

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 21st January, 2019

174. ***Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**
(Deferred during 5th Session)

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

- (a) the details of lawsuits which have been filed against the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in International Courts of arbitrations, since its inception along with present status thereof separately;*
- (b) the grounds of each said lawsuit upon filed in said Courts against the NAB along with expenditure incurred thereupon separately till now;*
- (c) whether NAB has conducted internal inquires at its own to examine failures on their part that forced the other party to file such lawsuits in International Courts of Law; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) the amount which has been paid by the NAB to complainants parties as damage/fine or under the head of any other nomenclature in view of decisions of International Courts?*

Reply not received.

193. ***Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib:**
(Deferred during 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the amount of electricity in Mega Watts (MW) added to the national grid during the last five years alongwith the details of electricity projects initiated/completed during that period, cost incurred on each project and electricity through each project?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): The detail of Electricity. Power Projects in Megawatts alongwith the cost of projects added during last 5 years (2013 to 2018) is attached as **Annexure-A & B.**

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

114. ***Mr. Mahesh Kumar Malani:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to provide Gas facility to Mohala Darya Khan, Laghari Town, Pangrio, Tehsil Tando Bago, District Badin, Sindh; if so, the time schedule thereof?

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

115. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.133 replied on 6-11-2018 and to state:

- (a) *whether a written reply was given for opening Lowari Tunnel for 18 hours;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the reasons for opening Lowari Tunnel for 12 hours as per the old schedule?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) "After the inauguration of tunnel on 20th July, 2017, some temporary and provisional

(Soft operation) of Electro-Mechanical (E&M) Works were made inside the tunnel and was opened to traffic twice a day, which was successively increased to nine (09) hours and finally four (04) times a day for twelve (12) hours on the demand by the Commissioner Malakand. Thus, total operation hours become eighteen (18) hours with two (02) hours gap between traffic use for cleaning the smoke and toxic gases”.

The detail schedule is as following:—

Status	Tunnel Operation Timing		Duration
	From	To	
1st Opening	04:00 a.m	07:00 a.m	3 hours
Break	07:00 a.m	09:00 a.m	2 hours
2nd Opening	09:00 a.m	12:00 p.m	3 hours
Break	12:00 p.m	02:00 p.m	2 hours
3rd Opening	02:00 p.m	05:00 p.m	3 hours
Break	05:00 p.m	07:00 p.m	2 hours
4th Opening	07:00 p.m	10:00 p.m	3 hours
Closed	10:00 p.m	04:00 a.m	6 hours

Tunnel Operational Timing = 18 Hours(4am to 10pm)

Tunnel Opening For Traffic = 12 Hours

It is pertinent to mention here that the gap of two hours is mandatory between the opening of tunnel to reduce the level of Carbon Die Oxide (CO₂) and Carbon-Mono-Oxide (CO).

(b) Further, it is intimated that in view of likely threat of Snow Avalanches/ Slides during ongoing winter season, (15th December, 2018 to 15th March, 2019) the operation of tunnel during night hours will be closed and the tunnel will be operated from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. *i.e* 14hours per day. This has already been conveyed to district administration *vide* NHA letter

No. 3(16)/GM(LTP)/NHA/18/1052 dated 13th December, 2018 (**Annex-A**) and circulated *vide* letter of Commissioner Malakand No.15787-92/7/7/Chitral/Dev/Vol-VI dated 18th December, 2018 (**Annex-B**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

116. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the reasons for shut down of Gas in the country particularly in Sindh in the first week of December?

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

117. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the persons/institutions exempted from Toll Tax at present; and*
- (b) whether parliamentarians are exempted therefrom at present?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) As per current exemption policy, only following vehicles are exempted:

i. On National Highways

- a. Armed Forces of Pakistan (bearing broad arrow Number plates)
- b. Ambulances
- c. Fire Brigades
- d. Provincial Police
- e. Vehicles having High Court Flags/Insignia Plates.
- f. National Highways and Motorways Police.

ii. **On Motorways**

a. National Highways and Motorways Police.

iii. **On BOT Contracts** [M-2 (Lhr-Isb), M-9 (KHI-HYD) & Pattoki (N-5)].

For BOT Contracts such as M-2 (Lahore -Islamabad), M-9 (Karachi - Hyderabad) & Pattoki (N-5) following exemptions are available as per respective concession agreement.

- (i) Provincial and National Highways & Motorway Police (NH & MP)
- (ii) Fire brigade vehicles;
- (iii) Ambulances;
- (iv) Armed forces of Pakistan vehicles bearing broad arrow number plates;
- (v) Vehicles having Supreme Court / High Court Flags / Insignia Plates.

(b) Exemption given to Members of National Assembly, Members of Provincial Assemblies and Senators for payment of toll on National Highways and Motorways has been withdrawn, w.e.f 07-12-2018.

118. ***Rana Sana Ullah Khan:**

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

- (a) *the procedure adopted for appoint of every officer working in the NAB at present alongwith the prescribed method of their recruitment;*
- (b) *details of each employee including their parent departments absorbed in the bureau alongwith procedure adopted therefor;*

- (c) *whether educational qualifications of each employee were verified from respective educational institutions and regulatory bodies and such credentials were examined with reference to their service record; if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *the irregularities reported in the process of making appointments in the bureau and fake educational credentials of several employees were also found; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *steps being taken by the Government to address the menace of illegal appointments in the NAB and make accountable those who have submitted fake educational credentials?*

Reply not received.

119. ***Ms. Zaib Jaffar:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *the price at which petrol is being sold in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the kind of taxes being charged with detail thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

120. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state

- (a) *the time by which 132 KV Grid Stations projects in Kapoto and Parangabad of Kalat and Mustung were sent to the Ministry for approval;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*

(c) *the time by which approval will be accorded by the Ministry for said projects?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) The projects of 132 KV Grid Stations alongwith allied transmission lines for Kapoto and Parangabad of Districts Kalat Mastung, Balochistan are included in 7th STG (Secondary Transmission and Grid Station) plan (self-financed by QESCO). Meeting of Development Working Party (DWP) will be held soon by QESCO and the said PC-I will be placed in the DWP for consideration.

(b) Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has authorized its attached entities to consider projects of self financing on their own. For this purpose Development Working Party (DWP) under BoDs of respective attached entities have been constituted to consider and approve their respective projects.

(c) Meeting of Development Working Party (DWP) will be held soon by QESCO and said PC-I will be placed in the same meeting for consideration. Once approval for above projects under 7th STG plan is accorded, the same will be communicated to the Ministry of Energy (Power Division).

121. ***Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry since 2016 for enforcement of the existing laws on Women and Child Rights?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure protection and promotion of Human Rights with special focus on rights of women and children. The enforcement of laws on women and children is basically the responsibility of police department under the Ministry of Interior and provincial home departments. However, the steps taken by the Ministry of Human Rights for enactment of laws and protection of women and children rights are as under:

1. Under legal and policy reform, the Action Plan on Human Rights provides for the specific interventions in order to ensure protection of women and child rights. In this context, the following major laws have been promulgated since 2016:
 - i. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Honor Killing) Act, 2016.
 - ii. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016.
 - iii. Hindu Marriage Act, 2017: the first personal law to regulate Hindu marriages, has been promulgated to register marriages and to prohibit marriage of minors by prescribing the minimum age of eighteen years.
 - iv. The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Act, 2018 to operationalize the Fund for women in distress and detention.
 - v. National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017 promulgated: The Commission will examine existing laws relating to child and propose new legislations related to child rights including girl child.
 - vi. The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018.
 - vii. The Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018.
2. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. The Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR Complaint Rules which comprehensively elaborate the procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights, including the Rights of Women. Since 2016 to 2018, total **97** cases of Children and **324** women related issues were addressed by NCHR.

3. National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) is working for protection of rights of women. The NCSW is mandated to carryout activities to combat Violence Against Women, which include Media Campaign for Awareness on Pro-Women Laws; 16 Days of Activism and an Advocacy Campaign to End Violence against Women. NCSW has taken various steps for promoting, advocacy and raising awareness for implementation of the existing women laws through print and electronic media, and arranged seminar etc since 2016.
4. Helpline 1099 for Legal Advice on Human Rights Violations has been launched. The Helpline (1099) provides referral services to address grievances of the victims with special focus on women and children related issues. Since January 2016 to December 2018, total **6447** cases of women and **140** cases of children related issues were addressed by helpline.
5. Family Protection & Rehabilitation Centre for Women is working in Islamabad to provide protection and legal assistance as well as psycho-social support to the women and children victims of violence. Total **388** cases were registered during 2016-2018.
6. Establishment of Free Legal Aid Mechanism has also been proposed for poor and vulnerable litigants with special emphasis on protection of rights of women and children.
7. For protection of Inheritance Rights of Women in Pakistan, an awareness campaign to educate the masses about the inheritance rights of women under Islamic jurisprudence and the constitution has been initiated.
8. In the wake of 18th Amendment, the subject of minors has been transferred to the provinces. Accordingly, the Provincial Governments are also taking necessary legislative measures on child rights. However, the Ministry of Human Rights has taken appropriate measures to effectively enforce the following laws on child rights:

- **The Criminal Law (2nd Amendment) Act, 2016** promulgated to address the issues of child sexual abuse, child pornography, child trafficking and cruelty to child. For effective implementation of the said law, post-sensitization workshops were conducted in Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi.
- **The National Commission on the Rights of the Child, Act 2017** has been enacted. Under this Act, the process of establishment of said commission and appointment of its Chairman and Members has been initiated.
- **The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018** has been promulgated. **Under** this Act, a Child Protection Institute is being established. Under section 6 of the said act, the Child Protection Advisory Board is also being established. For acquisition of the building to establish the institute, a summary has been moved to Prime Minister's office. Moreover, the case for creation of the posts for the said institute is in process with Management Services Wing, Establishment Division.
- **The Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018** has been enacted. For its implementation, the Ministry of **Human Rights** had requested the Ministry of Law and Justice as an appropriate authority to take necessary action including establishment of Juvenile Courts, Juvenile Justice Committees, Observation Homes and Juvenile . Rehabilitation Centers. Accordingly, the Ministry of Law and Justice directed the High Courts to designate the Sessions Courts as juvenile courts.

122. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the projects worth 17 billion rupees were included in PSDP for the construction of roads from*

Chitral to Chakdara, Temargirah, Akhgram Dir and Gultiak in the Budgets of 2015, 2016 and 2017;

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Chakdara-Shindure road via Chitral under CPEC project was also approved in Executive Committee of the National Economic Council;*
- (c) *if answers to parts (a) and (b) are in the affirmative, the reasons of non-completion of these projects; and*
- (d) *whether the Government will ensure the completion of said projects through NHA?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) Yes it is true that Government approved the PC-I amounting to Rs. 17,423 million for construction of road from Chakdara-Chitral in following sections.

1. Chakdara - Timargarah Section (38.85 km)
2. Akhgram - Dir Section (43.39 km)
3. Kalkatak - Chitral Section (47.98 km)

The allocations in the Budget were as under:-

2015-16	Rs. 1000.000 Million
2016-17	Rs.1750.000Million
2017-18	Rs.950.000 Million
2018-19	Rs.542.149 Million

(b) Yes, Chakdara-Shandur road *via* Chitral under CPEC project has been approved by ECNEC. There are following three separate PC- is for this route.

1. Improvement & Widening of N-45 (130.22KM)

Section-I Chakdara-Timergara (38.85 km)

Section-II Akhgram-Dir (43.39 km)

Section-III Kalkatak-Chitral (47.98 km)

PC-I approved by ECNEC at a cost of Rs. 17,423 million.

EXIM Bank of Korea has in principle agreed to finance the project.

2. Improvent& Widening of Chitral-Booni-Mastuj-Shandur Road (153 KM)

PC-I approved by ECNEC at a cost of Rs. 16,7556.50 million.

It is proposed as an alternate CPEC route by Government of KPK as it will serve as alternate route for CPEC during winter season when silk route is closed due to snowfall.

Federal Government has agreed in principle for its status as a CPEC project.

The project is being funded by Chinese Government under CPEC portfolio.

3. Construction of GilgitShandur Road (216 KM)

Design is under way.

(c) It is highlighted that the projects implemented through International banks follow very exhaustive / comprehensive protocol for designing and tendering stages. It takes considerable time to get the project mature for execution. The projects also follow the timelines for Loan Signing in various tranches, as is the case with N-45, where three (03) sections of N-45 are planned to be executed in three (03) phases. Status is as under:

1. Chakdara - Timargarah Section-I (38.85 km)

The acceptance for Draft Loan Agreement of Section-I has been conveyed to EAD through MOC for further necessary action.

Long List for selection of Consultants have been received.

Completion period: 24 Months.

2. **Akhagram - Dir Section-II (43.39 km)**

EDCF agreed to finance the project in 2019. Completion period: 24 Months.

3. **Kalkatak - Chitral Section-III (47.98 km)**

The Loan Agreement amounting to US\$ 93.779 Million for section-III (Kalkatak-Chitral Road, N-45) has been signed between Government of Pakistan and The Exim Bank of Korea.

Currently procurement of Consultants for conducting the detailed design is in process.

Completion period: 24 Months.

4. **Chitral-Shandur (153 km)**

Procurement Process will be initiated shortly.

Completion period: 24 Months.

(d) Yes NHA will complete all the projects well in time.

124. ***Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that most of the Gas consumers installed pressure pumps/suckers in their houses due to the low Gas pressure in winter season;*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and*

- (c) *the number of persons found involved therein and the details of action taken against them?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

125. ***Mr. Ali Zahid:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that number of transformers installed in NA-74, comprising on Tehsil Pasrur, District Sialkot, either have been overloaded or expired and it is immediate need to upgrade and replace the same;*
- (b) *if so, whether concerned authorities intend to conduct a survey in order to determine the exact magnitude of such overloaded and obsolete transformers in NA-74; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which such overloaded and obsolete transformers in NA-74 will be upgraded and replaced?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) It is not a fact that number of transformers of NA-74, Tehsil Pasrur, District Sialkot are overloaded and expired. As and when any complaint regarding overloading of transformer is received, proposal for up gradation of such transformer is generated immediately and processed for approval/ installation.

(b) The following Chain Augmentations and LT proposals have been completed in NA-74 during last year.

Works	Approved	Completed	Under progress
Chain Augmentation	64	64	-
LT proposal	172	106	66

(c) The pending works are under progress and are scheduled to be completed in current financial year.

126. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken by the Government to make power sector efficient to avoid loss?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): For efficient transmission following actions are being taken:

- 500/ 220 KV new grid stations are being proposed near load centres to reduce losses.
- Extra high voltage level of 765 KV is being introduced for evacuation of power from Dasu Hydro Power Project.
- Static VAR compensation (SVC) is being carried out to improve voltages.
- NTDC intends to introduce series compensation on the transmission lines. In this context, consultants have been hired to carry out the studies.
- A number of development projects are ongoing to strengthen the transmission network of NTDC.
- To enable transmission of bulk power at long distances, HVDC system is also being introduced in the network at \pm 500 KV and \pm 660 KV voltage levels. In this context, following two mega projects are under construction:
 - (a) Matiari-Lahore \pm 660 HVDC project.
 - (b) Sangtuda (Tajikistan)- Nowshera \pm 500 KV HVDC (Casa-1000) project.

For effective distribution the actions taken are as under:

i. Implementation of Anti-Theft Campaign.

- * A campaign to curb electricity theft has been launched since 13th October, 2018 in all distribution companies of Pakistan.

- Chief Ministers of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have also constituted task forces for control of electricity theft.
- The respective task force is headed by the Secretary, Energy of the province and includes the CEO's of concerned power distribution companies and relevant Deputy Commissioner and District Police Officer.
- Full support of administration and police has restored morale and enthusiasm of DISCOs employees translating in saving / earning of sizeable financial gain since the launch of the campaign.
- With these efforts, line losses of DISCOs are showing a decreasing trend and recovery from the consumers has also improved.
- Task force, district management committees and enforcement committees are in continuous communication with each other through a portal that has been developed by PITC/PEPCO.
- Disciplinary actions are being initiated against employees involved in theft:
- Lodging of FIRs against electricity stealers.

ii. **Special Monitoring Teams.**

- In addition to Anti-Theft task force, independent monitoring teams have also been constituted, with the mandate to visit DISCOs and highlight any irregularities/ corrupt practices. Strict actions are being taken based on evidence collected by these teams.

127. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether any proposal is under consideration to dualize the Multan/Layyah/Bhakkar road on the pattern of Motorway/ National Highway, beyond Balkasr Interchange;*

(b) *if so, the time by which it would be completed?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) & (b)
The road Multan/Layyah/Bhakkar is a provincial road and under jurisdiction of Government of Punjab.

128. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the steps being taken to upgrade the transmission lines?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): Government of Pakistan through National Transmission & Despatch Company is working on 02 proposed strategies for system upgradation:

- i. Expansion through addition of new lines and grids.
- ii. Augmentation of existing system through installation of new transformers and replacement of old lines.

In this regard National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC) has prepared a transmission expansion plan to upgrade the existing system. There are 21 ongoing grid and transmission line projects in all provinces for system augmentation and power evacuation. Timelines for power evacuation projects are aligned with the timelines for upcoming power plants.

Further around 49 system augmentation and evacuation projects have been planned up to year 2025. Required processes like preparation of PC-I, arrangement of financing etc are underway to ensure their timely completion.

It is pertinent to highlight that older grid material and transmission lines which have completed now their 30 years of service need replacement for safe operation. Tarbela-Burhan line has been replaced with new. Similarly

tenders have been floated for procurement of transformers at 500kV Ghatti and 500kV Rawat to replace old transformers.

New technologies like pollution resistant insulators, high capacity conductors are also being introduced in the system. Old AIS grids are being replaced with new GIS grids like Kala Shah Kaku, Band Road etc.

129. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *the amount which has been paid to each private lawyer in different cases of Honourable High Courts and Honourable Supreme Court to represent the Government either in a case filed by or on behalf of the Government for the last five years alongwith names of private lawyers in each case;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Supreme Court of Pakistan has passed an order and have restrained the Government to hire private lawyers keeping in view large number of appointments of law officers in different capacities;*
- (c) *if answer to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, is it not an violation of order of the Honourable Supreme Court;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to fix the responsibility of such violation of the orders of Supreme Court?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): (a) The details are provided at Annex-A.

(b) Yes. Moreover, the Supreme Court of Pakistan in its judgment dated 03-02-2017 reported as PLD 2017 SC 121, in Para No. 21, held that there may however be cases which involve complicated questions of the Constitution or some extremely technical law which the Attorney General, and law officers do not have the requisite ability to attend to. In such a case,

Attorney General for Pakistan should certify that he and the law officers do not have the requisite expertise in the field and that the engagement of a private counsel who is competent and experienced is required. The engagement of private counsel can only be sanctioned for compelling reasons and in the public interest.

(c) As stated aforesaid, the judgment of the Supreme Court provided an exception for appointment of private lawyer in certain circumstances in consultation with the Attorney General for Pakistan. In view of the Judgment, Sub-Rule (1A) has been inserted in Rule 14 of the Rules of Business, 1973, whereby a private counsel may be engaged by the department for compelling reasons in consultation with Attorney General for Pakistan.

(d) No violation of Supreme Court's judgment has taken place as cases have been entrusted to private lawyer in the light of exception provided as aforesaid and in accordance with amended sub-rule (1A) of rule 14 of the Rules of Business, 1973.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

130. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.122 replied on 12-12-2018 and to state the total number of persons who succumbed to death owing to electric current from high voltage wires across the country during the present regime till date?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): DISCO-wise detail of fatal accidents that occurred due to electrocution across the country is given as under:

STATUS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS			
Sr. No.	DISCOs	DISCO's Employees	General Public
1.	FESCO	3	2
2.	GEPCO	-	3

3.	HESCO	1	2
4.	IESCO	4	7
5.	LESCO	2	3
6.	MEPCO	6	2
7.	PESCO	8	6
8.	QESCO	-	-
9.	SEPCO	1	2
10.	TESCO	-	-

131. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tenure of Mr. Muhammad Hanif, GM, SNGPL, Faisalabad has been completed;*
- (b) *if so, when new GM will be posted in Faisalabad?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

132. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the amount of remuneration paid to the officials deputed for the security of polling stations during the general elections 2018?

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan): A lump sum of Rs. 9,998,000,000 was released to the Military Operation Directorate General Headquarters, Rawalpindi for making security arrangements by deployment of adequate force inside and outside all polling stations in General Elections 2018 for the activities of :—

- i. Aviation Fuel, Operating and Maintenance charges.
- ii. Development of Communication Support
- iii. Development and Maintenance of IT Support structure.
- iv. Activation of Reservists, Mujahid and Janbaz.
- v. Internal security allowance.

However, micro details like scale of payment made to each official deputed for security of polling stations during General Elections 2018 is not available with the Election Commission of Pakistan. Such details are being obtained from the Ministry of Defense.

Further, the security officials of police, Rangers, and FC under the federal/ provincial governments as per routine are engaged by respective governments for election duty. As such the details of remuneration if so paid can be obtained from them. The Election Commission of Pakistan has not paid any remuneration to them.

133. ***Mr. Abdul Shakoor Shad:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether any inquiry was conducted on complaints of large scale corruption in the privatization of Karachi Electric Supply Company Limited (KESC);*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that billions of rupees were misappropriated by few people during incorporation of K Electric Limited; if so, why inquiry was not conducted by NAB regarding accused; and*
- (c) *whether it is also correct that K-Electric Limited is being sold to Shanghai Electric Company?*

Transferred to Privatization Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

134. ***Malik Sohail Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government intends to dualize the Kohat Road (Tarnol to Kohat); if so, the time by which it will start; and*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that a proposal for constructing a by-pass road for the city of Fateh Jang is also under consideration?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) No.

- (b) No.

135. ***Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that post office in village Nizamabad attached with Wazirabad had been established long ago and the people of Allahabad and surrounding areas alongwith those of Nizamabad benefited from this facility;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said post office has been closed due to which public has to face acute problems; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to restore this old and beneficial post office of Nizamabad immediately?*

Minister for Postal Services (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) Yes, a post office (BPS-09) at Nizamaabad (Wazirabad) had been functioning for a long time.

(b) Yes, it is fact that Nizamabad Post Office was attached with Wazirabad Head Post Office (BPS-16) as Nizamabad post office was non-delivery post office. It was closed due to continuous loss. It was also pointed out in FAIR audit 2014-15 that Nizamabad post office was running into annual loss of Rs. 73440/- and nobody was interested to deposit the annual departmental loss as required in post office rules.

The mail of locality is being delivered through postman of Wazirabad Head Post Office and the same is also situated about 1/2 kilometer away from the site of Nizamabad post office. There is no complaint received for non delivery of mail from Nizamabad or surrounding areas. Besides there

are three post offices in Wazirabad named as Wazirabad HPO (BPS-16), Wazirabad NPO (BPS-09) and Wazirabad Kutchery post office (BPS-09) which are facilitating the people of Allahabad and surrounding areas.

(c) The closure of Nizamabad post office was decided on following grounds.

- i. Nizamabad post office was running in loss continuously.
- ii. Audit has recommended for closure of post office due to loss of Rs. 73440/- in 2014-15.
- iii. Wazirabad Head Post Office is functioning at a distance of 1/2 kilometer thus the closure did not cause much inconvenience to public.
- iv. Wazirabad Night Post Office is also functioning in the same vicinity till 9 p.m. for facilitating general public.

136. ***Mir Khan Muhammad Jamali:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the four lane road on the pattern of Motorway, from Dera Allah Yar Balochistan to Quetta is included in the CPEC; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):

- * National Highway connecting Dera Allah Yar to Quetta is N-65, which at present is a two lane highway passing through the urban centre of Dera Allah Yar town. The N-65 connecting Sukkur with Quetta is not part of CPEC.
- * The current North-South CPEC alignment passing through Balochistan follows the route as D.I.Khan-Zhob-Khuclak-Khuzdar-Gawader. The N-65 is primarily an East-West connection providing connectivity of Sindh (Sukkur) with Quetta. Therefore, it could not be made a CPEC route.

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

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

- (a) the steps taken by the present Government to eradicate corruption from Government departments so far; and*
- (b) the names of departments whose performance and financial audit is planned to be under taken at present?*

Admissibility is being reconsidered.

138. ***Mr. Noor Alam Khan:**

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the category-wise detailed list of pending cases, appeals, Review and Writ Petitions both in original and appellate jurisdiction pending in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and its Registries?

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): The requisite information as received from the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan is at **Annex-I**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

139. ***Ms. Nooreen Farooq Khan:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to prevent child harassment in private schools of all the provinces; and*
- (b) the details of steps taken during the last five years?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) In the wake of 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of minors has been transferred to the Provinces. The Ministry of Human Rights has taken following key measures to address the issue of child harassment. The detail is as under:

- The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2016 has been enacted. **Section 328-A (Cruelty to a child)** of the said Act states that whoever willfully assaults, ill-treats, neglects, abandons or does an act of omission or commission, that results in or have potential to harm or injure the child by causing physical or psychological injury to him shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which shall not be less than one year and may extend up-to three years, or with fine which shall not be less than twenty-five thousand rupees and may extend up-to fifty thousand rupees, or with both. Moreover, **section 377-A (Sexual abuse)** of the said act also addresses such issues by stating that whoever employs, uses, forces, persuades, induces, entices, or coerces any person to engage in, or assist any other person to engage in fondling, stroking, caressing, exhibitionism, voyeurism or any obscene or sexually explicit conduct or simulation of such conduct either independently or in conjunction with other acts, with or without the consent where age of person is less than eighteen years, is said to commit the offence of sexual abuse.
- The National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017 has been promulgated. Under this Act, a Commission is being established to oversee child rights violations including the cases of child harassment in the country.
- The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018 has been enacted. Under this Act, A Child Protection Institute is being established. This Institute will provide protection and care services to the vulnerable children including victims of harassment.
- The Ministry of Human Rights has also drafted the Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2018 to prohibit all kinds of corporal punishment in all type of educational institutions. Presently, the said bill has been shared with the Ministry of Interior for seeking their views/comments.
- National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) is also working to monitor human/child rights situations in the country.

- National Action Plan for Human Rights is being implemented. Under this Plan, a massive awareness campaign has been launched to educate, sensitize, and create awareness about human/child rights including the issue of child harassment.
- A Toll Free Helpline 1099 is also operating in the Ministry of Human Rights to provide free legal advice to the victims of human/child rights violations including child victims of harassment.
- The Ministry of Human Rights implemented a project “Preventing Violence against Children in Pakistan” with the support of SAARC Development Fund. Under this project, child abuse/ child harassment was comprehensively addressed through conduction of awareness workshops and dissemination of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material on child rights across the country.

(b) -do-

140. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the total number of thermal, Gas and LNG Power Plants in the country and the capacity at which they are running at present?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): The requisite details regarding thermal, gas and LNG Power Plants in the country along with their installed, derated and present generation is attached at **Annex-A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

141. ***Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *the expected increase in the prices of POL products in coming months, particularly with reference to getting loans from international lending institutions; and*

- (b) *the strategy of the Government to keep the prices of POL products at affordable level for common man?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

142. ***Sheikh Rashid Shafique:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Sui Gas Department, Rawalpindi had started laying Gas pipelines from Mohallah Waris Khan to IJ Principal Road and from Railways Hospital, Rawalpindi to Chak Sadar Bridge;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the said work will be completed keeping in view the shortage of Sui Gas in the city?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:
The 20th January, 2019

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Monday, the 21st January, 2019****10. Ms. Kishwer Zehra:***(Deferred during 4th Session)**Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that Karachi is economic hub of Pakistan and its production capacity is being decreased due to energy crisis; and*
- (b) the time by which energy crisis will be controlled and production would be increased?*

Reply not received.

12. Nawabzada Iftakhar Ahmed Khan Babar:*(Deferred during 5th Session)**Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Grid Station was approved for NA-184, Muzaffargarh Shah Jamal by the previous Government; if so, the present status thereof; and*
- (b) the time by which the said Grid Station will be made functional?*

Reply not received.

14. Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:*(Deferred during 5th Session)**Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the feeder-wise line losses of Sanghar, Hyderabad District and Sindhri feeder at present alongwith the details of village-wise recoverable amount thereof; and*
- (b) *the action taken by the department against provision of illegal connections?*

Reply not received.

50. **Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the arrangements made by the Government for maintenance and development of green belts of the Motorways from Peshawar to Multan during the last five years;*
- (b) *the sector wise expenditure incurred for removal of wild plants and grass from the said green belts during the said period; and*
- (c) *whether the said green belts are maintained by the employees of National Highways Authority or through contractors alongwith performance report on the work done by the contractor sector-wise during the said period?*

Reply not received.

51. **Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Malik:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that number of Post offices have been closed in NA-88 in recent past; if so, the details alongwith reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *steps being taken to reopen said Post Offices at the earliest?*

Reply not received.

52. **Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that natural Gas has been provided to one street of Anwaar Town, Shabbir Colony, Tehsil Boraywala, District Vehari;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that natural gas has not been provided to rest of streets of the said locality, despite applications by the residents of said streets submitted two years ago; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *if the answers parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government to provide natural Gas to the said remaining streets of the said area?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

53. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure for checking the quantity of Petroleum products being sold at the rate of per litre at the petrol pumps;*
- (b) *whether the quantity of litre at the petrol pumps is being checked only once or it is repeated from time to time;*
- (c) *if checked once, the reasons for not checking from time to time; if checked from time to time, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *the names of petrol pumps selling reduced quantities of petroleum products and charging for standard quantity of a litre alongwith the action taken against them?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

55. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the comprehensive strategy of the Government for the welfare and progress of women?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): After the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the subject of Women Development and Welfare has been devolved to the provinces.

However, the Federal Government is taking appropriate measures with regard to protection and Promotion of Women Rights. The Government gives special attention for enactment and implementation of laws for protection of Women Rights in the country. In this context, the following major laws have been promulgated:

- i. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Honor Killing) Act, 2016.
- ii. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016.
- iii. The Criminal Law (Third Amendment) Act, 2011 (anti-women practices).
- iv. The Protection Against Harassment of Women at the workplace Act, 2010.
- v. Hindu Marriage Act, 2017: the first personal law to regulate Hindu marriages, has been promulgated to register marriages and to prohibit marriage of minors by prescribing the minimum age of eighteen years.
- vi. The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Act, 2018 to operationalize the Fund for women in distress and detention.

The steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure Protection and Promotion of Women's Rights are as under:

1. **National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR)** has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. The Ministry of Human rights has also notified

the NCHR Complaint Rules which comprehensively elaborate the procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights, including the Rights of Women. During **2016 to 2018**, total **324** complaints and **116** *suo-moto* notices of women related issues were addressed by NCHR.

2. Advocacy Campaign on Women Rights with a focus on Ending Violence against Women is launched by the **National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW)** in November, every year. Brief of activities of NCSW is at **Annex-1**.
3. Helpline 1099 for Legal Advice on Human Rights Violations has been launched. The Helpline (1099) provides referral services to address grievances of the victims with special focus on women related issues. Since January 2016 to December 2018, total **6447** cases of women related issues were addressed by Helpline.
4. National **Commission for Child Welfare and Development** (NCCWD) is endeavoring for including the Rights of Girls.
5. **Family Protection & Rehabilitation Centre** for Women is working in Islamabad to provide protection and legal assistance as well as psycho-social support to the women victims of violence. Total **295** cases were registered during 2017-2018.
6. **Establishment of Free Legal Aid Mechanism** has also been proposed for poor and vulnerable litigants with special emphasis on protection of rights of women and children.
7. For protection of **Inheritance Rights of Women** in Pakistan, an awareness campaign to educate the masses about the **inheritance** rights of women under Islamic jurisprudence and the constitution has been initiated.

Following comprehensive interventions regarding protection of women rights have also been envisaged in the National Action Plan for Human Rights developed by the Ministry of HR:

- i. Formulation of National Policy guidelines on Gender Based Violence.
- ii. Study to review all discriminatory legislation against women which give impetus to gender based violence.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

56. Mr. Salahuddin:

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to disconnect illegal Electricity connections and to stop power pilferage throughout the country alongwith the action being taken against the officials involved in the power pilferage?

Reply not received.

57. Mr. Salahuddin:

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the details of employees working in project namely Purchase of Land Equipment/Provision Furniture Fixture of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority established in Karachi?

Minister for Science and Technology: The Project namely purchase of lab equipment Provision of Furniture and Fixture started in 2010. According to the PC-I, the services of project employees were hired purely on temporary basis till the life of the project and the project was closed on 31 December, 2018. The details of project employees may be seen at **Annexure-A.**

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

58. Syed Hussain Tariq:

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Gas pipelines connected to Block No.7, Category-V, I-9/4, Islamabad are old and blocked;*

- (b) *whether excessive Gas load shedding is made in said Block as compared to other Blocks; if so, the action taken by the authority to curb the said issue; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to change/replace old pipelines connected to the said Block; if so, the time by which it will be completed?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

59. **Dr. Darshan:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether highly qualified Engineers/Ph.Ds working for seven years in PSQCA under the Ministry on project “purchase of lab equipment/provision of furniture and fixture for laboratory PSQCA complex” Karachi have been terminated; if so, reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the reasons for oversight removal of clause from PC-I of project regarding the absorption of employees;*
- (c) *which human resources will operate these equipment and machineries without the said trained and technical employees?*

Minister for Science and Technology: (a) The Project employees were hired as per the qualifications mentioned in approved PC-I. Project started in 2010 and closed on 31st December, 2018.

The services of said employees were purely temporary and till the closure of the Project.

(b) The PC- I was revised by the Executing Authority *i.e.*, (PSQCA, Management) and the absorption clause was deleted as PSQCA have sufficient work force to carry out the job.

(c) Presently QCC laboratory has sufficient staff and officers to carry out the activities of the QCC and operate the equipment of the Laboratory.

60. **Ms. Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- (a) *the date of appointment of Senior Executive Director Media Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority;*
- (b) *whether applications were invited for said post through advertisement; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *the details of committee constituted to shortlist and recommend a suitable candidate;*
- (d) *if so, the names of member of said committee; and*
- (e) *the names of candidates who were short listed for the said post?*

Transferred to Cabinet Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

61. **Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state whether it is a fact that pressure of Gas in Islamabad and its surrounding areas is very low; if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

62. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether any legal action will be taken against the three sitting ECP Members if their appointment proves to be un-constitutional?

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan): In case appointment of ECP Members proves to be un-constitutional, the matter shall be dealt with as per the law.

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