual intercourse with a female with or without her consent when she is under sixteen years of age whereas section 376 of Pakistan Penal Code proposed strict punishments for not less than ten years and shall also be liable to fine.
2. The Federal Government has promulgated the Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences Relating to Rape) Act, 2016. A new clause has been inserted in the section 376 (b) of Pakistan Penal Code. It states:

“Whoever commits rape of a minor or a person with mental or physical disability shall be punished with death or imprisonment for life and fine.”
3. Moreover, the Ministry of Human Rights has also promulgated the Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2016 which addresses the issues of sexual abuse. Section 377- states any act to use, force, or coerce any person to engage in sexually explicit conduct with or without the consent where age of person is less than eighteen years, is said to commit the offence of sexual abuse.
4. Action Plan for Human Rights, approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 13th February, 2016, is being implemented. The Action Plan provides for specific interventions related to policy and legal reforms; key priority areas for protection of rights of women and children; awareness and sensitization; strengthening of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), monitoring mechanism in order to ensure protection of Human Rights in the country.
5. Helpline “1099” for Legal Advice to the Victims of Human Rights Violations has been launched. The Helpline (1099) provides referral services to address grievances of the victims. Public Notices have been issued in newspapers to create awareness among the masses in this regard.
6. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. The Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR Complaint Rules, 2015 which comprehensively elaborate the

procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights Violations, including the cases of rape.

7. A National Institute of Human Rights has been established at the cost of Rs. 58 (M) for capacity building, training, research and development has been approved; whereas Rs. 100 (M) Endowment Fund for Free Legal Aid for Poor Victims of Human Rights Violations, is being established.
8. Ministry of Human Rights has formulated a draft National Policy Framework for promotion and protection of human rights after completing the consultative process at federal and provincial level. The draft Policy also addresses the elimination of Gender Based Violence (GBV) including rape and sexual exploitation. The draft has been circulated among Ministries/Divisions for final consultation/ input before submission to Federal Cabinet for its approval. Provincial Strategies on Human Rights are also being formulated by the Provincial Governments.
9. The Action Plan provides for designing and execution of Men Engage Model Program to eliminate Gender Based Violence (GBV). It aims at engaging men to challenge discriminatory norms and stereotypes that prevent women's participation in all spheres of life including contribution to economy. A national survey on Men's perceptions towards GBV has been launched in 10 districts of the country for interventions on the findings.
10. A National Task Force (NTF) to monitor implementation of Action Plan for Human Rights has been notified under the chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights comprising parliamentarians (one each from National Assembly & Senate of Pakistan), relevant Federal Ministries and Provincial Human Rights Departments. Provincial Task Forces (PTFs) have also been constituted in all Provinces.
11. District Human Rights Committees are also being established to monitor human rights situation, in the country.

International Human Rights Day (10th December), Universal Children Day (20th November) and International Women's Day (08th March) are celebrated as regular feature in order to create awareness among

the masses regarding their basic rights. On these occasion, special supplements containing messages of the President, Prime Minister and Minister for Human Rights alongwith achievements of the Government, are issued.

12. Capacity Building/ Training Workshops are regularly arranged by the Ministry of Human Rights to trickle down mass awareness on Human Rights, including rights of women, children, and other vulnerable groups.
13. 16 Days of Activism; an Advocacy Campaign on Women Rights with a focus on Ending Violence against Women is launched by the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) on 25 November, every year.
14. The following interventions are being made under the Action Plan in order to ensure protection of Rights of Women and Minors:
 - i. Formulation of National Policy Guidelines on Gender Based Violence (GBV),
 - ii. Study to review all discriminatory legislation against women,
 - iii. Establishment of new Crisis Centers for women and standardization of existing services at district level,
 - iv. Uniform Women's Empowerment Package for Federal and Provincial Governments under Article 149 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
 - v. Review and revision of existing legislation and development of new laws relating to child rights in line with fundamental rights and UN Convention on the Rights of the Child,
 - vi. Effective enforcement of laws for protection of children from trafficking for prostitution, organ transplant, forced labor, drug smuggling, begging, forced child marriages and other exploitative forms of work.

15. The Ministry of Human Rights has initiated Public Awareness Campaign on Human Rights Education and Sensitization under Action Plan for Human Rights, 2016 through Seminars as well as advertisements in print and electronic media. The campaign's target is general public, civil society, researchers, academia, students, government functionaries and different segments of society. The campaign focuses promotion of Human Rights' values for creating a culture of tolerance and respect.

(b) Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences Relating to Rape) Act, 2016 has recently been enacted which comprehensively addresses the issue of rape of minors.

The above amended law is stringent. It has to be implemented vigorously NCSW as an institution is mandated to monitor and promote implementation of such laws. The Commission will become party in the cases to proactively pursue them to logical conclusion.

175. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *the total number of cases of mismanagement, irregularities and corruption detected/registered in the Government departments and disposed of by each High Court including the Islamabad High Court during the last five years till date alongwith details thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of cases pending in each High Court at present?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): (a) The Registrars of all the High Courts including Islamabad High Court were requested through letter followed by reminders. The reply from Lahore High Court and Islamabad High Court is still awaited. The Peshawar High Court has replied that information may be asked from the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan and that Commission has informed that no such type of information is being maintained by it. The information received from the High Courts of Sindh and Balochistan are as under:—

High Court of Sindh

Name of Court	Total No. of disposed of Cases
Total number of cases decided by High Court in appeals in Anti-Corruption matters.	76
Total number of cases decided by High Court in appeals/cases in accountability Courts matters	97
Total	173
Name of court	Total No of disposed of Cases
Total number of cases decided by Anti-Corruption Courts	1485
Total number of cases decided by Accountability Courts	173
Total	1658
Grand total of cases decided by High Court in appeals, Special Courts, Anti-Corruption Courts and Accountability Courts in Sindh	1831

High Court of Balochistan

Total number of cases of mismanagement, irregularities and corruption

Pendency	Institution	Total	Disposal	Balance
45	47	92	4	88

(b) The total number of cases of all categories pending in the High Court of Sindh is 84530, whereas the reply from the other High Courts is still awaited.

176. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the year and location-wise new highways and motorways constructed in the country during the last three years till date alongwith total expenditures incurred thereon?

Minister for Communications: The relevant details of new highways and motorways constructed in the country during last three years is as under:—

Annex

- A** GoP Funded Projects
- B** Foreign Funded Projects
- C** Expenditure

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

177. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.58 replied on 15-12-2016 and to state the heads under which the revenue collected by Toll Plazas is being utilized at present?

Minister for Communications: The revenue collected from toll plazas is utilized for maintenance and improvement of NHA network in accordance with RMA (Road Maintenance Account) rules under following heads:

- i. Routine and periodic maintenance
- ii. Rehabilitation
- iii. Geometric Improvements and highway safety improvement
- iv. New toll plazas and weigh stations
- v. Corridor Management

The above works/expenditures are carried out/made under Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP). The AMP is prepared by NHA and approved by National Highway Executive Board for implementation.

178. ***Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Oil and Gas exploration companies operating in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that said companies are required to spend a specified amount of income for the development of the area of their operations; if so, details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) At present, total 25 (Twenty five) number of Oil and Gas Exploration companies are operating in the country.

(b) There is no provision in PCAs/Policies/Rules that E&P companies operating in the country will spend a specified amount of income on for the development of the areas of their operations. However, the Public Sector E&P companies *i.e* Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) and Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) are spending certain amount on social welfare schemes in their respective areas. In this regard, OGDCL and PPL have spent Rs. 4585 Million and 4222 Million respectively during the period from 01-01-2012 to 31-12-2016 as per details given in Annex-A.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

ISLAMABAD:
The 14th March, 2017

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Wednesday, the 15th March, 2017**

4. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**
(Deferred on 6-3-2017)

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

- (a) *the present status of replacement work of gas pipeline which was damaged by flood vide SNGPL job No.16/53/001425; and*
- (b) *whether said work was supposed to be completed by 30th June, 2016?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) SNGPL has reported that 60% work for replacement of 5.3 Kms in the localities namely Naway Kalli, Nowsher Kalan, Badrashi, Khesghi, Kandar & Pir Sabaq against job number Job number 16/53/001425 has been completed.

(b) The company further reported that the remaining work would be completed on or before 30-06-2017 subject to unforeseen circumstances.

7. **Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**
(Deferred on 6-3-2017)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total expenditures incurred on the installation of cameras and speed guns on M-2; and*
- (b) *whether all said cameras are in working condition at present; if not, the time by which said cameras will be made functional?*

Minister for Communications: (a) It is apprised that cameras and speed guns installed on Motorway are either the property of NH&MP or M/s MORE (Concessionaire of M-2). There is no role/involvement of NHA for purchasing/maintenance of said items.

The expenditures whatsoever being incurred on repair/maintenance on Cameras Speed Guns or Modernization are solely the liability of the Concessionaire.

(b) -Same as above-

10. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**
(Deferred on 6-3-2017)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an officer of BPS-19 of the Pakistan Post (PP) is working in the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) since June, 2014;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said officer is living in the Government accommodation and also drawing Standard House Rent Ceiling (SHRC) since the said period; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said officer is depositing the amount of said rent in account of the PP; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the prescribed procedure/rules for the employees of the PP to receive SHRC with their monthly salaries?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar, a BPS-19 Postal Group Officer was working in Public Procurement Regulator Authority (PPRA) on deputation basis since 28-05-2014. In compliance of orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan passed on 25-01-2017 for repatriation of deputationists working in the PPRA to their parent department forthwith, he has been repatriated to his parent department *i.e.* Pakistan Post Office. He has reported for duty on 14-02-2017.

(b) Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Khokhar is residing in the government accommodation *i.e.* House No. 43-A, Nagi Road, Westridge, Rawalpindi since 23-05-2013 and as per report of Postmaster General, Northern Punjab Circle, Rawalpindi he has deposited the standard rent upto February - 2017 @ Rs. 21,674/- per month as per rules (**Annexure - A**)

(c) As already elaborated in clause “b” that he has deposited the standard rent upto February - 2017 @ Rs. 21,674/-per month.

(d) The prescribed procedure / rules to receive the Standard House Rent Ceiling prevalent for the employees of Pakistan Post Office Department is attached as (**Annexure- B**) Scale-wise detail is as under:—

BPS	Islamabad	Other Stations
1-2	Rs. 3,254/-	Rs. 3,051/-
3-6	Rs. 5,083/-	Rs. 4,469/-
7-10	Rs. 7,594/-	Rs. 6,797/-
11-13	Rs. 11,455/-	Rs.9,936/-
14-16	Rs.14,391/-	Rs. 12,562/-
17-18	Rs. 19,049/-	Rs. 16,619/-
19	Rs. 25,326/-	Rs. 21,674/-
20	Rs. 31,806/-	Rs. 27,351/-
21	Rs. 38,084/-	Rs. 32920/-
22	Rs. 45,576/-	Rs. 41,310/-

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

65. Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the location-wise motorways being constructed in the country at present alongwith details thereof;*
- (b) the total number of motorways completed in the country during tenure of the present Government; and*

- (c) *the total number of under construction motorways in the country at present alongwith the completion dates thereof separately?*

Reply not received.

66. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ban has been imposed by the Government on shifting commercial sui gas meters;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to remove the said ban in the near future?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) SSGCL has reported that commercial gas connections are not shifted to some other place/location. However, SNGPL has reported that as per prevailing policy of the company, shifting of gas connection is only considered in case any local civic authority advices the commercial unit to shift its location due to widening of road or out of populated residential area etc.

- (b) As above.

67. **Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of training institutions/academies working under the Ministry for capacity building of its employees at present;*
- (b) *the details of teaching faculty of said institutions alongwith their qualifications and experiences;*
- (c) *the syllabus being taught in said institutions;*
- (d) *the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-2016;*

- (e) *the institution-wise total expenditures incurred thereon; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of said institutions/academies?*

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) At present, there are no training institutions/academies working under the Ministry of Human Rights for capacity building of its employees.

68. **Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the training institutions/academies working under the Ministry for capacity building of its employees at present;*
- (b) *the details of teaching faculty of said institutions alongwith their qualifications and experiences;*
- (c) *the syllabus being taught in said institutions;*
- (d) *the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-2016;*
- (e) *the institution-wise total expenditures incurred thereon; and*
- (f) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of said institutions/academies?*

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) No training Institution/Academy is working under the administrative control of this Ministry. Accordingly, the question from (b) to (f) is not applicable.

69. **Dr. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state whether it is a fact that funds have been issued/released by the Government or from else-where to control the child labour since 01-06-2013; if so, the utilization thereof?

Transferred to Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

70. **Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of imprisoned women at present along with their rights in jails?

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure Human Rights of all citizens including prisoners, particularly imprisoned women.

The steps being taken by the Government for the protection of imprisoned women at present alongwith their rights in jails are as under:

1. Action Plan for Human Rights, approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 13th February, 2016, is being implemented. The Action Plan provides for specific interventions related to policy and legal reforms; jail reforms, key priority areas for protection of rights of women and children; awareness and sensitization; strengthening of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), monitoring mechanism in order to ensure protection of Human Rights in the country.
2. The plan also provides for constitution of Joint Committee of Federal and Provincial Governments to make recommendations for Jail Reforms. Provision of missing facilities/ infrastructure of Jails and launching of a comprehensive “Jail Inmates Rehabilitation Program” consisting of skill development, medical & psychological care, legal counseling and sports/ recreational facilities, are also covered under the Action Plan.
3. The National Task Force (NTF) to monitor implementation of Action Plan for Human Rights has been notified under the chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights comprising parliamentarians (one each from National Assembly & Senate of Pakistan), relevant Federal Ministries and Provincial Human Rights Departments. Provincial Task Forces (PTFs) in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan have also been constituted.
4. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. The Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR

Complaint Rules, 2015 which comprehensively elaborate the procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights violations. According to the NCHR Act, 2012, the Commission or any authorized person by it can visit any jail or place of detention to find out whether the provisions of the applicable laws or other provisions relating to the inmates' living conditions and their other rights are being complied with.

5. Ministry of Human Rights has formulated a draft National Policy Framework for promotion and protection of human rights after completing the consultative process at federal and provincial level. The draft Policy also addresses the prisoners' rights, including the rights of imprisoned women. The draft has been circulated among Ministries/Divisions for final consultation/input before submission to Federal Cabinet for its approval. Provincial Strategies on Human Rights are also being formulated by the Provincial Governments.
6. District Human Rights Committees are also being established to monitor human rights situation. Representation of Jail Superintendents and women is being ensured for protection of prisoners' rights, particularly the rights of imprisoned women.
7. Jail monitoring visits in the leadership of Federal Minister for Human Rights are being conducted to monitor and review human rights situation in prisons, with a special focus on rights of imprisoned women.
8. The Ministry of Human Rights has also prepared a proposal regarding 'Protection of Rights of Women in Prisons and Children of Imprisoned Mothers'.

71. **Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to setup services centres in provinces to facilitate the Members of the Parliament;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be setup; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Budgetary allocations to National Assembly and Senate Secretariats are independently made. In case such services centres are to be established/constructed in the Provinces, the respective Secretariats may initiate the projects in consultation with the quarters concerned and Provincial Governments.

72. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the seniority list of applicants for provision of sui gas connections is being maintained by the Sui Northern Gas Company Limited (SNGPL) at present;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the SNGPL requires a fresh application after the death of an applicant for maintaining the said seniority list; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to give the same seniority number to a member of the deceased family of said applicant in case of his/her death under a new name; if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes.

(b) SNGPL has reported that the seniority of an application is not affected by the death of applicant. One of the legal heir who is residing in the same premises and obtains NOC from all other legal heirs may apply for transfer of application. Subject to fulfillment of all requisite documents the name (title) of the application is changed (in company's computerized system) whereas the date and merit of application remains intact.

(c) Management of SNGPL has approved a policy/ procedure for transfer of application to one of the legal heirs of the deceased applicant subject to fulfillment of all requisite documents required under the said procedure. In such a case the seniority of the application is not affected.

ISLAMABAD:
The 14th March, 2017.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.