

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Monday, the 24th September, 2018

I. * Mr. Riaz Fatyana

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state:

- a) whether Mal Fatiana Bridge Kamalia-Harappa Road had been a part of PSDP and it had almost been completed after spending rupees 780 million on it;*
- b) whether some of its work was due to be completed, when it was excluded from the PSDP 2013-14 and this Inter District Project of public interest was held in abeyance for five years; if so, the names and designations of the authorities and officers who were responsible therefor; and*
- c) whether it has again been included in the PSDP on the direction of the august Supreme Court and whether it would be completed during the current financial year?*

Minister for Planning, Development and Reform (Makhdoom Khusró Bukhtiar): (a)

The scheme titled "Construction of Bridge Over River Ravi at Mal Fatyana, District Toba Tek Singh" was originally approved by CDWP at a total cost of Rs.915.71 million on 17-09-2009. However, on the basis of final detailed design based on soil survey and river model study carried out by Irrigation Research Institute Nandipur, revised PC-I was approved by ECENC at a total cost of Rs.1551 million on 13-09-2013. As per executing agency i.e Pak-PWD, an expenditure of Rs.776.910 million has been incurred in June 2014. As per revised cost, Pak-PWD has demanded Rs.775 million in the CFY 2018-19 over and above the Indicative Budget Ceiling (IBC) of the Ministry to complete the project.

(b) The project was incomplete as it was not made part of PSDP from fiscal year 2014-15. Allocations in PSDP are made after detailed discussions with the Ministries/Divisions and approved by the forums like Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) and National Economic Council (NEC) before presentation to the Parliament for final approval. Decisions are not taken by individuals but finally by the NEC chaired by the Prime Minister constituted under article 156 of the Constitution.

(c) The Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered on 02-05-2018 as under:

"It has been stated by the learned Deputy Attorney General that for the purposes of completion of the construction of Harappa Bridge on River Ravi, Rs.775 million has been demanded by the Pak-PWD in the next fiscal year 2018-19. The demand of the applicant seems to be justified. Let the amount of demand upon proper evaluation be handed over to Pak-PWD for completion of the project expeditiously"

In the light of orders of the apex court, two follow-up meetings were held in M/O PD&R on 04-07-2018 and 30-07-2018. It was agreed in the meeting that M/O H&W/Pak-PWD would carry out reassessment of the cost of works (including claims and redoing) for completion of the project. Upon proper evaluation as ordered by the august Supreme Court, the provision of funds for the project would be considered. Projects Wing of M/O PD&R will monitor and submit its report/recommendations.

2. * Mr. Riaz Fatyana

Will the Minister for Planning, Development and Reform be pleased to state:

- a) the number of projects for development proposed in the current financial year of which PC-I are yet to be proposed and their initial approval is also awaited;*
- b) whether there is any proposal to discard such projects and include new projects of public interest; and*
- c) the sector-wise details of the new projects?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 23rd September, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.