

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”***to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly to be held on***Friday, the 21st April, 2017****@259. *Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:***(Deferred during 40th Session)**Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the bank-wise deduction made under the head of Zakat during the last five years till date alongwith break-up and distribution criteria thereof?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): After the 18th constitutional amendment, the subject of utilization of Zakat stood devolved to the Provinces/Federal Areas. The collection of Zakat funds and its disbursement to the Provinces and other areas like ICT, Gilgit Baltistan and FATA was assigned to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, according to the following CCI's formula:

Province/Area	Percentage share
Federal Areas (ICT, FATA and GB)	7% of total collection ICT = 35.14% of 7% FATA = 46.29 % of 7% G.B = 18.57 % of 7% Total = 100%
Punjab	57.36%
Sindh	23.71%
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	13.82%
Balochistan	5.11%

Details of collection and disbursement of Zakat funds to the Provinces/
Federal Areas during the last five years from 2012-13 to 2016-17 is as under:

(Rs. in million)

Province/Area	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Punjab	2108.009	2162.364	2548.91	2784.83	4038.687
Sindh	871.354	893.824	1053.60	1190.40	1669.408
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	507.892	520.989	614.12	693.85	973.059
Balochistan	187.795	192.638	227.08	256.55	359.792
ICT	97.203	99.710	117.53	132.79	186.230
FATA	128.046	131.348	154.83	174.93	245.320
Gilgit Baltistan	51.368	52.692	62.11	70.18	98.414
Total:	3951.667	4053.569	4778.18	5303.53	7570.910

30. ***Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**
(Deferred on 13-4-2017)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry to improve health facilities in the country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: After 18th Amendment in constitution of Pakistan, the health sector stand devolved to provinces, however Federal Government continues to augment health sector.

The Federal Government, keeping in view the emerging healthcare demands throughout the country, has taken following steps:—

- Prime Minister National Health Program a key steps towards universal health coverage with focus on population below poverty line (dollar 2 per day) a total of hundred million population will benefit. A real

time management information system is place for joint monitoring. Services have been started in 15 districts covering 3.1 million families approximately in 1st phase.

- Resource generation and technical support is being provided through various health development partners for example,
 - National Immunization Support Program will strengthen and improve Immunization coverage by providing technical and material support to the provinces for up gradation of Warehouses and strengthening cold chain management.
 - National Programs for TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS are providing support for strengthening of health facilities by capacity building of the relevant human resource, provision of equipment and supplies.
 - Through RMNCH trust fund 21 sick newborn care units has been established in high priority districts across the country as identified by the provinces. Also essential equipments, medicines safe delivery kits, newborn kits and furniture has been provided to establish birthing stations by CMWs.

35. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred on 13-4-2017)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the total number of registered and un-registered Nurses in the country at present?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: Total number of registered nurses in Pakistan is 72,343 and un-registered nurses from year 2011-2016 is 8,891. The un-registered nurses has not applied for registration so far.

@141. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the details of trade/exports/imports made by Ports separately since 01-01-2016 alongwith the income earned therefrom?

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo): The details of trade / exports / imports made by Ports separately since 01-01-2016 alongwith the income earned therefrom are given below:

KARACHI PORT

<u>Imports</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)	<u>Exports</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)	<u>Total Income</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)
52.052 Million Tons	12.529 Million Tons	Rs. 7,549.455 Million

PORT QASIM

<u>Imports</u> (01-01-2016 to 28-02-2017)	<u>Exports</u> (01-01-2016 to 28-02-2017)	<u>Total Income</u> (01-01-2016 to 28-02-2017)
30.448 Million Tons	7.902 Million Tons	Rs. 13,256.52 Million

GWADAR PORT

<u>Imports</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)	<u>Exports</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)	<u>Total Income</u> (01-01-2016 to 31-03-2017)
73,614 Metric Tons	2,195 Metric Tons	Rs. 2.78 Million

176. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to obtain guidance and support from International Agencies in order to eradicate Hepatitis from the country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: The **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** on hepatitis is the main

Federal body that guides the Federal and Provincial Governments in decision making on issues related to hepatitis especially its prevention and control.

TAG is gazette notified and chaired by Secretary ministry NHSRC. Apart from local members, TAG has members from international bodies like CDC USA, WHO, Regional office and Head Quarters.

These international and national members are supporting Pakistan in hepatitis eradication by undertaking following steps.

1. **Development of HCV treatment guidelines:** With the availability of new oral drugs for hepatitis C, the treatment scenario has changed; therefore new guidelines for local use have been developed through support and input from partners like CDC and WHO.
2. **Development of National hepatitis Strategy for Hepatitis prevention and control in Pakistan:** CDC and WHO are supporting Pakistan in developing its national strategy for hepatitis. This strategy is aligned with the global hepatitis elimination strategy of WHO.
3. **Development of software for treatment monitoring:** Software on patient's treatment and follow up has been developed locally to see the number of cases who clear the disease using different treatment options. This software has been given free to all hepatitis program managers to collect data and share it with Provinces.
4. **Field Epidemiology and Lab Training Program** is also supported by CDC. They do acute hepatitis surveillance in 4 tertiary care hospitals.

177. ***Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the liver diseases are increasing in the country; and*

- (b) *the number of Liver Transplant Operations carried out in the Government Hospitals during tenure of the present Government alongwith details thereof?*

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

178. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the details of transmission lines upgraded/installed during the last four years;*
- (b) *whether upgradation/installation is in progress of some transmission lines in the country; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install new transmission lines in the country in the near future?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Requisite detail is attached as Annexure-A.

(b) Requisite detail is attached as Annexure-B.

(c) Requisite detail is attached as Annexure-C.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

179. ***Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

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

- (a) *the province-wise Private Hajj and Umrah Tour Operators/ Companies registered at present alongwith the prescribed quota thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry is still reluctant to allot quota to a number of said Tour Operators as per order given*

by the Supreme Court of Pakistan during the year 2009 and 2010; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) The province-wise list of registered HGOs along with quota is attached at Annex-I.

(b) The registered HGOs also include 96 HGOs which were allocated Hajj quota in compliance of Honorable Supreme Court order dated 28-7-2009. After this, 66 companies filed CMA in Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan which was dismissed. Further it is clarified that all these 66 companies had also applied for fresh registration in 2012 alongwith 1967 others and accordingly all these 2033 companies were enrolled. Their credentials have also been scrutinized through Chartered Accountant Firms and 19 companies were allocated Hajj quota in the year 2013 on merit determined by Chartered Accountant Firms. As such it is not correct that Ministry is reluctant to allot quota to these companies.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

180. ***Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No. 184 replied on 16-03-2017 and to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to initiate ATM Card Service for the retired employees of the Ministry;*

(b) *if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) & (b) No ATM Card Service for retired employees is under consideration by this Ministry as Pension and other dues are paid by AGPR to all the retired employees of Federal Government including M/O Water and Power through their Bank Accounts under the newly introduced "Direct Credit System of Pension Payments (DCS)".

181. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a large number of industries especially Textile Units have been closed in the country during the last year; if so, the reasons thereof?

Transferred to Textile Industry Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

182. ***Syed Waseem Hussain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no Federal Government Hospital in Hyderabad at present;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish a Federal Government Hospital in the said city in the near future; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination and its attached departments does not have any dispensary/hospital at Hyderabad at present.

(b) The Federal Government has no plan to establish any Hospital/Dispensary at Hyderabad in near future as service delivery in a provincial subject after 18th constitution amendment.

183. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

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

- (a) *whether irregularities in process of land acquisition is causing delay in the construction of Diamir Bhasha Dam;*
- (b) *whether land acquired therefor is categorised as A, B & C;*

- (c) *whether the Revenue Department has ignored the owners of A and B grade land on the pressure of its senior officers;*
- (d) *whether owners of C grade land have awarded the rate of A grade land;*
- (e) *whether said irregularities were done during the tenure of the Prime Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan or otherwise;*
- (f) *if the answer to parts above are in the affirmative, the present status/stages of work of the said Dam?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It has been ensured that the process of land acquisition is carried out in a transparent manner. In order to ensure transparency a strict mechanism has been devised by the District Administration and Project Authorities. The land award is issued after third party validation by NADRA and SUPARCO for establishment of ownership and categorization of land.

(b) The Ministerial Committee constituted by the Prime Minister to settle the issue of compensation and resettlement of Diamer Basha Dam Affectees, on the recommendations of Gilgit Baltistan Administration, had categorized the land as commercial / cultivated, uncultivated and barren. Details are at **Annex-1**.

(c) Because of pre-award verification by NADRA and SUPARCO, the possibility of occurrence of such incidents has been warded off.

(d) -do-

(e) No.

(f) The answers to the above parts are in the negative. Regarding present status, it is submitted that construction of infrastructure / preliminary works *i.e.* Project Colony at Thor valley, Composite Model Village-II at Harpan Das etc. are in progress. Construction of Main dam could not be started as yet due to non-arrangement of finances from Donor Agencies. Further, about 85% of the land required for the project has been acquired through PSDP.

As per new financing strategy, Dam and Pre-requisites will be implemented through GoPPSDP grants plus WAPDA arranged financing and Power Generation

Facilities shall be implemented through local/foreign loans plus WAPDA arranged financing.

Further, the PC-I (Dam Part) has been forwarded to Planning Commission on 24-03-2017 whereas PC-I (Power Generation Facilities) is under examination in the Ministry of Water & Power, which will be forwarded to Planning Commission by the end of April, 2017.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

184. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the quantum of electricity to be imported during summer along with the rates and sources thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Quantum of electricity imported from Iran during last summer *i.e.* from May, 2016 to October, 2016 is **263.5MkWh** at an average rate of **6.12 US cents/kWh**.

Whereas Quantum of Electricity expected to be imported from Iran during this summer *i.e.* from May, 2017 to October, 2017 is estimated as **288.54 MkWh** at an average rate of approximately **6.12 US cents per/kWh**. (subject change in oil prices).

185. ***Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the dams being constructed for power generation in the country at present?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The present Government has taken a number of initiatives to increase the percentage of Hydro Electric Power in the overall production of electricity in the country. Presently following dams / hydropower projects are under construction in the country, which upon completion will contribute significantly in improving the energy supply in the country.

WAPDA:

Currently, Feasibility and Engineering Design Studies for numerous Hydropower Projects with accumulative installed generation capacity of over 25,000 MW are in hand. The detail of projects under construction, ready for construction and under planning are as under.

Sr. No.	Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	Present Status
UNDER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
1.	Neelum Jhelum HPP	969	Overall physical progress is 90%.
2.	Tarbela 4 th Extension	1,410	Overall physical progress is 76%.
3.	Golen Gol HPP	106	Overall physical progress is 65%.
4.	DiAmer Basha Dam	4,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of infrastructure / preliminary works of DiAmer Basha Dam Project i.e. Project Colony at Thor valley, Composite Model Village-II at Harpan Das are in progress whereas work on KKH Bypass is held up since December 2015 due to boundary dispute between Gilgit Baltistan & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. • Financing strategy for Implementation of DiAmer Basha Dam Project was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Energy on 30.11.2016. In the light of financing strategy, WAPDA submitted two PC-Is to this Ministry-one for the Dam part has been submitted to the Planning Commission, on 24.03.2017, for its onward submission to the appropriate forum. PC-I for Power Generation Part is currently under process in the Ministry of Water and Power. • According to the financing strategy, Dam & Pre-requisites will be implemented through PSDP grants plus WAPDA arranged financing, whereas Power Generation Facilities shall be implemented through Local/Foreign loans plus WAPDA arranged financing. • Construction of infra-structure/preliminary works of DiAmer Basha Dam Project i.e. Project Colony at Thorc Valley, Composite Model Village-II at Harpan Das are in progress. Further, 85% of the land for the project has been acquired.
5.	Kurram Tangi Dam Stage-I (Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power Project)	18.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Agreement signed with M/s FWO-DESCON JV on 07 June, 2016. Contractor has mobilized at site on 01 July, 2016. • Pre-construction activities are in progress. PC-I for KTDP Stage-II is under submission for approval.

6.	Keyal Khwar	128	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Revised PC-I amounting to Rs. 26,084.178 Million was approved by ECNEC on 29.01.2016. • Preparatory Works are in progress. • Contractor for KKHPP-02 (Civil Works) has mobilized. • Tendering for Contract KKHPP-03 (E&M Works) is in process. • Overall physical progress is 10%.
7.	Dasu HPP (Stage-I)	2,160	<p>PC-I amounting to Rs. 486.093 Billion was approved by ECNEC on 28.3.2014.</p> <p><u>Land Acquisition</u> Rs. 23 Million has been disbursed to the affectees of Zaal and Uchar area so far. Payments against remaining priority areas required for Preparatory & Main Works would be disbursed shortly after completion of land acquisition formalities being in process.</p> <p><u>Preparatory Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 Preparatory Work Contracts have been awarded to Chinese Contractors related to Roads (KKH-01 & RAR-01) and Transmission Line (TL-01). • Contracts for Project Colony (PCI-01R) and Resettlement Villages (Dasu-RV) have been terminated due to fundamental breach of contract and re-invited with bid opening on 01 and 02 March, 2017 respectively. • Contract Agreement for Contract: RAR-02 is in final stage and will be signed shortly. • Evaluation of Bid for Resettlement Sites Contracts (LBRV-11, LBRV-12 & RBRV-12) is in progress. <p><u>Main Civil Works (MW-01 & MW-02)</u> Contract agreement for MW-01 and MW-02 has been signed on 08.03.2017 and the Contractor is likely to be mobilized in June 2017.</p>
SUB TOTAL		9291.9	
READY FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS			
1.	Harpo HPP	34.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC-I amounting to Rs. 9,522.801 Million was approved by ECNEC on 28.03.2014. • Hiring of Consultants is in process.
2.	Tarbela 5 th Extension	1,410	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC-I approved on 20.12.2016 amounting to Rs. 82,361.60 Million.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiring of Consultants is in process. Pre-qualification of Civil and E&M Works is in process.
3.	Kalabagh Dam	3,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Design and Tender Documents are complete since 1988. Implementation / construction work on project can be started after a consensus decision by GOP.
SUB TOTAL		5044.5	
UNDER PLANNING PROJECTS			
1.	Bunji HPP	7,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility Study and Detail Engineering Design has been completed. PC-I under approval from Planning Commission.
2.	Phandar HPP	80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Engineering Design has been completed. PC-I under approval in Ministry of Water & Power.
3.	Middle Spat Gah HPP	496	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Water & Power cleared PC-I on 25.07.2014 & forwarded to Planning Commission on 12.09.2014 for approval.
4.	Mohmand Dam	800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed Engineering Design & Preparation of Tender Documents have been prepared and PC-I is under review. Concept Paper for arrangement of financing from Local and Foreign institutions including Supplier's Credit has been submitted to Ministry of Water & Power on 10.03.2017 for onward submission to EAD.
5.	Upper Spat Gah HPP	252	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Feasibility Study completed.
6.	Thakot HPP	4,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility Study is in process.
7.	Patan HPP	2,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study completed.
8.	Basho HPP	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updation of Feasibility completed. Implementation of Basho HPP will be taken up in Phase-II after completion of Harpo HPP as per preference of Govt. of GB.
9.	Yalbo HPP	2,800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC-II for feasibility study is under preparation.
10.	Tungus HPP	2,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC-II for feasibility study is under preparation.
11.	Upper Palas Valley HPP	157	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-feasibility Study completed.
12.	Middle Palas Valley HPP	398	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-feasibility Study completed.
Sub Total		20,523	
Grand Total		34,859	

PPIB:

The Government of Pakistan (GoP) is facilitating and encouraging private investors for promoting hydropower generation in the country and has allowed private sector to develop hydropower projects on Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) basis. Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) being a one-window facility for private sector power generation is presently facilitating fifteen (15) run-of-the-river hydropower projects having cumulative power generation capacity of 6233 MW (**Annex-I**).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

186. ***Ms. Shahjehan Munir Mangerio:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure food security in the country with the collaboration of provinces particularly with reference to food insecurity reported in the country during previous years?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): Government has taken the following initiatives to ensure food security in the country;

- * A mega relief package of Rs. 341 billion was announced by Prime Minister of Pakistan for small farmers including direct cash support and provision of soft agriculture loans in the year (2015-16).
- * Subsidies on different inputs like.
 - * @ Rs. 156/bag for urea (total subsidy of Rs. 17.16 billion whereas overall impact of Rs. 390/- per bag including reduction of GST from 17% -5%).
 - * @ Rs. 300/bag for DAP (total subsidy of Rs. 10.8 billion).
 - * @ Rs. 117/bag for SSP fertilizers (included in DAP subsidy share).

PARC is working in close collaboration with provincial agriculture institutes and other public and private stakeholders to ensure the food security in the country. The following coordinated projects are in operation.

1. Wheat Productivity Enhancement Program (WPEP) CIMMYT & PARC.
2. Agricultural Innovation Program (ALP) for research and development in cereals, pulses, vegetables and livestock USAID-CIMMYT & PARC.
3. Harvest-plus: Bio-fortification in Wheat, USDA & PARC.
4. Pak-Italian Cooperation: Promotion of Olive Cultivation for Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation, Italy & Pakistan.
5. Pak-Italian Cooperation: Technical Assistance and Support to line Ministries in agriculture sector with emphasis on Olive Production.
6. Phytosanitary Risk Management Program in Pakistan, CABI, USDA.
7. Mitigating the effects of stripe rust on wheat production in South Asia, Eastern Africa and Australia. ICIAR & PARC.
8. Beans with Benefits: GIZ, Germany & GoP.
9. Commercialization of Soybean Crop (*Glycine max L.*) on Pilot Scale in Pakistan.
10. Development of Clean and True to Type Fruit Plant Nurseries at National Level.
11. Promotion of olive cultivation on commercial scale in Pakistan.
12. National Pesticides Residue Monitoring System in Pakistan.
13. Climate Change Management.
14. Enhanced mechanization of agriculture.

187. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- (a) *the quota-wise plots offered by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) in a housing scheme launched for the Government employees on the first-come-first serve basis;*
- (b) *the total number of plots which are still available for allotment;*
- (c) *the total number of those employees who have not given their consent so far; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to allot plots available for allotments to eligible persons as per waiting list at the earliest?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) As per tentative plots position, total 3268 plots of various categories are available in Bhara Kahu Housing Scheme, Green Enclave-I (Annex-A). So far 1974 provisional offer letters have been issued under various categories and quotas (Annex-B).

(b) The detail is available at Annex-C.

(c) The detail is available at Annex-D.

(d) Notices will be issued to the Members, who have either not submitted their application Form (already sent with consent letters) with down payment or have not deposited dues as per schedule. In case of no response, action will be taken as per criteria / terms and conditions of the scheme with the approval of Executive Committee / BOD of the FGEHF. Thereafter, chance will be given to the next eligible applicant on the waiting list, as and when decided.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

188. ***Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed criteria for allotment of houses to the Government employees at present;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that many entitled and deserving officers / officials are unable to avail/get the Government accommodations; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the measures taken by the Government in this regard or to counter said criteria?*

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

At present allotment are being made from General Waiting List to the senior most Federal Government Servants as per rule 6 (General Waiting List) and 15 (1) & 15(2)(b) of Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002 (*i.e.* family transfer case read with SRO. 668(1)/2004 dated 04-08-2004 as per entitlement of Federal Government Servants.

(b) Yes, it is correct that many entitled and deserving officers and officials are unable to avail the facility due to acute shortage of Government accommodations.

(c) The M/o Housing & Works has moves a summary to the Prime Minister for construction of new Government multi story flats by re-development of sector F-6 to overcome shortage of Government accommodation for Federal Government Servants. New construction is the only viable remedy in providing housing facilities to Federal Government Servants during their posting at Islamabad.

189. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that separate funds are being allocated for the maintenance works by the Pakistan Public Works Department (Pak. PWD); if so, the details for the last two years; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the salaries of employees of the Pak. PWD are being utilized for maintenance works of the Government accommodations; if so, the measures adopted by the Government to stop the said practice?*

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

Separate funds are being allocated for repair and maintenance work of government owned office/residential building all over the country to the Pakistan Public Works

Department (Pak.PWD) by the Finance Division, Islamabad. The detail of allocation for the last two years and current year allocation is given below:—

In Million

Year	Allocation
Last Year 2014-15	
A13-Repair & Maintenance	1,554.043
A13101-Machinery and Equipment	57.682
A13201-Furniture and Fixture	0.0-15
A13301-Office Buildings	55.000
A 13302-Residential Buildings	82.285
A13306-Salary of Maintenance Staff	1,359.031
Last Year 2015-16	
A13-Repair & Maintenance	1,685.848
A13101-Machinery and Equipment	36.300
A13201-Furniture and Fixture	0.063
Al 3301-Office Buildings	61.107
A13302-Residential Buildings	90.462
A13306-Salary of Maintenance Staff	1,497.916
Last Year 2016-17	
A13-Repair & Maintenance	1,690.438
A13101-Machinery and Equipment	9.200
A13201-Furniture and Fixture	0.063
A13301-Office Buildings	60.107
A13302-Residential Buildings	88.962
A13306-Salary of Maintenance Staff	1,532.106

(b) The salaries of Maintenance Staff of the Pak.PWD are being charged under separate / relevant head of Account A13306-Salary of Maintenance Staff.

190. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.45 replied on 8-3-2017 and to state the names of the countries whose medical educational degrees are recognized in Pakistan?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: *Foreign basic medical/dental qualifications acquired by Pakistani Citizens are being registered/recognized through registration/equivalence examination conducted by National Examination Board of PM&DC. As per regulation No. 58. of Pakistan Registration of Medical and Dental Practitioners Regulations, 2008.

(1) No Person shall be allowed to appear in the National Examination Board basic qualification examination unless:

* Candidate must be a citizen of Pakistan and possesses any foreign basic medical or dental qualification, either whose name or the institute awarding it are included in the World Directory of Medical Schools, published by the World Health Organization, Global directory of educational institutions for health professions or International Medical Education Directory (IMED) processed by the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) or AVECINNA or which is confirmed by the Pakistan Embassy concerned to be a recognized qualification for enrolment as medical or dental practitioner in the Country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated or as decided by the National Examination Board of the Council.

* It is further informed that the Second Schedule (section 12) of PM&DC Ordinance, 1962 is omitted under section 14 of Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act 2012, so all Pakistani nationals having foreign basic medical/dental qualification will have to qualify PM&DC National Examination Board (NEB) Examination for registration with the Council.

191. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

(a) *the total amount of compensation paid/given to the families of the affectees of Gadani Ship-breaking Yard accident so far alongwith the mode of payment thereof; and*

(b) *the total number of families affected in the said accident?*

Disallowed on re-consideration.

192. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the areas in the country where loadshedding of electricity is more than the scheduled hours; and*
- (b) *the duration alongwith reasons for extra loadshedding of electricity in each city/village under each feeder across the country?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Requisite Company-wise detail of the areas where load shedding of electricity is more than the schedule hours and duration along with reasons is annexed.

(b) However, there has been an abrupt surge in demand supply gap due to sudden rise in temperature due to which forced load shedding is carried out by NPCC in some areas to save the power system from collapse.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

193. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Independent Power Producers are charging Rs.18 per unit of electricity;*
- (b) *if so, the names alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it's a fact that a few Solar and Wind based IPPs are producing electricity at Rs. 18/kWh.

(b) Following are the names of such IPPs alongwith average rate/kWh:—

S.#	IPPs	Capacity (MW)	COD	Averg. Rate (Rs/kWh)
1.	Appolo Solar Development Ltd.	100	31-05-2016	18.04
2.	Best Green Energy Pak. Ltd (Solar)	100	31-07-2016	18.04
3.	Crest Energy Pak.Ltd	100	31-07-2016	18.04
4.	Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park	100	15-07-2015	19.52
5.	Younas Energy Ltd (Wind)	50	16-09-2016	18.42
6.	ACT (TAPAL) Wind Power Ltd.	30	08-10-2016	18.44

194. ***Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the General Waiting List for allotment of houses/quarters of each Category of employees is not being uploaded by the Estate Office on the website of Ministry; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to upload the details of allotted houses/flats on the website of the Ministry; if so, when it will be implemented; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) Yes, it is a fact that General Waiting List for allotment of nouses / quarters of each category of ernployees is not being uploaded by the Office on the website of M/o Housing & Works because Estate Office has developed its own website that has been launched. All relevant information regarding General Waiting List, allotments,

rent deduction etc. are being updated for readily available information to Federal Government Servants.

(b) No. At present there is no proposal under consideration in the M/o Housing & Works to upload the details of allotted houses/flats on the website of M/o Housing & Works since Estate Office has development its own website and updating of information is in process.

195. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether medicines for the treatment of Malaria are available free of cost in all the hospitals of the country including Islamabad at present?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: * Directorate of Malaria Control, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination with the support of Global Fund is providing anti-malarial medicines free of cost to the 66 highly endemic districts of Pakistan (**Annex-A**).

- * The anti-malarial medicines are also being provided to all the public sector health care, delivery facilities by the respective Provincial/Regional governments including Islamabad Capital Territory and are available free of cost to the patients.

Annex-A

List of highly Malaria endemic districts of Pakistan

S. No.	Districts/Agencies	Province
1	Zhob	Balochistan
2	Harnai	Balochistan
3	Loralai	Balochistan
4	Killa Saifullah	Balochistan
5	Shirani	Balochistan
6	Pishin	Balochistan
7	Musakhel	Balochistan
8	Bannu	KPK

S. No.	Districts/Agencies	Province
9	L. Marwat	KPK
10	Nasirabad	Balochistan
11	Sibi	Balochistan
12	Noushki	Balochistan
13	Mastung	Balochistan
14	Tank	KPK
15	D.I. Khan	KPK
16	Charsada	KPK
17	Mardan	KPK
18	Nowshera	KPK
19	FR Bannu/Laki	FATA
20	N. Waziristan	FATA
21	FR D.I.Khan / Tank	FATA
22	Kurram	FATA
23	Orakzai	FATA
24	S. Waziristan	FATA
25	Khyber	FATA
26	FR Peshawar / Kohat	FATA
27	Bajor	FATA
28	Mohmand	FATA
29	Mithi/Tharparker	Sindh
30	Mirpurkhas	Sindh
31	T.Allahyar	Sindh
32	Khairpur	Sindh
33	Gawadar	Balochistan
34	Kech	Balochistan

S. No.	Districts/Agencies	Province
35	Kharan	Balochistan
36	Washuk	Balochistan
37	Chagi	Balochistan
38	Punjgur	Balochistan
39	Thatta	Sindh
40	Bolan / Kachi	Balochistan
41	Jaffarabad	Balochistan
42	Dera Bugti	Balochistan
43	Jalmagsi	Balochistan
44	Umerkot	Sindh
45	T.M.Khan	Sindh
46	Sukkur	Sindh
47	Larkana	Sindh
48	Kamber	Sindh
49	Badin	Sindh
50	N.Feroz	Sindh
51	Awaran	Balochistan
52	Ziarat	Balochistan
53	Killa Abdullah	Balochistan
54	Kohlu	Balochistan
55	Barkhan	Balochistan
56	Khuzdar	Balochistan
57	Lasbella	Balochistan
58	Quetta	Balochistan
59	Hangu	KPK
60	Buner	KPK

S. No.	Districts/Agencies	Province
61	Kohat	KPK
62	Dir Lower	KPK
63	Shangla	KPK
64	Karak	KPK
65	Swat	KPK
66	D.G.Khan	Punjab

196. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether the Government has taken notice of administrative failure of the Indus Water Commission to protect the rights of Pakistan as envisaged in the treaty during the recent past; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to avoid from such administrative failures in future and to keep intact the said Treaty in favour of Pakistan?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It is not a fact that the Office of PCIW has failed in the recent past to protect Pakistan's water rights on different forums under the ambit of Indus Waters Treaty 1960 (IWT).

In the recent past India has submitted designs of Ratle Hydroelectric Plant (HEP) 850 MW, Lower Kalnai HEP (48 MW), Miyar HEP (120 MW) and Pakal Dul HEP (1000 MW). Kishenganga HEP (330 MW) revised designs were submitted in 2006 and two questions regarding the legality of diversion to another tributary of the Jhelum River and legality of drawdown flushing were taken up with the Court of Arbitration. It was decided to take up the remaining design aspects matter after the decision of the previous case.

All these designs were taken up with India through correspondence and in the meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission. As India did not agree to modify

the designs of Kishenganga and Ratle Hydroelectric Plants (HEPs), the case was taken to the third forum in a record time of about one and a half years after announcement of the award of Kishenganga case. In the previous cases the time taken for reaching this stage was much longer.

Pakistan had raised objections on the design of Miyar HEP and in the 113th meeting India agreed to redesign the project.

The designs of Lower Kalnai HEP and Pakal Dul HEP are under discussion in the meetings of the Commission.

In 113th meeting India agreed to hold meetings with shorter interval and implement the much awaited tours of inspection.

India also agreed to consider providing the additional flood data which Pakistan has been requesting since long and India was not acceding to Pakistan's request.

(b) Although there is no failure on the part of the Office of PCIW to perform its function of protecting Pakistan's water rights as enshrined in the IWT, yet Ministry of Water and Power has formulated a plan of Capacity Building of the office of PCIW so as to enable it to protect Pakistan's water rights with additional technical and legal strength. In this regard, a PC-I has been prepared and submitted to the Planning Division by Ministry of Water and Power, which has been approved in principle and awaits final approval.

The Capacity Building Plan will be implemented in five years starting from the coming financial year.

197. ***Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction of Bhasha Dam was formally started on 18-10-2011 and the same was to be completed before 2020;*
- (b) *if so, reasons for not completing the same so far?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) PC-I of Diamer Basha Dam Project was approved by ECNEC on 20-08-2009. According to approved PC-I, the Core Project (Dam) was proposed to be started in January 2011 with completion in July 2019.

Since the approval of PC-I of Diamer Basha Dam Project, WAPDA/EAD had approached different donor agencies for financing of the project including:

- World Bank
- Asian Development Bank
- USAID
- Japan Bank of International Cooperation
- China Pakistan Energy Working Group
- Pak Russia Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC)
- Islamic Development Bank
- PAK-UAE Joint Ministerial Commission
- Kuwait Fund
- Friend of Democratic Pakistan
- Saudi Fund for Development

Due to non-arrangement of finances from any Donor Agency construction of Core Project could not be started.

However, construction of infrastructure/preliminary works *i.e.* Project colony at Thor Valley, Composite Model Village-II at Harpan Das etc. are in progress. Further 85% of the land for project has also been acquired through PSDP funds.

Now as per new financing strategy, Dam and Pre-requisites will be implemented through GoP PSDP grants plus WAPDA arranged financing and Power Generation Facilities shall be implemented through local/ foreign loans plus WAPDA arranged financing.

According to the new financing plan, the PC-I (Dam Part) has been forwarded to Planning Commission on 24-03-2017 whereas PC-I (Power

Generation Facilities) is under examination in the Ministry of Water & Power, which will be forwarded to Planning Commission by the end of April, 2017.

(b) Due to non-arrangement of financing from Donor Agencies, construction of main dam could not be started.

198. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority has dismissed the claim of additional payments by consumers to K-Electric; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the action taken against the responsables for making a false claim thereof?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

199. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Housing Scheme was launched in Quetta during the tenure of the previous Government by the Ministry;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that boundary wall of the said Housing Scheme was constructed;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the construction works of the said Scheme have stopped;*
- (d) *if the answer to part (c) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to restart the construction works overthere; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) Yes, it is fact that Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Housing Scheme was

launched by the Ministry in Quetta during the tenure of previous Government in the year 2010.

(b) Yes, it is also a fact that the boundary wall of the said Housing Scheme was constructed.

(c) Yes, it is further fact that the construction works at project site were stopped.

(d) Yes, on the directions of National Assembly Standing Committee on Housing and Works, a Joint Working Group has been formulated on 20th December, 2016, comprising of senior officer of Government of Balochistan, Irrigation Department, Quetta and PHA Foundation. Further action in this regard will be taken in light of the recommendations of the Joint Working Group.

200. ***Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

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

(a) *the steps taken by the Ministry during the tenure of the present Government to upgrade Madrassas/Seminaries in Islamabad Capital Territory; and*

(b) *the number of Madrassas/Seminaries to which development funds provided for its upgradation?*

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

201. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the total number of agricultural items on which the present Government is providing subsidy to the farmers in the country alongwith the item-wise details thereof?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): The Federal Minister for Finance in the Budget Speech 2016-17 announced fertilizer cash subsidy of Rs. 300/- per bag on Di- Ammonium

Phosphate (DAP) and Rs. 156/- per bag on Urea fertilizer. The total subsidy of Rs. 27.96 billion was allocated for the entire subsidy scheme, including Rs. 17.16 billion for Urea and Rs. 10.80 billion for DAP fertilizer on the basis of equal sharing of Federal and Provincial Governments.

The Federal Government has also announced in the Budget 2016-17 the following incentives for sustainable agriculture:

- Reduction of Sales Tax from 17% to 7% and Custom Duty from 5% to 2% on imported machinery and equipments.
- Reduction of Sales Tax from 17% to 5% on sale of Urea fertilizer.
- Concessional electricity tariff for agriculture Tubewells.
- Agriculture credit target was increased to Rs.700 billion.
- Waving off of GST on Pesticides.
- Reduction on Sales Tax on tractors.

202. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that strength of PESCO staff is insufficient in district Lower Dir due to which public is facing difficulties;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which the said deficiency of staff will overcome?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is fact that there is shortage of staff in District Lower Dir.

(b) The primary reason for this shortage is large number of retirements and due to less induction in the past. However, recruitment against posts of BPS-1 to 5 is in process which will be finalized shortly and it will overcome the deficiency of staff.

203. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the illegal and unregulated fishing activities in Gwadar are adversely affecting the area's economy and ecology;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Hasil Khan Bizenjo): (a) Yes, illegal and unregulated fishing activity is adversely affecting economy and ecology in Gwadar.

(b) There is need to strengthen the enforcement mechanism and reduce the number of fishing boats.

204. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether the Government is increasing the number of official intended pilgrims for Hajj-2017 as compared to private pilgrims?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): Yes, the Cabinet has approved the increase of quota of Government Hajj Scheme at the ratio of 60:40 (107,526 intending Hujaj for Government and 71,684 for Private Hajj Scheme) due to persistent demand of general public and resolutions of three Provincial Assemblies *i.e.* Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. However, the Honorable High Court of Sindh *vide* order dated 03-04-2017 directed that the defendant Ministry shall not finalize the reduction of quota of Hajj Group Organizers (HGOs) from 50% to 40% till next date of hearing *i.e.* 25-04-2017. Hence, finalization of the quota between Government and Private sector will be in accordance with the final outcome of the case.

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For Friday, the 21st April, 2017

18. **Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**
(Deferred during 40th Session)

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.

30. **Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the premium is being charged for urgent delivery of vehicles; if so, the steps being taken to prevent said practice for the welfare of consumers?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): It is to inform that the company is not charging any premium on delivery of vehicles.

The Ministry deals with assembly / manufacture of vehicles, however concerning consumer welfare and to shorten delivery time Automotive Development Policy (2016-21) adopted following measure:

“Amount of advance payment shall be limited up to 50 percent of the total price. Price and delivery schedule, not exceeding two months, shall be firmed at the time of booking. Any delay over two months shall result in discount @ KIBOR+2 percent prevailing on the date of final delivery/ settlement from the final payment, which shall help shorten delivery lead time”.

31. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Ministry for issuing new allotments to the Federal Government employees; and*
- (b) *the allotment of houses made under the General Waiting List so far?*

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

The new allotments are being made to the Federal Government Servants on merit on the basis of General Waiting List on maturity of their turn under rule 6 of Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002.

(b) 1421 Allotments have been made from General Waiting List during last three years.

32. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that five L.T poles of electricity had fallen in Wakeelabad and Amnawar, Union Council Shalbani, District Buner five years ago and electricity bills are being charged without consumption; if so, the reasons for not installing the said poles;*
- (b) *the time by which electricity poles will be installed in the said areas; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to refund amount to consumers of the said areas?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) During heavy rainfall and storm in 2014, 04 LT PC poles were damaged and the supply to the area of Nara Amnawar was affected for a few days. The supply to the affected consumers was restored on alternate basis from the nearest LT line system, therefore, the billing also continued which is justified.

(b) The broken poles have already been replaced by healthy structure poles.

(c) As at para-(a) above.

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