

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 16th March, 2017

109. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**
(Deferred during 39th Session)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the province-wise name of diseases for which free of cost treatment is being provided?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: After 18th Amendment in Constitution of Pakistan, the subject of health services delivery was transferred to the respective provinces. As per Government policy, the treatment for Communicable and Non-communicable diseases and management of Reproductive Maternal and Child Health is provided free of cost at public sector health care facilities both at federal and provincial level. Provinces have their own dedicated programs for diseases like TB, Malaria, AIDS, Hepatitis, RMNCH and Nutrition. Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has undergone integration for more cost effective and efficient services delivery.

179. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that new diseases are emerging in the country particularly in Karachi;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the Government to educate public regarding new growing diseases?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Yes. The Chikungunya has been diagnosed and reported in Pakistan for first time.

It is a mosquito-borne viral disease which occurs in tropical countries and has been reported from Africa, South Asia and South-East Asia. The first case was reported from United Republic of Tanzania in 1952. India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand have experienced Chikungunya disease outbreaks in the last few decades.

(b) Since Health is a devolved subject and implementation of preventive & control measures is the sole responsibility of provincial governments.

The M/o NHSRC is observing the situation and has taken the following steps for the prevention and control of Chikungunya:

- NIH has posted brief on Chikungunya in 37th issue of Seasonal Awareness & Alert Letter (SAAL) released in October 2016.
- In response to news reports about the outbreak in Saudabad Hospital, Malir, Karachi, Technical Officer Disease Surveillance & Response Unit (established by NIH-FELTP in collaboration with Sindh Government at Karachi) immediately visited the affected area to facilitate local health department.
- Technical Officer along with his team started work with local health department to control the outbreak and the situation is now under control.
- An advisory in this regard was issued to all concerned for better prevention & control.
- NIH is providing free of cost laboratory diagnostic facilities to the provincial government.

180. ***Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the funds allocated for the Prime Minister's Health Insurance Scheme;*
- (b) *the total persons benefitted therefrom;*
- (c) *the target of the Government to provide medical facilities under the said Scheme;*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to expand the said Scheme in other parts of the country in the near future?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Prime Minister's National Health Program (PMNHP) has been launched by the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan-on 31st December 2015.

As per the revised PC-1 of Prime Minister's National Health Program an amount of 8.18 billion has been allocated for the program.

(b) As of 6th March 2017 a total of 981,007 families have been enrolled in Prime Minister's National Health Program. From these enrolled families a total of 15,681 individuals have been admitted in empaneled hospitals for indoor medical /surgical treatments.

(c) As per the revised PC-1, the Prime Minister's National Health Program is targeting 3.06 million expected families living below poverty line in its focused districts.

(d) As per the directives of Honorable Prime Minister, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC) is working to expand Prime Minister's National Health Program in all districts of Pakistan.

181. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

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

- (a) *the capacity of electricity in the National Grid/country at present;*
and
- (b) *the year-wise production of electricity since 1-1-2008?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)
Capacity of electricity in the National Grid/Country at present is under:—

Installed Capacity = 22,601 MW

Derated Capacity = 21,041 MW

(b) The year wise production of electricity since 01-01-2008 till date is given below:—

| Calendar Year | Electricity Generated (GWH) |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 2008 | 81,047 |
| 2009 | 85,731 |
| 2010 | 88,132 |
| 2011 | 91,505 |
| 2012 | 88,669 |
| 2013 | 90,764 |
| 2014 | 95,878 |
| 2015 | 98,331 |
| 2016 | 103,968 |

182. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

(a) *the names of the Federal Government Hospitals in the country where kidney/liver transplantation being carried out at present alongwith the expenditure thereof; and*

- (b) *the steps being taken by the present Government to provide facilities in the said hospitals therefor?*

Transferred to Capital Administration and Development Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

183. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has taken notice of spreading Hepatitis in the country; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to prepare a charter with the collaboration of provinces to control the spreading of said disease in the country; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Taking notice of spread of hepatitis in the country, the Federal health ministry had launched Prime Minister's Program on hepatitis from 2006-10 which was devolved to Chief Minister's hepatitis program.

Hepatitis B and C prevalence survey was also undertaken in 2007-8 to know the exact situation of hepatitis in the population.

(b) The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC) has taken up the role of giving technical guidance to the Provinces and coordinating with them on all health issues including hepatitis which is 2nd highest in the world.

A National Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has been formulated under the chairmanship of the Secretary NHSRC and *all Provincial Managers for Hepatitis Control are the members of the TAG*. It also comprises of many National and International Subject Matter Experts.

TAG gives technically support and evidence based strategic directions to the Provincial Hepatitis Control Programs for effective prevention and control of the disease.

Through TAG many milestones which have contributed tremendously to the effective prevention and control of the disease have been achieved which include;

- i. Availability of new oral drugs for the treatment of hepatitis C at 98% discount from international price:

The branded Sovaldi is sold in USA at \$1000/tablet while TAG made it available to Pakistan at \$11/tablet.

TAG also advocated for the registration of the generic sofosbuvir and as a result now the drug is available at \$30 in private sector and \$15 in public sector; which is cheapest price in the world. (Provincial Hepatitis Control Programs give treatment free)

- ii. Development of Hepatitis C Treatment Guidelines: TAG has developed Hepatitis C treatment Guidelines which are in line with international WHO treatment guidelines. These guidelines were developed with the inputs from Provinces and were endorsed by the Ministry of NHSRC. The guidelines have been provided to the Provincial Hepatitis Control Mangers for their use and wider dissemination.
- iii. Development of Hepatitis C treatment software: Hepatitis C patient tracking and treatment software has been developed and handed over to the Provinces for their use. The software was developed to identify the eligible patients and follow their response to treatment given by the program. The software is very simple and can be easily installed on the desktops, laptops, smart phones and tablets. The software will be installed at hepatitis treatment sites of the provinces and will be linked to the provincial dashboards.
- iv. Development of National Hepatitis Strategic Plan (2017-21): A National Hepatitis Strategic Plan (2017-21) has been developed for the prevention and control of the disease in the country. Provinces were taken on board for their inputs at every stage of the development of the document.
- v. Advocacy campaigns for the prevention and control of disease:

TAG has conducted strong advocacy campaigns through celebrating world hepatitis day in the provinces and capital.

184. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the retired employees of WAPDA receive their pensions from their respective offices;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said employees and their family members face a lot of hardships while getting their pensions; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to make system of receipt of pension convenient in respect of said employees?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is a fact that all the retired employees of WAPDA are drawing pension from their opted pension disbursement offices all over Pakistan (under WAPDA's own payment arrangements or through Division/Sub-Division of DISCOs).

(b) No such kind of hardships is being faced by the WAPDA pensioners. However, complaints, if any, are addressed immediately.

(c) under existing arrangements of pension the pensioners receive their dues in time and regularly from the pension disbursing units of their choice throughout Pakistan. Further, arrangements are being made to remit online pension to the beneficiaries in their bank accounts.

185. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the prescribed criteria for selection of persons for medical treatment under the Prime Minister's Health Insurance Scheme; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to make the said process transparent and merit-based?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Prime Minister's National Health Program (PMNHP) has been launched by the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan on 31st December 2015.

The PMNHP is utilizing the poverty data base of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) of Proxy Mean Test (PMT) 32.5 and below of focused districts. The household data of BISP was shared with NADRA for the extraction of families who are then enrolled in PMNHP and provided with one health card per family to access indoor health care services from any empaneled hospitals in Pakistan.

(b) All efforts have been made to ensure no addition or deletion of families have been made in the database of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP). Any Pakistani citizen can check its beneficiary status by texting his CNIC number to "8500".

186. ***Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether funds have been arranged for the construction works of the Daimer Bhasha Dam, if so, where from?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The financial strategy for implementation of the Daimer Bhasha Dam Project was presented by Ministry of Water & Power to the Cabinet Committee on Energy on 30-11-2016. After approval of this strategy, Ministry of Water & Power directed WAPDA to update PCIs (one for Dam Part and other for Power Generation). PC-I for Dam Part has been submitted to Ministry of Water & Power on 24-02-2017 for further processing.

According to this strategy, dam and pre-requisites will be implemented through Government of Pakistan PSDP grants plus WAPDA arranged financing, while power generation facility shall be implemented through local / foreign loans plus WAPDA arranged financing.

187. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the names of Hospitals where the patients of AIDS are under medical treatment at present?

**Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and
Coordination: Names of Hospitals:—
Federal**

1. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad (PIMS)
2. Combined Military Hospital, Rawalpindi

Punjab:

3. Mayo Hospital, Lahore
4. Services Hospital, Lahore
5. Services Hospital, Lahore (Pediatric)
6. Shaukat Khanum Hospital, Lahore
7. Jinnah Hospital, Lahore
8. DHQ Hospital, Sargodha
9. DHQ Hospital, D.G Khan
10. DHQ Hospital (Pediatric), D.G Khan
11. DHQ Hospital, Gujrat
12. Allied Hospital, Faisalabad
13. DHQ Hospital, Gujrat (Pediatric)
14. Civil Hospital, Multan Sindh

Sindh:

15. Civil Hospital, Karachi
16. Civil Hospital, Karachi (Pediatric)
17. Indus Hospital, Karachi
18. Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi
19. Chandka Medical College Hospital, Larkana

KPK

20. Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar
21. KDA Hospital, Kohat Balochistan
22. Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta
23. DHQ Hospital, Turbet

Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) Centers for Pregnant Women:

1. Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad (PIMS)

Punjab:

2. Services Hospital, Lahore
3. Rahnuma FPAP Family Hospital, Lahore
4. Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Hospital, Gujrat
5. DHQ Hospital Sargodha, Sargodha
6. Allied Hospital, Faisalabad
7. DHQ Hospital DG Khan, DG Khan

Sindh

8. Civil Hospital, Karachi
9. Sheikh Zaid Women Hospital, Larkana
10. Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi

KPK

11. Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar

Balochistan

12. Bolan Medical Complex, Quetta

188. *Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of vehicles manufacturing factories/companies functioning in the country at present;*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to establish such new companies in the country; and*
- (c) the time by which new companies will start production of vehicles alongwith details thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) There are 20 vehicle manufacturing companies functioning in the country. Vehicle manufacturers include Cars, LCVs, HCVs and Agriculture Tractor (except 2 and 3 wheelers). Details are placed at “**Annex-A**”

(b) Govt. of Pakistan has taken following initiatives in Automotive Development Policy 2016-21 to attract new investors/ players:

Category-A: Greenfield Investment (New Investor)

Category-B: Brownfield Investment (Revival of closed units)

Details are placed at “**Annex-B**”

(c) EDB/ MoI&P have received complete Business Plan from 1 company (Regal Automobile Industries Ltd. - DFSK Motor Co. Ltd.,) till to date. Regal Automobile Industries Ltd will manufacture Light Commercial Vehicles. The plant is being installed and the production is expected to start during calendar year 2017.

Annexure-A

Vehicle Manufacturers in Pakistan

Cars/ LCVs/ HCVs

| Sr. No. | Name of Company |
|----------------|---|
| 1. | M/s PAK SUZUKI MOTOR CO. LTD |
| 2. | M/s INDUS MOTOR COMPANY LTD |
| 3. | M/s HONDA ATLAS CARS (PAKISTAN) LIMITED |
| 4. | M/s KARAKORAM MOTORS (PVT) LTD |
| 5. | M/s HINOPAK MOTORS LIMITED |
| 6. | M/s GHANDHARA NISSAN LIMITED |

| Sr. No. | Name of Company |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 7. | M/s GHANDHARA INDUSTRIES LIMITED |
| 8. | M/s MASTER MOTOR CORPORATION |
| 9. | M/s AFZAL MOTORS (PVT) LIMITED |
| 10. | M/s DAEWOO PAK MOTORS (PVT) LIMITED |
| 11. | M/s PMAUTO INDUSTRIES |
| 12. | M/s AL-HAJ FAW MOTORS (PVT) LTD |
| 13. | M/s TAYYABA MOTORS (PVT) LIMITED |
| 14. | M/s FUSO MASTER MOTORS (PVT) LIMITED |
| 15. | M/s GHANDHARA DF (PVT) LIMITED |
| 16. | M/s NEW ALLIED MOTORS (PVT) LIMITED |

Agriculture Tractor

| Sr. No. | Name of Company |
|----------------|--|
| 1. | M/s AL-GHAZI TRACTOR LIMITED |
| 2. | M/s MILLAT TRACTORS LIMITED |
| 3. | M/s ORIENT AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES (PVT) LIMITED |
| 4. | M/s MTW PAK ASSEMBLING INDUSTRIES (PVT.) LTD., |

Annexure-B

Incentives for new players/ investors:

Category-A:Greenfield Investment is defined as the installation of new and independent automotive assembly and manufacturing facilities by an investor for

the production of vehicles of a make not already being assembled/manufactured in Pakistan.

Greenfield Investment Incentives

- (a) Duty-free import of plant and machinery for setting up the assembly and/or manufacturing facility on a one-time basis;
- (b) Import of 100 vehicles of the same variant in CBU form at 50 percent of the prevailing duty for test marketing after ground breaking of the project;
- (c) Concessional rate of customs duty @ 10 percent on non-localized parts and @ 25 percent on localized parts for a period of five years for the manufacturing of Cars and LCVs;
- (d) Import of all parts (both localized and non-localized) at prevailing customs duty applicable to non-localized parts for manufacturing of trucks, buses and prime movers for a period of three years, and

Category-B: Brownfield Investment is defined as revival of an existing assembly and/or manufacturing facilities, that is non-operational or closed on or before July 01, 2013 and the make is not in production in Pakistan since that date and that the revival is undertaken either independently by original owners or new investors or under joint venture agreement with foreign principal or by foreign principal independently through purchase of plant.

Brownfield Investment Incentives

- (a) Import of non-localized parts at 10 percent rate of customs duty and localized parts at 25 percent duty for a period of three years for the manufacturing of Cars and LCVs; and
- (b) Import of all parts (both localized and non-localized) at prevailing customs duty applicable to non-localized parts for manufacturing of trucks, buses and prime movers for a period of three years.

Incentives for existing players/ investors:

- (a) CKD rate of customs duty of localized parts has been reduced from 50% to 45% from July 01, 2016;
- (b) CKD rate of customs duty of non-localized parts has been reduced from 32.5% to 30% from July 01, 2016.

189. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) the present volume of the Dairy Sector of the country;*
- (b) the year-wise revenue earned through the export of dairy products during the tenure of the present Government;*
- (c) the province-wise total number of households currently associated with said Sector alongwith details thereof;*
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the uplift of persons associated with the said Sector; and*
- (e) the prescribed procedure to regulate the said Sector by the Ministry?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a) Pakistan is one of the leading milk producing country in the world having national dairy herd of 12.6 million cattle and 13.7 million buffaloes with an estimated annual gross milk production of 54.328 Million tons during 2015-16. Around 5% of total milk production out of said annual production is being processed in 20 milk/ dairy processing plants/ units being operated by the private sector which produces approximately 2.72 million tons of processed milk/ dairy products annually.

(b) During 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, the total revenue earned was 28.37, 1.71 and 1.04 million US \$ respectively through the export of dairy products.

(c) According to last livestock census conducted in 2006, the province-wise total number of households (having cattle, buffaloes, sheep, goats & camels) associated with dairy sector are 12.59 millions for Punjab, 4.11 millions for Sindh, 3.24 millions for KPK and 0.93 million for Balochistan.

(d) Federal Government has taken number of short and long term measures to develop and strengthen the dairy sector in the country. Allowed import of high milk producing exotic dairy cattle breeds, allowed import of exotic bovine semen and embryos of high milk producing animals for genetic up-gradation,

allowed import of nutritionally balanced cattle feed premix for supplementation to milk producing animals (cattle & buffaloes) and calf milk replacers for suckling calves at subsidized duty rates for enhanced milk production and allowed import of milk/ dairy processing machinery for efficient value addition in dairy sector/ industry on concessional tariff.

(e) In order to regulate dairy sector, necessary measures are taken as and when required to promote, protect and encourage the sector through providing enabling environment. There are Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and prescribed documents required for import/ export of livestock and its products. The import/ export of livestock and livestock products are regulated by the Pakistan Animal Quarantine (Import & Export of Animals and Animal Products) Act, 1979 and Rules, 1980.

190. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to counter sectarian conflicts during the last four years?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): The Government has taken the following steps to counter sectarian conflicts during the last four years:

1. National Ulema and Mashaikh Council has been constituted for the purpose. The Council has representation from all Wifaqs, all schools of thought and all the provinces. It has been assigned the duty to promote religious harmony and to remove hate literature from the curriculum of the Madaris. Two Committees have been established under this Council: Steering Committee and Curriculum Committee. It has also been proposed by the Council that an Ulema Board may be established at National level to monitor hate literature and speech and to recommend legal action against such material.

Second meeting of the Council was held on 12/12/2016 at PC Hotel Lahore. In this meeting both the Committees placed their recommendation before the Council for consideration.

Implementation of the recommendations of the Council is in progress.

2. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony regularly arranges Seerat Conference on 12th Rabi ulAwwal in Islamabad, wherein prominent Ulema, Mashaikh, Scholars and people from all walks of life participate. These conferences provide a forum to present their ideas and thoughts on Seerah and teachings of Holy Prophet (S.A.W.S). These Conferences also proved to be instrumental in elimination of hatred and prejudices amongst different classes of the society and creating harmony among all sects.
3. Competitions of Seerat Books, Naat and Articles on life, teachings and Seerah of Muhammad (S.A.W.S) are organized in regional, national and international languages for men and women. Prizes are awarded to position holders. These competitions also prove to be a source of dissemination of teachings of the Holy Prophet, which contain teachings regarding tolerance and harmony.
4. Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony held meetings with the Ulema of all Muslims sects in five big cities like (Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Islamabad) of the country to persuade them to abide by a common code of conduct which also contains avoidance from hate speech and literature, which play an important role in creating harmony among different sects.
5. The Ministry has prepared a calendar of Unified timings for azan and Prayers which has been provided to all mosques of Islamabad for implementation. This will also create sectarian harmony and tolerance among the public.

191. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the particulars of Muslim and Non-Muslim persons appointed on part time basis as Sanitary Workers in the DISCOs separately during last three years?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The DISCO wise detail of Muslim and Non-Muslim persons appointed on part time basis during last three (3) years is annexed,

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

192. ***Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cases registered under the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health Ordinance, 2002 (LXXIV of 2002) till date; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the full implementation of the said Ordinance?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The number of cases registered under various Sections of “Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smoker’s Health Ordinance, 2002” in 11 model districts are **1396**. In addition to cases, **45** warnings have been issued by district governments.

(b) According to SROs 1068 (I)/2006 and 46 (I)/2007, provincial governments and ICT Administration are empowered to implement the Said Ordinance in their jurisdiction. Tobacco Control Cell (TCC) is coordinating with provincial governments and ICT Administration to ensure implementation of the said Ordinance. In this regard, TCC has taken following measures:

- i. Formation and activation of Provincial Implementation Committees/ Taskforces for tobacco control in provinces.
- ii. Formation and activation of District Implementation & Monitoring Committees on tobacco control in model districts.
- iii. Formation of district enforcement teams in model districts.
- iv. Establishment of Tobacco Control Cell in KPK and Balochistan.
- v. More than 400 capacity building sessions for law enforcement agencies, authorized persons and general public in which about 12000 persons have been trained / Sensitized.
- vi. Dissemination of information materials on hazards of tobacco use, second hand tobacco smoke and tobacco control laws (1,100,000 units have been disseminated).

- vii. Installation of plates / posters carrying “Smoking is an Offense” message in ministries, schools/universities, hotels, public service vehicles and other public places.
- viii. Installation of 200 boards with tobacco control messages at public places in Islamabad.
- ix. Branding of buses with tobacco control messages in Islamabad/Rawalpindi.
- x. Directions issued by provincial IGs for strict enforcement of tobacco control laws.
- xi. Resultantly, about 1400 cases have been registered under various sections of “Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smoker’s Health Ordinance, 2002”.
- xii. In addition to above cases, Tobacco Control Cell defended cases in various courts *i.e.* Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore High Court, Islamabad High Court, Session Court Abbottabad etc.

193. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *Whether it is a fact that the arrangements for Hajj 2016 were up to the mark; and*
- (b) *Whether it is also a fact that the new proposals have been made to make the Hajj-2017 excellent; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Yes, the arrangements for Hajj 2016 were applauded at large by hujjaj and general public. Prime Minister also appreciated the efforts of Ministry in this regards.

(b) As arrangements for Hajj 2016 witnessed the huge success, therefore, Ministry is working on the same lines, as of Hajj 2016, to make best arrangements for Hajj 2017.

The consultative process is going on and Ministry of Religious Affairs & Interfaith Harmony will try its best to bring further improvements. Details can be provided after submission and approval of Hajj Policy 2017.

194. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for betterment of infrastructure of electricity in the country?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The following steps have been taken by the Distribution Companies for betterment of infrastructure of electricity in the country:—

- Construction of New Grid stations.
- Installation of additional Transformers.
- Augmentation of overloaded Power Transformers.
- Construction of new Transmission lines.
- Remodeling of old/weak Transmission Lines with higher rating capacity conductor.
- Removal of system constraints in each DISCO.
- Bifurcation of overloaded feeders.
- Upgradation/enhancement of Transformers Reclamation Workshops.

195. ***Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to monitor the sale of skin lightening and bleaching creams which causing serious skin diseases/ailments;*
- (b) *the role of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan in this regard; and*

(c) *the prescribed mechanism to control sale of such creams?*

Reply not Received.

196. ***Ms. Zaib Jaffar:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the name of the countries which have announced to install car manufacturing plants in Pakistan alongwith details thereof?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): No company has formally approached EDB to manufacture car in Pakistan till to date. The manufacturing will be carried out by different companies not the countries as such.

Details of companies which have shown interest in installation of vehicle manufacturing plants in Pakistan are annexed at "A".

Annex-A

Status of New Entrant Cases

| Sr. No | Company | City | Foreign Principal | Country | Status |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|
| Greenfield | | | | | |
| 1 | Regal Automobile Industries Ltd., | Lahore | DFSK Motor C. Ltd., | China | Plant under installation. |
| 2 | United Auto Industries Ltd., | Lahore | LUOYANG DAHE New Energy Vehicle Co Ltd., (Car) YANGSTE Motor Group Co Ltd., (Pick-up) | China | Business plan awaited |
| 3 | Habib Rafiq (Pvt.) Ltd., | Lahore | Guangzhou Dayun Motorcycle Co (Motorcycle) Shandong Wendeng (LCVs) Zotye Intl. Automobile (Cars & SUVs) | China | Business plan awaited |
| 4 | Khalid Mushtaq Motors (Pvt) Ltd., | Karachi | Shangdong Haoyu Vehicle Co. Ltd and Tianjin Auto Technology Co. Ltd (LCVs) | China | Verified Contract Agreement is awaited |
| 5 | Pak-China Motors (Pvt) Limited | Karachi | Chongqing Lifan Automobile Co | China | Business plan and Verified Contract Agreement and copies of other documents are awaited |
| 6 | Foton JW Auto Park (Pvt) Ltd | Lahore | China Foton Motor Group (LCV, Truck, BUS, SUV) | China | The firm have to submit business plan through BOI |

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|--|-------------|--|
| 7 | Premier Systems (Pvt) Ltd | | Volkswagen Group (AG for Audi) | Germany | Applicant planned to setup SKD assembly of Volkswagen in Pakistan. EDB turned down the case as under prevailing policy no incentives are allowed on SKD operation. |
| Brownfield | | | | | |
| 6 | Daehan Dewan Motor Co | Karachi | SsangYong (SUVs) KIA (Cars, LCVs & SUVs) | South Korea | EDB has declined the case. As the investment policy states that plant may be non operational on or before July 01, 2013. However, M/s Dewan Farooque Motors Limited (DFML) operated from September 2013 to February 2014 |

197. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 10,996 Mega Watts electricity will be included in the National Grid by 31-12-2018;*
- (b) *if so, the names of projects from which the electricity will be produced?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes it is fact that around 10,996 MW will be added in the National Grid by 31-12-2018.

(b) Details of projects along with their generation capacity and expected commissioning date is attached as Annexure-A.

List of Ongoing/Planned Generation Projects

| Sl. # | Fiscal Year | Name of Project | Agency | Fuel | Location | Installed Capacity | Commissioning Date |
|---|-------------|--|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | (MW) | |
| 1 | 2016-17 | M/s Layyah Sugar Mills Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Layyah, Punjab | 41 | Mar. 2017 |
| 2 | | LNG Based Plants (2*GT) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Bhikki, Punjab | 800 | Mar. 2017 |
| 3 | | M/s Hamza Sugar Mills Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Khanpur, Punjab | 15 | Mar. 2017 |
| 4 | | Patrol HPP | PPIB | Hydro | Kunhar River, KP/S/AJK | 147 | Apr. 2017 |
| 5 | | LNG Based Plants (2*GT) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Haveli Bahadur Shahi (Jhang), Punjab | 800 | Apr. 2017 |
| 6 | | LNG Based Plants (2*GT) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Balluki, Punjab | 800 | May. 2017 |
| 7 | | Patina Energy Co Generation Bagasse/Coal | ARDB | Baggase | Kot Addu, Punjab | 118 | Jun. 2017 |
| 8 | | M/s Sachal Energy Development (Pvt.) Limited | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 49.5 | Jun. 2017 |
| 9 | | CHASHNI-IV | PAEC | Nuclear | Chashma, Punjab | 340 | Jun. 2017 |
| 10 | | Huaneng Shandong Ruoyi Coal PP Unit-I | PPIB | Imp. Coal | Sahiwal, Punjab | 660 | Jan. 2017 |
| 11 | 2017-18 | M/s United Energy Pakistan Limited | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 59 | Jun. 2017 |
| 12 | | Tarbela 4th Ext. Unit-I | WAPDA | Hydro | Tarbela, KPK | 470 | Aug. 2017 |
| 13 | | Huaneng Shandong Ruoyi Coal PP Unit-II | PPIB | Imp. Coal | Sahiwal, Punjab | 660 | Dec. 2017 |
| 14 | | LNG Based Plants (1*ST) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Bhikki, Punjab | 400 | Dec. 2017 |
| 15 | | LNG Based Plants (1*ST) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Balluki, Punjab | 400 | Dec. 2017 |
| 16 | | LNG Based Plants (1*ST) | PPDB | Imp. LNG | Haveli Bahadur Shahi (Jhang), Punjab | 400 | Dec. 2017 |
| 17 | | Port Qasim Power Project (Unit-I) | PPIB | Imp. Coal | Port Qasim Karachi, Sindh | 660 | Dec. 2017 |
| 18 | | Solar Power Plants | PPDB | Solar | Lal Sotara (Chenab), Punjab | 600 | Dec. 2017 |
| 19 | | M/s Jhimpir Wind Power (Pvt.) Limited | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | Jan. 2018 |
| 20 | | M/s Hawa Energy (Pvt.) Limited | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | Jan. 2018 |
| 21 | 2017-18 | Tarbela 4th Ext. Unit-II | WAPDA | Hydro | Tarbela, KPK | 470 | Feb. 2018 |
| 22 | | Neelum Jhelum Hydro Unit-I | WAPDA | Hydro | Nauseri/Muzaffarabad, AJK | 242 | Feb. 2018 |
| 23 | | Neelum Jhelum Hydro Unit-II | WAPDA | Hydro | Nauseri/Muzaffarabad, AJK | 242 | Mar. 2018 |
| 24 | | Tarbela 4th Ext. Unit-III | WAPDA | Hydro | Tarbela, KPK | 470 | Mar. 2018 |
| 25 | | M/s Hartford Alternative Energy (Pvt.) Limited | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | Mar. 2018 |
| 26 | | M/s Almoiz Industries Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Mianwali, Punjab | 36 | Mar. 2018 |
| 27 | | M/s Shantaj Sugar Mills Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Mandi Bahaudin, Punjab | 32 | Mar. 2018 |
| 28 | | M/s Chohan Sugar Mills Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Tandlianwala, Punjab | 22 | Mar. 2018 |
| 29 | | M/s Ritnad Power Generation Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Rahim Yar Khan, Punjab | 67 | Mar. 2018 |
| 30 | | M/s Tricon Boston (Pvt.) Limited (A) | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | Apr. 2018 |
| 31 | 2018-19 | Neelum Jhelum Hydro Unit-III | WAPDA | Hydro | Nauseri/Muzaffarabad, AJK | 242 | Apr. 2018 |
| 32 | | Neelum Jhelum Hydro Unit-IV | WAPDA | Hydro | Nauseri/Muzaffarabad, AJK | 242 | May. 2018 |
| 33 | | M/s Tricon Boston (Pvt.) Limited (B) | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | May. 2018 |
| 34 | | M/s Tricon Boston Limited (C) | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 50 | Jun. 2018 |
| 35 | | M/s Three Gorges 2nd (Wind Eagle Limited) | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 49.5 | Jun. 2018 |
| 36 | | M/s Three Gorges 3rd (Wind Eagle Limited) | AEDB | Wind | Jhimpir, Sindh | 49.5 | Jun. 2018 |
| 37 | | Port Qasim Power Project (Unit-II) | PPIB | Imp. Coal | Port Qasim Karachi, Sindh | 660 | Jun. 2018 |
| 38 | | Golen Gol HPP | WAPDA | Hydro | Chitral, KPK | 106 | Jul. 2018 |
| 39 | | M/s Zaqshy Power Pvt. Ltd. | AEDB | Wind | Gharu, Sindh | 50 | Nov. 2018 |
| 40 | | Engro Powergen Project (Unit-1) | PPIB | Dom. Coal | Thar, Sindh | 330 | Dec. 2018 |
| 41 | 2018-19 | HUB Power Company Ltd. (Unit-1) | PPIB | Imp. Coal | HUB, Baluchistan | 860 | Dec. 2018 |
| 42 | | M/s Alliance Sugar Mills Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Chotki, Sindh | 19 | Dec. 2018 |
| 43 | | M/s Hunza Power Pvt. Ltd. | AEDB | Baggase | Jhang, Punjab | 49.8 | Dec. 2018 |
| Total Generation Addition by Dec. 2018 | | | | | | 11,799 | |
| References: | | | | | | | |
| As per data provided by WAPDA Hydro, GSNCO, AJKPDO, PEDO, PPB, AEHR, PPDB, TCEB and PAEC. | | | | | | | |

198. ***Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to prevent exploitation of allottees of newly developed sectors F-14, F-15, etc., Islamabad by malpractices of property dealers after obtaining information from the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF); and*
- (b) *the fraudulent cases of transfer of plots on behalf of allottees detected/reported/traced out during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the actions taken by the FGEHF thereon so far?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a)

The Housing Foundation has taken following steps in order to prevent exploitation of allottees of newly sectors by malpractices of property dealers;

- a. Recently, the Housing Foundation has released clear message under caption “Mushatari Hoshyar bash” through press (**Annex-A**).
 - b. In order to inform its registered members about status of allotment, the Housing Foundation is updating its website from time to time.
 - c. In order to inform updates about the scheme, a SMS service has also been started.
 - d. Further to keep posted the members about the ongoing activities, Housing Foundation have created closed groups of its members on social media like whats App, Face Book etc.
 - e. All correspondence is to be made on mailing addresses of registered members. Moreover, a proper procedure has been adopted for change of address.
 - f. The Housing Foundation take immediate action on any genuine complaint received from the allottees.
- (b) The plots of housing schemes in sector F-14/15, Bara kahu, Thalliyan and apartment scheme in sector G-13 (Life Style Residency) have not been declared transferable as yet. Therefore, no such case of fraudulent transfer exists in these schemes. However, any sale or purchase of plot in the open market is not in the ambit of the Housing Foundation and beyond its control.




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199. ***Mr. Murad Saeed:**

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the inter-faith harmony particularly with reference to repeated attacks made on the worship places of minorities in the country during last three year;*
- (b) the total number of cases of violence against the minorities registered in the Ministry during the said period; and*
- (c) the total number of such cases against which the Ministry has taken notice itself during the said period?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) The steps taken by the Government to enhance the inter-faith harmony in the country are as under:—

- “Draft Interfaith Harmony Policy” prepared in consultation with all stakeholders has been sent to “Council of Common Interests” under Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination for its clearance by all Provinces so that it has ownership of all Provinces.
- In order to achieve the purpose of religious tolerance and harmony in the country, the Government has notified on 26-07-2014 re-constitution of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) alongwith revised TORS. Five meetings of the NCM have been held on 13-11-2014, 13-01-2015, 07-05-2015, 30-05-2016 and 26-01-2017.
- To promote the religious activities of minority communities, ten important religious festivals of Minority Communities are celebrated officially.
- Government has fixed 5% job quota for minorities in all Federal Government services with a view to improve their representation in the Government machinery.

- In order to ensure adequate representation of minorities, ten seats have been reserved for minorities in the National Assembly and 4 seats in the Senate, besides reserved seats in all Provincial Assemblies.
- Vernacular name of Christians changed from Essahi to masihi.
- Minority students Scholarships—rates have been doubled.
- Minorities Welfare Fund is used for grant of financial assistance to the poor segments of minorities & scholarships to minorities students on merit and for execution of small -development schemes for the repair/maintenance of the religious/worship places of minorities.
- On the recommendations of this Ministry, Provincial Governments have established “District Interfaith Harmony Committees”, comprising members from all religious so that these Committees may take immediate action to address any incident at initial level.
- This Ministry has also notified on 21-04-2016 the “National Ulama & Mashaikh Council, to achieve the goal of Interfaith/Sectarian Harmony in the country.
- National Conferences on Inter-faith Harmony titled “Deen Ka Hussan, Aman-Bardasht Aur Sabr-u-Tahamul” was arranged in Islamabad on 02-02-2017.
- International Seerat Conference 2016 on interfaith harmony has been arranged on 12-13, December, 2016 at Lahore.

2. In the wake of 18th Constitutional amendment, this Ministry has been mandated the task of Policy and Legislation with regard to Interfaith Harmony in the country, while following subjects of defunct Ministry of Minorities Affairs have been devolved, as under:—

| S# | Official Business | Status |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| i | Safeguarding the rights of minorities. | Devolved to Provinces |
| ii | Promotion of welfare of minorities. | Devolved to Provinces |

| S# | Official Business | Status |
|-----|--|------------------------------|
| iii | All other matters relating to minorities. | Devolved to Provinces |
| iv | Protection of minorities against discrimination. | Assigned to M/o Human Rights |

Therefore, issues pertaining to “**attacks made on the worship places of minorities in the country during last three years**” does not come under the purview of this Ministry and relates to Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Human Rights and Provincial Governments.

(b) No case of violence against the minorities has been registered in this Ministry.

(c) As in part (b) above.

200. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether the Government has any programme that the steel required for public sector projects may be procured from the Pakistan Steel Mills so as to make it functional; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): Pakistan Steel Mills is the sole Producer of prime quality steel products and can fulfill the requirement of Public Sector’s Projects. However, due to bleak financial position it is not possible for PSM to acquire orders, from any quarters for the time being. The government has been making all out efforts to bring PSM in a running condition which has not been functional since June 2015.

Privatization Commission with the support of allied organizations took measures to bring the mill, at least, in working condition enabling it to generate its own working capital requirements. Presently the Privatization Commission has been working on the options either to privatize the entity or to hand over it to some interested party on lease basis.

201. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Gwadar Port is being utilized in order to enhance imports and exports;*
- (b) *if so, the facilities being provided to importers and exporters at the said Port at present?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo): (a) Gwadar Port is commercially active since 2008 and being used for imports and exports.

(b) In addition to standard facilities, Gwadar Port is providing following main incentives to importers and exporters:

- i. Competitive handling charges.
- ii. Assuring No demurrage charges.
- iii. Speedy custom clearance.
- iv. Free Storage up to 3 months

202. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction works of Munda Dam have not been started; if so, the date on which the construction works will be started thereon;*
- (b) *the quantum of electricity to be generated therefrom; and*
- (c) *the time by which power generation will be started from the said Dam?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The Detailed Engineering Design, Tender Documents and PC-I of Mohmand (Munda) Dam Hydropower Project have been completed recently and are under review of WAPDA.

For Construction phase of the Project, the PC-I of the Project is under preparation by WAPDA. which is expected to be submitted to competent fora i.e CDWP/ECNEC for approval by end of April 2017. Upon approval, the construction work is expected to be started in November 2017.

(b) The project has an installed capacity of 800 MW and upon completion: 2.862 Billion units of electricity will be produced annually.

(c) The power generation will be started from July 2023.

203. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *the details of contracts signed by the present Government with private companies for generation of electricity alongwith the per unit cost thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Government has assessed the per unit cost of electricity generated by private companies in the region;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the said private companies have signed contracts for generation of per unit of electricity in Gulf States at much lower rates; if so, the justification to sign such contracts/agreements on such exorbitant rates; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to revisit such contracts and to hold inquiries in this regard?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)

PPIB:

Since June 2013 to-date, Private Power and infrastructure Board (PPIB) has issued letter of support (LOS)/executed implementation agreements (IA) with Coal/ Bagasse, Hydro and R-LNG based Independent Power Producers (IPPs), listed at Annex-I, having cumulative power generation capacity of 13196 MW. The per unit cost of electricity for these projects, as determined by NEPRA is enumerated at **Annex-I**.

AEDB:

AEDB is pursuing the development of renewable energy based power generation projects through private investors on IPP mode under the RE Policy 2006 and bagasse cogeneration projects under the Framework for Power Co-generation (Bagasse/Biomass), 2013.

The private companies / IPPs have signed standard Energy Purchase Agreement (EPA) with the power purchaser (i.e. CPPA) of the basis of tariff awarded to the IPP by NEPRA. No direct contract has been signed by the Government with any private company for generation of electricity. The details pertaining to renewable energy IPP projects for which EPAs have been signed between the IPPs and CPPA after June 2013 are shown in the table below;

Table-1

| Sr. # | Name of Project | Type | Capacity (MW) | Tariff (Rs. / kWh) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Sapphire Wind Power Company Ltd | Wind | 52.8 | 13.199 |
| 2. | Yunus Energy Ltd. | Wind | 50 | 16.292 |
| 3. | Metro Power Company Ltd. | Wind | 50 | 12.744 |
| 4. | Tapal Wind Energy Pvt. Ltd. | Wind | 30 | 16.292 |
| 5. | Tenaga Generasi Ltd. | Wind | 49.5 | 13.973 |
| 6. | Master Wind Energy Pvt. Ltd. | Wind | 52.8 | 14.746 |
| 7. | Gul Wind Energy Ltd. | Wind | 50 | 14.746 |
| 8. | Hydro China Dawood Power Pvt. Ltd. | Wind | 49.5 | 13.199 |
| 9. | Sachal Energy Development Pvt. Ltd. | Wind | 49.5 | 13.375 |

| Sr. # | Name of Project | Type | Capacity (MW) | Tariff (Rs. / kWh) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 10. | United Energy Pakistan Pvt. Ltd | Wind | 99 | 13.199 |
| 11. | Jhampir Wind Power Limited | Wind | 50 | 10.604 |
| 12. | Hawa Energy Pvt. Limited | Wind | 50 | 10.604 |
| 13. | M/s QA Solar Pvt. Ltd. | Solar | 100 | 14.859 |
| 14. | M/s Appolo Solar Pakistan Ltd. | Solar | 100 | 14.859 |
| 15. | M/s Crest Energy Pakistan Ltd. | Solar | 100 | 14.859 |
| 16. | M/s Best Green Energy Pakistan Ltd. | Solar | 100 | 14.859 |
| 17. | Harappa Solar Pvt. Ltd. | Solar | 18 | 12.109 |
| 18. | AJ Power Pvt. Ltd. | Solar | 12 | 12.109 |
| 19. | JDW Sugar Mills (Unit-II) | Bagasse | 26.35 | 10.40 |
| 20. | JDW Sugar Mills (Unit-III) | Bagasse | 26.35 | 10.40 |
| 21. | RYK Mills Limited | Bagasse | 10.40 | 30 |
| 22. | Chiniot Power Ltd. | Bagasse | 10.40 | 62.4 |
| 23. | Hamza Sugar Mill Limited.. | Bagasse | 15 | 10.40 |

(b) The tariff for sale / purchase of electricity is determined by NEPRA. NEPRA carries out its own due diligence while determining Upfront Tariffs for

different technologies and also considers recommendations / views of concerned stakeholders relating to global prices, financing costs and other parameters.

(c) Reportedly, the IPPs mentioned at Table-1 have not signed any contract for power generation in the Gulf States.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to revisit the Energy Purchase Agreement (EPA) signed with the renewable energy based IPPs.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

204. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

(a) the purposes of creation of the National Council of Ulema and Mashaikh; and

(b) the achievements gained by the said Council so far?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Main objective of National Ulema and Mashaikh Council was to contain sectarianism and to promote religious harmony in the country. TORs of the Council are as under:

- i. To review existing recommendations to contain fanatical attitudes and prejudices, to suggest ways and means for its effective implementation.
- ii. To suggest a code of ethics for ulema, scholars and leaders of politico-religious parties, as well as the press and to avert possible threats to inter-communal / inter-sectarian harmony and national solidarity.
- iii. To suitably amend its TORs so as to ensure achieving the overall goal of interfaith / sectarian harmony.

(b) First meeting of the Council was held on 26th May 2016 at Islamabad. The Council unanimously passed an Action Plan and a Declaration. The Action

Plan was later on reviewed and finalized in the form of Recommendations by the Steering Committee.

Two Committees have also been established under this Council: Steering Committee and Curriculum Committee. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to monitor the progress of the Council and ensure the implementation of its recommendations.

The implementation of the recommendations of the Council is in progress, however, following worth mentioning achievements have been made so far:

- i. The curriculum of the madaris has been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and recommendations have been made in this regard.
- ii. It has been recommended that training of Ulema/Khutaba may be arranged. In this connection the syllabus of Dawa Academy has been reviewed and recommendations have been made.
- iii. Establishment of Mutahida Ulema Board at Federal level is under process. Similarly, all the provinces have been requested to constitute similar boards. These Boards will monitor hate literature and forward recommendations to their concerned quarters for its elimination.

205. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a 4000 megawatts power transmission line is being laid from Lahore to Matyari with the cooperation of China; if so, the time by which it will be completed; and*
- (b) *the benefits accrued to the country therefrom?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It is a fact that approximately 878 km long \pm 660 KV High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Transmission Line is being laid from Matiari to Lahore which is being developed by China Electric Power Equipment & Technology Co. Ltd (CET) under the framework of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Project is expected to be completed in 2019.

(b) Currently, many power generation projects are being established in the south of the country which requires necessary augmentation in the Transmission network to evacuate power from these projects. The line can also carry power from North to South, on need basis, as per inbuilt design parameters.

This HVDC transmission system offers many advantages for power transmission over longer distance in terms of more transmission capacity, lesser losses and cost effectiveness. This Project is not only the first transmission line project being developed by the private sector but it will also be the first ever HVDC transmission line in Pakistan which features converter stations at both ends and grounding electrode stations near Lahore and Matiari. Being DC Transmission system there will be no interference with communication system and there will be no high voltage surges.

This project will open a new horizon through introduction of HVDC technology in Pakistan and provision of training and development of skills for local professionals to implement and operate such projects in Pakistan in future.

206. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- (a) *the date on which the Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project was originally planned alongwith the original cost thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of the said Project has been increased many times; if so, the details of each increase alongwith the justifications thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that said increase is tantamount to failure of the Governments to complete the said Project within stipulated timeframe; and*
- (d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to investigate such failures of respective Governments; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)

- * The project was proposed in December 1989 and was planned to be completed in 1997. The PC-I of the project was approved by ECNEC at a cost of Rs.15 billion in 1989, for 500 MW capacity. The project execution could not be started due to non-availability of funds.

- Subsequently, M/s Eksportfinans of Norway reviewed the design of the project and came up with the modified proposal by increasing power potential from 500 to 969 MW. Based on this proposal, 1st revised PC-1 of the project was approved by ECNEC in February 2002 at a total cost of Rs. 84.50 billion (based on 2001 price level). Revision of the cost was due to its capacity increase from 500 to 969 MW.

(b) • The cost of the project has been increased due to the following reasons:

- Based on PC-I (2002), the Contract was awarded in the year 2008 on 2001 price level. As contract was awarded in 2008, the cost increased because of phenomenal increase in prices during 2005-2007, currency exchange rate and major design changes due to change in the seismic parameters resulting from devastating Earthquake of October 2005. Consequently PC-I 2002 was revised and ECNEC approved PC-I (2012) at a cost of Rs. 274.88 billion.
- After the approval of PC-I (2012) a number of unforeseeable and other delay events occurred like major rock burst, water ingress under Jhelum River crossing, increase in length of TBMs excavation tunnels from 9.1 km to 11 km, heavy additional rock support to counter rock bursts, currency exchange, price escalation. The PC-I (2012) was revised and ECNEC approved PC-I (2015) in December 2015 for Rs. 404.32 billion.

(c) NJ project is a very complex natured project. The PC-I (2002) of Rs. 84.5 billion was the basis of award of contract in 2008 whose design was prepared by the foreign Consultants before year 2000. When the project consultants were engaged in 2008 they reviewed the whole design as a part of their ToR. The old design was not in accordance with the new seismic parameters recorded after earthquake of October-2005 hence the Project was redesigned. Resultantly, the cost of the project considerably increased as the scope of work enhanced manifold. The enhanced scope of work also significantly altered the project completion time line.

(d) The Ministry of Water and Power constituted a committee to investigate the reasons for time and cost overrun. Accordingly, a committee was constituted and the Chairman, Federal Flood Commission was the convener of

the committee which concluded that time and cost overrun of the project was because of change in design, causing enhanced scope of work. Later another committee was formed under WAPDA on the instructions of MoWP whose findings were similar. Lately, ECNEC has asked WAPDA to conduct a fresh enquiry which is in progress under Member (Power), WAPDA.

207. ***Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control increasing population of the country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations Coordination:

- Population Welfare Programme has been devolved to the provinces under 18th Constitutional Amendment in 2010.

- In post devolution scenario, the provincial governments have framed their own Population Policies and the implementation of the program rest with them. The role of the Federal Government has been limited to the extent of providing policy guidelines, coordination for International cooperation, contraceptive commodity security and coordination with Provincial Governments for creating synergy in the efforts of all stakeholders working in the field of Population.

- It is now responsibility of Provincial Governments to formulate their plans/ programs and implement to regulate population in their respective provinces.

- However, the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination have been making efforts to influence the Provincial Governments to accelerate their efforts for Population Programme. In this perspective, the Ministry organized National Population Summit in Nov.2015 to solicit the commitment of the provinces to realize and achieve the targets committed at London FP-2020 Summit and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Federal Government has also constituted a Country Engagement Working Group (CEWG) which holds quarterly meetings to synergize efforts of all the stakeholders in Public and Private Sectors.

ISLAMABAD:
The 15th March, 2017

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 16th March, 2017

26. **Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring religious seminaries functioning in the country in the mainstream of educational system; if so, the details of consultations made in this regard with various boards of said seminaries?

Transferred to Federal Education and Professional Training Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

25. **Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of corruption cases reported in the Ministry during the last five years alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether action has been taken by the Ministry against each culprit thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) & (b) The following Organizations under the Ministry of Water and Power have reported the cases of corruption alongwith action taken against the delinquent persons during this period, the details thereof are as under:—

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|---|---------|
| (i) | AEDB | - | Annex-A |
| (ii) | WAPDA | - | Annex-B |
| (iii) | PESCO | - | Annex-C |
| (iv) | TESCO | - | Annex-D |
| (v) | HESCO | - | Annex-E |
| (vi) | SEPCO | - | Annex-F |
| (vii) | IESCO | - | Annex-G |
| (viii) | MEPCO | - | Annex-H |
| (ix) | FESCO | - | Annex-I |
| (x) | GEPCO | - | Annex-J |
| (xi) | LESCO | - | Annex-K |
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(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

12. **Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**
(Deferred on 8-3-2017)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the details of those officers of the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company to whom permission has not been given to proceed to mandatory trainings for promotion during the last eight months alongwith the reasons thereof separately?

Reply not received.

18. **Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**
(Deferred on 8-3-2017)

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

- (a) *the year-wise plans made to make storages of rains and floods water since 01-03-2000;*

- (b) *the location-wise dams constructed in the country during the said period under the said plans; and*
- (c) *the quantity of said water being wasted annually in the country at present?*

Reply not received.

73. **Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some officers of the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company have dual charges during the last 10 months; if so, the details alongwith the justification thereof separately?

Reply not received.

74. **Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the transformer installed near Masjid-e-Olah, Street No. 22, Sector G-6/1-2, Islamabad for B-type quarters has not only completed its life span but also is overloaded;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to install new transformer of higher voltages/capacity at said location at the earliest?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry to protect religious rights of special communities with reference to ban on transgenders to visit holy places of Saudi Arabia as well as forced conversions in Pakistan?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): Lot of information is involved from line ministries like interior,

Human Rights and office of the Pilgrims Affairs Jeddah to gather and consolidate a comprehensive reply of the question by the Ministry. This will require more time.

A complete reply of the question will be placed before the table of the Honorable House as and when the requisite information is received from all concerned.

76. **Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works 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 at present;*
- (d) the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-2016;*
- (e) the total institution-wise expenditure incurred thereon; and*
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of said institutions/academies?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Muhammad Akram Khan Durrani): (a) No training institutions /academies are working under the Ministry of Housing & Works and departments working under its administrative control.

- (b) As above.
- (c) As above.
- (d) As above.
- (e) As above.
- (f) As above.

77. **Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production 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 the 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 the said institutions/academies?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of the Federal Government (FG) dispensaries constructed in District Nankana Sahib;*
- (b) *the total number of dispensaries out of them are functional at present; and*
- (c) *the total number of dispensaries of the FG are under construction in said District at present?*

Reply not received.

79. **Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the National Accountability Bureau, Islamabad has made recommendation to initiate disciplinary action against an officer of the Ministry for issuing illegal work order of rupees nine million during his deputation in the Pakistan Housing Foundation, Islamabad; if so, whether any action has been taken thereon; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said officer was sent on deputation to the PPRA against the post of BPS-18 during the year, 2012?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Yes, NAB, Islamabad had made recommendations to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Omer Farooq Rana, Assistant Director ex-employee of the devolved Ministry of Population Welfare. Charge sheet along with statement of allegations and relevant record was provided to the Inquiry Committee for necessary action. Inquiry report from the Inquiry Committee is under process.

(b) The services of Mr. Omer Farooq Rana were placed at the disposal of Ministry of NHS,R&C *vide* Establishment Division Notification dated 11-6-2012. He joined Ministry of NHS,R&C on 20-6-2012. His services were placed at the disposal of PPRA *w.e.f.* 22-8-2013, on deputation basis. Recently, the officer concerned has joined back this Ministry as Assistant Director (BS-17) *w.e.f.* 14-2-2017.

ISLAMABAD:
The 15th March, 2017.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.