

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Thursday, the 1st August, 2019

12. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount given to Balochistan during last five years and the work of Gas and Electricity that has been carried out from such amount;*
- (b) the projects completed for new electrification and provision of Gas during last five years alongwith the number of projects which are pending; and*
- (c) the heads under which amount of royalty has spent and the complete detail thereof?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Funds amounting to Rs. 5768.422 million have been received during the last five years for the works of Electricity in Balochistan.

(b) 4,846 schemes of electrification completed during the last five years and 2,899 schemes are in progress scheduled to be completed by June 2021.

(c) Nil.

135. ***Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that work on Samarbagh express line is continued since last three years but it has not been completed till date and as a result electricity is not being transmitted to fifteen (15) villages of vicinity and the masses are facing hardships;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the said work will be completed by the Government?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Work order for 33-KV Samarbagh feeder was issued in 2016 on PC poles, but during execution the erection of PC poles was not possible at site. Hence, the work order was revised for structure poles (instead of PC poles) in 2017. The work was initiated and 60% work was completed at site. Again, during execution it has been observed that the extension of the line with Osprey conductor on existing poles as double circuit is not possible. At present the case is under revision for adding 45 feet structures.

- (b) The work is expected to be completed in December 2019.

1. ***Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of applications, for gas connections, pending in NA-136 and the time by which the connections will be provided;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that these applications are not processed/ finalized because the gas has not been released in the pipes lines, though the schemes are complete; and*
- (c) *the time by which these fully developed schemes will be made operational by releasing gas therein?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) SNGPL has reported that 95000 applications are pending in NA-136.

Gas connections will be provided to the applicants on turn/merit basis, as per Company policy.

(b) The Company reported that it is not a fact that these applications are not processed only because of commissioning of gas pipelines. In fact, there are various other factors are behind these pending applications, which include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Limited number of connections quota approved by OGRA *vis-a-vis* the large number applications, which contributes to pendency.
- (2) Applications not qualifying merit date.
- (3) Address not correct.
- (4) House under construction.
- (5) Open plot.
- (6) Property documents not available with applicant.

(c) The under process Gas Supply Schemes will be completed within the current fiscal year, subject to the availability of relevant NOCs, line pipe and related material, barring unforeseen circumstances.

2. ***Mr. Saleh Muhammad:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that roads are in dilapidated condition in NA-13, District Mansehra due to construction related activities of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor;*
- (b) *the steps, being taken by the Government to repair and maintain the same; and*
- (c) *the time by which the roads will be repaired in Mansehra?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) Yes, there are certain local roads have been under use of CPEC construction machinery and got affected. The repair of these roads being contractor's liability under the contract will be reinstated before the completion of the project *i.e.* Feb. 2020.

(b) These roads have been visited and identified jointly by NHA, AER (Supervisory Consultant) and Chinese Contractor. These roads will be repaired by the contractor at his own cost.

(c) The reconstruction / rehabilitation of these roads have been started by the contractor and the work will be completed by the end of February-2020.

3. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *does Pakistan have a documented agreement of Saindak with China; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *for how many years was this lease granted/allocated to China alongwith terms and conditions?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Yes, a state-owned entity of Peoples' Republic of China, namely M/s Metallurgical Corporation of China Ltd. (MCC) has been engaged for operation of Saindak Copper-Gold Project (District Chagai - Balochistan) under a documented agreement with Saindak Metals Limited (SML), duly signed between the parties on 30-11-2001. The contract was awarded in accordance with the international practices and after fulfilling codal formalities including competitive bidding with the approval of the Federal Cabinet.

(b) The contract between SML and MCC was initially made for 10 years *w.e.f.* October 02, 2002. The contract term was extended in five years spells upto 31st October, 2022 with the consent of Government of Balochistan and approval of the Federal Cabinet. The salient terms & conditions of the Contract are given below:

<i>Annual Rent:</i>	US\$ 0.500 million paid to SML
<i>Royalty:</i>	5% of sale proceeds paid to Government of Balochistan (GoB)
<i>Presumptive Tax.</i>	1.00% of sale proceeds paid to Government of Pakistan (GoP)
<i>EPZ Dev. Surcharge:</i>	0.50% of sale proceeds to EPZ Authority
<i>Profit Sharing:</i>	50% of cash surplus to SML [of which 60% on net basis is shared with GoB under Aghaze Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package]
<i>Social Uplift Support:</i>	5% of net profit to Miners' Welfare Board, GoB.

4. ***Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of Pakistanis imprisoned in all Arab and European countries alongwith the steps, being taken by the Government for their release; and*
- (b) *the number of Pakistanis who got released from foreign countries during last five years?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): (a) Approximately 9.6 million Pakistanis are residing and working abroad. However, currently, a considerable number of Overseas Pakistanis *i.e.* 8,416 are imprisoned /detained in European and Arab countries. List of Pakistani prisoners detained in these countries along with nature of their offences is enclosed at **Annex-A**. It may be noted that a large number of Pakistani prisoners are implicated in heinous crimes *i.e.* drug trafficking and human smuggling.

2. In line with Government policy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs accords top priority to the welfare of Pakistani nationals abroad. MoFA is actively working on enhancing consular facilities in all Missions. Standing instructions have been issued to all Pakistan Missions abroad to accord utmost

priority in providing relief to Pakistani nationals in distress. Consular visits are undertaken by our Missions to meet Pakistani prisoners/detainees regularly. Facilities of interpreter, if required, are also provided. Consular Officers personally interview the prisoners in order to make sure that no Pakistani prisoner is maltreated and that they are accorded every opportunity to defend themselves. Legal assistance, as permissible under the rules, is provided. The Pakistan Community Welfare and Education Fund (PCW&EF), administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is utilized to extend legal assistance, including payment of lawyers' fees, fines and cost of repatriation to destitute Pakistani prisoners.

(b) A total of 36,514 prisoners were released from European and Arab countries during last five years, upon completion of term, payment of fine etc. The details of Pakistanis, who got released from European & Arab countries during last five (05) years is attached at **Annex-B**. It may be mentioned that during the visit of Saudi Crown Prince to Pakistan, 2107 Pakistani prisoners in Saudi jails were granted clemency. Saudi Government has recently furnished a list of 579 Pakistani prisoners *i.e.* (400 and 179 detained in Saudi jails) who were supposedly released till date on this account. In order to ascertain the category under which the 579 prisoners were released, the Mission has already requested the host Government for provision of comprehensive details of the released prisoners. The response is still awaited. Similarly, the UAE Government also released 16,987 Pakistani prisoners from 2016 to 2019.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

5. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the total amount collected by the Government by controlling corruption during the last year 2018-19?

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):
NAB has recovered an amount of **Rs. 30.336 Billion** during January 2018 to June 2019.

6. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the method and manner through which present Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) was elevated from BPS-17 to BPS-18 in 2013;*
- (b) the date of meeting of promotion/induction board and its composition;*
- (c) the length of service required for promotion from BPS-17 to BPS-18 and the length of service at her credited at that time;*
- (d) whether her name was included in the seniority lists of officers of BPS-18 by Pakistan Electric Power Company (PEPCO);*
- (e) the reasons for modifying criteria for appointment of CFO, HESCO in advertisement published on 13-01-2018 as compared to the advertisement of 21-06-2016;*
- (f) whether modified criterian conditions were vetted by PEPCO and Power Division;*
- (g) whether Audit Para No.91(7/2011 to 06/2012) is still outstanding against her;*
- (h) what were the basis for giving her hefty pay of Rs.500,000/- per month as CFO; and*
- (i) the reasons for extension of her contract period from initial one year to three years within three/four months of her joining as CFO?*

Reply not received.

7. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that conventional raw materials and technologies, used presently to construct roads, do not have considerable sustainability to exist for long time;*
- (b) *whether, the concerned authorities have assessed to encourage the use of non-conventional raw materials and new technologies for construction, maintenance and rehabilitation;*
- (c) *whether any assessment has been made of the net saving/profit expected by the use of the non-conventional raw materials and new technologies; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps, being taken/proposed to be taken for implementing such technologies alongwith the locations/national highways where the said technologies and materials are to be used?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) The conventional raw materials and technologies used presently to construct pavements in Pakistan do have the considerable sustainability to exist for long time. Basic raw materials for construction of road pavements are almost similar throughout the world. The variable factors are environmental conditions and Axle loads which directly affect the performance and service life of road pavements. The conventional materials used in NHA for the construction of roads must meet the NHA General Specification requirements in order to achieve desired performance. Conventional materials are modified after considering local field conditions and conducting research activities in order to build more economical roads.

(b) Over the course of time and with the help of ongoing research throughout the world, miscellaneous new technologies have been assessed in Pakistan for the maintenance and construction of the National Highways. The few technologies are listed as under:—

1. Hot & Cold Recycling of Asphalt Concrete Pavements.
2. Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB).
3. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB).
4. Stone Mastic Asphalt Technology (SMA).

5. Rigid Pavement Technology, sometimes also referred as Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement (JPCP).
6. Cement Treated base stabilized base course Technology.

(c) The new technologies lead to technical benefits and financial advantages of varied nature to the country. These advantages are assessed and quantified through detailed research and trial projects. In this regard, “**Five-Year Action Plan** for Technical Cooperation on Highways between China and Pakistan that includes the Joint research projects has been signed. The bilateral parties (parties) agreed to take up joint research projects in the action plan to assess the need and advantages of new advancement in the design and construction of roads under local field conditions.

(d) Multiple steps are being taken by National Highway Authority (NHA) to introduce new technologies and materials in construction of national roads in order to make safer and economical roads with sustainable long life, a few of which are described as under:-

- NHA has taken initiatives of experimenting Hot & Cold Recycling of Asphalt Pavements, Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB), Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen and Cement Treated base Technology etc. on certain sections of National highways and Motorways in the past.
- NHA has established a well-equipped Highway Research & Training Center (HRTC) in Burhan to carry out advanced research as well as conduct trainings on development and introduction of new technologies in construction of roads.
- Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Highway Engineering between the Ministry of Transport (MOT) of the People’s Republic of China and the Ministry of Communications (MOC) of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (the MOU) was already signed in May 2017. Consequently, the Highway Department of MOT, China and National Highway Authority (NHA) of MOC, Pakistan have signed the “**Five-Year Action Plan** for Technical Cooperation on Highways between China and Pakistan that includes the Joint research projects, Joint technical Seminars, formulation of road standards and talent training (Short term & long term training and degree education).

- NHA also arranges and organizes different seminars, technical workshops, and presentations on road sector from time-to-time which provide the participants with an opportunity to gain orientation and exposure to the latest technologies and advance materials being used by the developed Countries in construction of roads.

The main locations / national highways where the said technologies have been used are attached at **Annex A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

8. ***Mr. Shahid Ahmad:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- daily and hourly load on Ahmed Wala Feeder at 132 KV, GSS, Karak in the months of May and June, 2019;*
- monthly losses in the above said months;*
- the time by which losses will be curtailed below 50 percent; and*
- voltage on 132 KV provided/recorded?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Minimum to Maximum load recorded during the months of May and June, 2019 on 11 kV Ahmed Wala Feeder emanating from 132 kV grid station Karak is given below:—

Sr. No.	Month	Load Recorded (Amperes)
1	May -2019	360 to 400
2	June -2019	350 to 400

(b) Monthly losses for May and June, 2019 are as under:—

Sr. No.	Month	Monthly Losses
1	May -2019	64.4%
2	June -2019	63.4%

(c) Combing of 11-KV Ahmed Wala feeder is on full swing and near completion. Once combing operation is completed, losses will be reduced upto the mark.

(d) Voltage provided/ recorded on the said 132 kV feeder is mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Voltage level	Voltage recorded
1	132kV side	130 kV
2	11kV side	10.2 kV

9. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to improve the performance of National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW)?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): Ministry of Human Rights has undertaken a number of steps to improve the performance of National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) as per following detail:

- (1) Financial and Administrative independence of the Commission is always supported by the Government.
- (2) The Government allocated total budget of Rs. 65 Million to NCSW for FY 2019-20.
- (3) Initial allocation to NCSW as per Indicative Budget Ceiling was Rs. 40 million. However, Ministry of Human Rights strongly supported NCSW for additional budget of 25 M in the Priority Committee of Finance Division for FY 2019-20. Thus the allocation enhanced from 40 m to 65 m.
- (4) The Ministry of Human Rights is helping NCSW for finalization of their Financial Rules-2017 and Accounting Procedure-2017. These rules are lying with Ministry of Finance, Auditor General of Pakistan and Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

- (5) Government also approved the Service Rules of NCSW which were notified on 8th January 2019. This will enable NCSW to fill up their vacant posts.
 - (6) Government has sanctioned 101 posts for NCSW during year 2013-14. Continuation/ renewal of these posts are regularly obtained from Finance Division every year with the support of MoHR.
 - (7) NCSW has always been included in the capacity building programmes initiated by Ministry of Human Rights.
- 10. Disallowed on re-consideration.
 - 11. Disallowed on re-consideration.
 - 12. ***Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps, taken for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and mainly Concluding Observations and Recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on Pakistan's fifth periodic report; and*
- (b) *what steps have been taken for the implementation of the ICT Child Protection Act 2018;*
- (c) *have its Rules been notified;*
- (d) *has the National Child Protection Centre (NCPC), Islamabad been notified as Child Protection Institution under the law;*
- (e) *have funds been provided for its smooth functioning and protection of hundreds of children at risk who are found on streets and signals in Islamabad Capital Territory; and*
- (f) *what is the current budget of the NCPC and how many children have benefited in 2018?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) The Ministry of Human Rights being the focal Ministry to coordinate implementation of the UNCRC has taken/ being taken various measures on child rights/protection.

- Pakistan ratified United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in 1990. Pakistan's 5th Periodic Report on UNCRC was considered by the UN Committee during 2016. The Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on UNCRC are being implemented. In this regard, a comprehensive matrix (action plan) was developed and high level meetings with Provincial Chief Secretaries were convened by the Secretary, MoHR to implement the Concluding Observations.

The following measures have been taken in light of the concerns of the UN Committee on UNCRC:

Legislative measures at Federal Level:

- National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017 to oversee the child rights violations in the country. Under this act, a Commission is being established.
- The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Child Protection Act, 2018 to provide for protection of vulnerable children at ICT level. Under this act, a Child Protection Institute is being established. It is pertinent to mention that a High Level Consultative Committee on Child Abuse and Beggary has been constituted. One of the objectives of the said Committee is to expedite the process of establishment of Child Protection Institute.
- The Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 focuses on disposal of cases through diversion and social-reintegration of the child offenders.
- The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2016 to criminalize child sexual abuse, crudely to child and child pornography.
- The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Bill, 2019 provides for protection of missing and abducted children. The Bill is under consideration of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Human Rights.

Other Measures:

- Treaty Implementation Cells have been established at Federal and Provincial level to oversee implementation of the UN Conventions including UNCRC. The regular meetings are convened to follow-up the progress.
- Minimum Quality Care Standards for Child Care Institutions are being finalized to ensure that the services provided by the Child Care Institutions are in accordance with the prescribed minimum standards.
- Draft Action Plan on Child Abuse has been prepared which provides for prevention and protection of children from abuse. It will be finalized after consultation with the relevant stakeholders.
- Draft Interagency Protocol on Child Abuse for Child Care Institutions at ICT level is under process to enhance coordination among various child protection institutes at ICT level.
- A media campaign has been launched for awareness on the issue of child abuse on 4th July, 2019. In this regard, the Ministry of Human Rights has developed video messages on child abuse and requested PEMRA to telecast these on public and private channels.
- Once Schools reopen, a team of Ministry of Human Rights will be visiting schools in ICT to talk to parents, teachers and students on the issue of child abuse.
- Ministry of Human Rights is in process of initiating a programme to sensitize police in ICT on child abuse.

Key measures at Provincial Level:

The Provincial Governments have taken following key measures for implementation of the UNCRC and Concluding Observations:

- The Punjab Restriction on Employment of Children Act 2016 was enacted to regulate employment and prohibit child employment.

- Punjab Prohibition of Child Labour at Brick Kilns Ordinance, 2016 was promulgated to prohibit children, below 18, for employment at hazard work place.
- Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004 (Amended 2017) was promulgated to protect the vulnerable children. Under this law, 8 Child Protection Centers have been established to provide shelter, education, health and referral services.
- The Punjab Marriage Restraint (Amendment) Act, 2015 was enacted to prohibit child marriages.
- Sindh Child Protection Authority Act, 2011 has been promulgated to provide protection services to the vulnerable children through child protection units.
- Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, 2013 has been enacted which declares marriage below the age of 18 years punishable by law.
- The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has set up a Provincial Commission for the Welfare and Protection of Children under the KP Child Welfare and Protection Act, 2010. Twelve Child Protection Units are working under this Commission with UNICEF support.
- The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Prohibition of Employment of Children Act, 2015 has been enacted to prohibit employment of children in any establishment.
- The Government of Balochistan has enacted the Balochistan Child Protection Act which provide for protection of children from violence, abuse and exploitation.

(b) The Ministry of Human Rights has taken following steps for the implementation of the ICT Child Protection Act, 2018.

1. Child Protection Advisory Board has been notified.
2. The proposal for creation of posts for the Child Protection Institute has been approved by the Management Services Wing, Establishment Division. The Ministry of Human Rights has examined the approved

posts and decided to request MS Wing to reconsider the proposal and rationalize the number of posts for the said Institute.

(c) The Ministry of Human Rights has drafted Rules for the ICT Child Protection Act, 2018 which will be finalized after consultation with relevant stakeholders.

(d) The Management Services Wing recommended that NCPC may be designated as the primary governmental organization for provision of initial temporary shelter, medico-legal services including counseling and psychological support to children. Moreover, under the ICT Child Protection Act, 2018, a Child Protection Institute is being established for which building has been identified in G-6/3.

(e) The regular budget has been allocated to National Child Protection centre which fulfills temporary shelter and protection services to the children at risk.

(f) The Current Budget of FY 2019-20 of National Child Protection Centre (NCPC), Islamabad is 15.5 Million rupees.

Number of children which have been facilitated by NCPC during 2018.

Year	Activity			Total
	Non-Formal Education/day care	Reunification/shelter	Mainstreaming/referral	
2018	97	21	09	127

13. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state what steps have been taken to promote women's rights in the country?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): Ministry of Human Rights gives immense importance to promotion and protection of women

rights in the country. The following steps have been taken by the Ministry of Human Rights to promote women rights in the country:—

1. Under legislatives reforms, following major laws have been promulgated:
 - a. Criminal Law (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016
 - b. Criminal Law (Offences relating to Honour Killing) Act, 2016
 - c. Hindu Marriage Act, 2017
 - d. Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Act, 2018. Board of Governors of the Fund has been recently notified to operationalize the fund.
2. Following Bills are under process:
 - a. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Authority Bill, 2019.
 - b. Christian Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
 - c. Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2019.
3. National Action Plan to improve Human Rights situation in the country prepared by the Ministry of Human Rights is being implemented with the collaboration of relevant stakeholders. The Plan sets protection and empowerment of women as a priority area for interventions including national policy guidelines on Gender Based Violence; review of all discriminatory legislation against women, establishment of new crisis centres for women and strengthening of existing centres / services at district level Engagement of Men to eliminate Gender Based violence.
4. Established helpline 1099 which operates throughout Pakistan to offer legal advice, redressal and referral mechanism. A group of 213 **pro bono Lawyers** have been registered with the Helpline 1099 from all over the country to provide legal assistance.
5. Conducted national training throughout Pakistan for sensitization and capacity building of Prosecutors and court officials (467) on women specific laws by creating awareness and responsiveness.

6. Shelter home, Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Human Rights Centres for Women in Islamabad provides free legal, psychological and medical aid to the women victims of violence including women having fear of honour killing.
7. Model Policy on Violence against Women and Girls has been drafted, wherein; remedial measures have been proposed to address all forms of violence against women as well as honour killing.
8. Drafted Model policy on Home Based Workers (HBW) including women to recognize and accept HBWs through legislative and administrative action, accord legal equality, focus on their needs, concerns and demands.

Commemoration of national and international days to raise awareness among public regarding women's rights. Besides, Independent National and Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women (except Balochistan) have been established to monitor women rights in the country.

9. Carried out research study to review and identify legal provisions for harmonization of legislation in line with the Constitution of Pakistan, international commitments and human rights obligations and to provide recommendations for subordinate legislations to be enacted/ amendments in the PPC and CrPC. The study is being launched in Ministry of Human Rights for dissemination.
10. In line with directions of Prime Minister, a research report is under process to identify bottlenecks/ handedness in delivery of inheritance property to women including specific proposals to ensure that women not only get their due inherited share but also able to get physical possession of their inheritance with ease. Legislation in this regard is under consideration.
11. Ministry of Human Rights also created awareness through public service messages on women's inheritance rights.
12. National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) is also working to review and assess the laws, government policies, programmes and their implementation. It also makes recommendations to achieve gender quality, women's economic empowerment and elimination of discrimination.

14. ***Ms. Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *what was the total production of natural gas in Pakistan in the last six months, with weekly break-up; and*
- (b) *what was the province-wise natural gas production during the last six months?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Total production of natural gas was 713,508 MMCFT during the last six months (*i.e.* from January, 2019 to June, 2019). Week-wise production is placed as **Annexure-I**.

(b) Province-wise production of natural gas during last six months (*i.e.* from January, 2019 to June, 2019) is placed as **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Gas Production During last 6 Months (Weekly break up)

Date	Gas (MMCFT)
01-01-2019 to 7-01-2019	28,306.83
08-01-2019 to 14-01-2019	28,375.60
15-01-2019 to 21-01-2019	28,377.24
22-01-2019 to 28-01-2019	26,558.49
29-01-2019 to 04-02-2019	27,694.16
05-02-2019 to 11-02-2019	28,042.89
12-02-2019 to 18-02-2019	28,766.26
19-02-2019 to 25-02-2019	27,419.81
26-02-2019 to 04-03-2019	27,516.06
05-03-2019 to 11-03-2019	27,499.11

Date	Gas (MMCF)
12-03-2019 to 18-03-2019	27,584.77
19-03-2019 to 25-03-2019	27,448.92
26-03-2019 to 01-04-2019	27,600.89
02-04-2019 to 08-04-2019	26,781.63
08-04-2019 to 15-04-2019	27,886.23
16-04-2019 to 22-04-2019	27,011.74
23-04-2019 to 29-04-2019	26,801.07
30-04-2019 to 06-05-2019	26,854.15
07-05-2019 to 13-05-2019	28,102.82
14-05-2019 to 20-05-2019	27,542.67
21-05-2019 to 27-05-2019	28,034.60
28-05-2019 to 03-06-2019	27,695.08
04-06-2019 to 10-06-2019	27,563.80
11-06-2019 to 17-06-2019	27,788.74
18-06-2019 to 24-06-2019	27,139.46
25-06-2019 to 30-06-2019	23,114.77
Total:	713,507.79

Note: (i) Last week of June has been taken as six days.

(ii) There is slight variation in the values of weekly production because these are field estimates only. Actual figures are communicated by E & P companies at the end of month.

Annexure-II**Provincewise Natural Gas Production during Last 6 Months (MMCFT)**

Province	January-2019	February-2019	March-2019	April-2019	May-2019	June-2019
Punjab	4,579.35	4,022.80	4,322.94,	3,181.90	4,087.88	4,027.26
Sindh	78,620.44	71,356.80	77,171.28	74,232.14	78,419.58	75,432.27
Balochistan	27,084.04	24,505.73	26,693.03	25,183.15	26,191.87	24,973.86
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	13,398.15	12,270.04	13,599.65	13,037.79	13,773.38	13,283.91
Total	123,681.99	112,155.37	121,786.90	115,634.98	122,472.70	117,717.29

15. *Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of gas supply schemes in NA-136, which are complete in all respects but gas supply has not started so far; and*
- (b) the reasons for not starting gas supply and the time by which these schemes will be made operational facilitating the consumers to utilize natural gas?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) There are 26 schemes in NA-136 constituency which have been completed but gas supply has not been commissioned.

(b) The Company further reported that due to non availability of (Town Border Station) TBSs, NOCs (By concerned Development Authority like CDA, LDA or Cantonment Board, NHA etc.) and supply mains these schemes could not be commissioned. As multiple No. of schemes have been approved in the previous years on which work is under process. These schemes will be completed within the current fiscal year subject to availability of NOCs, Pipelines and allied material, barring unforeseen circumstances.

16. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *how much gold, silver and copper was extracted/produced from Saindak;*
- (b) *how much reserves are there of gold, silver and copper; and*
- (c) *what is the method/means/ways of separating gold, silver and copper from ore/raw form?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Quantity of metals produced from the Saindak Copper-Gold Project during 2003 to 2017 is as under:—

Copper:	223,245.981 metric tons
Gold :	18.487 metric tons
Silver:	28.263 metric tons

(b) The estimated mineable potential of Saindak Copper-Gold Project is tabulated below:—

Name of Ore Deposit	Reserves (Million Tonnes)	Grade	Status
South Orebody	78	Copper: 0.425% Gold: 0.5 g/t Silver: 1.5 g/t	Almost depleted
North Orebody	10	Copper: 0.38% Gold: 0.22 g/t	Under Production
East Orebody	86	Copper: 0.32%	Under Exploration

(c) The ore mined is subjected to crushing, grinding and floatation processes for production of concentrate, which is smelted in the furnace to yield blister copper containing copper (more than 99%), gold and silver.

17. ***Ms. Naz Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state what steps have been taken to provide clean drinking water to the people of Pakistan?

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Fawad Ahmed): Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) under the administrative control of Ministry of Science & Technology, undertakes, promotes and disseminates Research and Development (R&D) projects / programs in water sector across the country.

After the 18th amendment the provision of clean drinking water is the responsibility of provincial Governments. However, PCRWR is monitoring the quality of drinking water throughout the country and sharing the findings with the Provincial Governments. The details may be seen at **Annex-I**.

Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) enforces the quality of Bottled Drinking Water as per Pakistan Standards No. 4639-2018 (**Annex-II**). PSQCA checked 1168 samples of Bottled Drinking Water during the last year i.e 2018. 205 non conformities were found of minor nature, after corrective actions and process, monitoring were found conforming and fit for human consumption.

In this connection, 94 units are sized during the last year. PSQCA has also issued notices to the units for products found non conforming, moreover guidelines are also provided to them for improvement of quality as per Pakistan Standards.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

18. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the status of Pakistan's relations with India?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi):

Pakistan India Relations

Pakistan desires peaceful, cooperative and good-neighbourly relations with all its neighbours, including India. Historically, the relationship between Pakistan and India has remained challenged due to lack of trust and many

outstanding issues, particularly the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. The dialogue process between Pakistan and India was suspended unilaterally by India in 2013 (in the backdrop of hostilities across the LoC) and then in 2016 (after the Pathankot attack.)

Not only the bilateral dialogue has remained stalled, but the SAARC process has also been stymied. Pakistan's efforts to host the next SAARC Summit in Islamabad in November 2016 were obstructed by India and the position remains unchanged.

After his electoral victory in July 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan stated that Pakistan would take two steps forward, if India took one, to improve bilateral relations. Responding to Prime Minister Modi's letter of felicitations, which *inter alia* affirmed India's commitment to 'constructive engagement', Prime Minister Imran Khan proposed a meeting of both Foreign Ministers on the sidelines of the UNGA in New York. This proposal was reiterated by the Foreign Minister in his response to the Indian EAM's felicitations message as well. Unfortunately, India cancelled the meeting within 24 hours of confirmation on baseless pretexts.

The Pulwama incident in February 2019 and subsequent Indian aggression in Balakot further escalated the situation. On 27 February 2019, in response to India's act of aggression, Pakistan Air Force hit non-military targets, avoiding human loss and collateral damage. Two Indian military jets were shot down by Pakistan Air Force for violating Pakistani air-space. One pilot was captured. Throughout this phase, Pakistan acted with tremendous restraint and responsibility. The Prime Minister decided to return the captured Indian pilot as a peace gesture.

Meanwhile, in line with Islamic principles advocating peace and respect for all religions and the Quaid's vision of a peaceful neighborhood, Pakistan initiated and persevered with the proposal to open the Kartarpur Corridor. Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated the ground-breaking ceremony of the Corridor on 28 November 2018, attended by two Indian Union Ministers. Technical and political meetings (the second round was in Wagah on 14 July 2019) have been held between Pakistan and India on Kartarpur Corridor. Both sides have had detailed and constructive discussions on various aspects and provisions of the proposed agreement and have agreed to work towards expeditiously operationalizing the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for the 550th anniversary of Baba Guru Nanak.

This Pakistani initiative can be a precursor to bringing a possible change in the relationship that has been marked by tensions and conflicts over the past 7 decades. Pakistan's consistent position has been to normalize relations with India on the basis of mutual respect and sovereign equality. We have consistently maintained that durable peace and stability in South Asia can only be achieved through peaceful resolution of all outstanding disputes, including Jammu and Kashmir. Furthermore, such a solution is possible only through a comprehensive and result-oriented dialogue. It is up to India to reciprocate. For its part, Pakistan will continue to pursue the vision of peace, progress and prosperity in South Asia and beyond.

19. ***Ms. Munawara Bibi Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the detail of schedule of loadshedding of electricity in the country, at present, alongwith the procedure adopted to monitor the same?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): Presently load management is being carried out by DISCOs on the basis of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses recorded on each feeder, in compliance of directives of the Federal Cabinet as under:—

Category wise load Management Hours detail

CATEGORY	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
AT&C Losses	Upto 10%	10-20%	20-30%	30-40%	40-60%	60-80%	80.1-110%
Load Management Hours	Zero	02 Hrs	02 Hrs	04 Hrs	06 Hrs	08 Hrs	12 Hrs

Note: Zero load management hours are being further relaxed for Category-II & III also by the DISCOs as per their daily allocated quota by NPCC.

In order to monitor load management, an automatic metering system has been installed on all Grids / Feeders of the country. The hourly schedule of load management is fed into the system and all feeders are monitored 24/7 using this system. Now consumers can check load shedding schedule for their feeder and actual load management status by using online portal of Roshan Pakistan (www.roshanpakistan.pk.) website or Roshan Pakistan Mobile App.

20. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CEO of a DISCO is “Competent Authority” for BPS-18 officer;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that M.D, PEPCO is an “Appellate Authority” for officers of BPS-18 of DISCOs;*
- (c) whether M.D, PEPCO, in the capacity of Appellate Authority, suspended any officer of BPS-18 of any DISCO and if so, then to whom the suspended officer can prefer appeal under E&D Rules, 1978 of WAPDA;*
- (d) the detail of such/similar orders issued during the last five years in each of the DISCOs by M.D, PEPCO;*
- (e) whether M.D, PEPCO can order for inquiry against any officer of BPS-18 of any DISCO through S&I Directorate of PEPCO in the event of having S&I Directorate of DISCO; if so, the details of such/similar cases during last five years in each of the DISCOs; and*
- (f) what will be the role of BoD of a DISCO in whole of the such situations?*

Reply not received.

21. ***Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) how much budget has been allocated for free legal aid to the needy and poor children under the Juvenile Justice System Act 2018;*
- (b) how many children were being provided legal aid by the state in the last one year in the ICT;*

- (c) *how many children were arrested and released from the Police Stations in the ICT in 2018;*
- (d) *what steps have been taken by the Federal Government to protect children from violence and abuse, particularly in view of the growing number of child sexual abuse cases?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) There is no provision of allocation of budget for free legal aid under JJSA, 2018. However, Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018 ensures the right of legal assistance for a child or juvenile. For implementation of the JJSA 2018, rules and procedures are being framed and concerned session judge will be authorized to appoint legal practitioner for legal assistance.

(b) The Ministry of Human Rights is not providing any legal aid. However, a Toll Free Helpline 1099 under Ministry of Human Rights is providing free legal advice to the victims of human rights violations. In this regard, 189 child related cases including 2 cases from ICT provided free legal advice during 2018.

(c) As per report of Islamabad Police, no child was arrested/released by the Police Stations within Islamabad during the previous year, 2018. However, 51 children were rescued and sent to Child Protection Center.

- (d) Key Legislative Measures taken by the Ministry of Human Rights:
- The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018 has been enacted which provides for establishment of mechanism for rescue, care, and protection of children at risk and for registration of the unattended children. Under this Act, a Child Protection Institute is being established.
 - In order to effectively coordinate, monitor and promote the Rights of the Child, the National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017 has been promulgated. Under this Act, a Commission is being established which will examine existing laws relating to child and propose new legislations related to child rights/abuse.
 - The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2016 has been enacted which criminalizes child exposure to seduction, child pornography, cruelty to a child, trafficking in human beings and child abuse.

- The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Bill, 2019 has been drafted which provides for protection of missing and abducted children that includes raising alert, responding and recovering of missing and abducted children. The Bill is under consideration of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Human Rights.

Other Measures

- A high level Consultative Committee on Child Abuse and Beggary has been constituted to address the issues of child abuse and beggary at ICT level.
- Minimum Quality Care Standards for Child Care Institutions are being finalized to ensure that the services provided by the Child Care Institutions are in accordance with the prescribed minimum standards.
- Draft Action Plan on Child Abuse has been prepared which provides for prevention and protection of children from abuse.
- Draft Interagency Protocol on Child Abuse for Child Care Institutions at ICT level is under process to enhance coordination among various child protection institutes at ICT level.
- A media campaign has been launched for awareness on the issue of child abuse on 4th July, 2019. In this regard, the Ministry of Human Rights has developed video messages on child abuse and requested PEMRA to telecast these on public and private channels.
- Once Schools reopen, a team of Ministry of Human Rights will be visiting schools in ICT to talk to parents, teachers and students on the issue of child abuse.
- Ministry of Human Rights is in process of initiating a programme to sensitize police in ICT on child abuse.

22. *Ms. Shahida Rehmani:

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state whether it is fact that the people of Karachi are suffering due to loadshedding and over billing by K.Electric; if so, the steps, being taken by the Government to check the high-handedness of K.Electric?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan):**Load Shedding:**

- * K-Electric carries out load shedding according to its load shedding policy which is in line with the National Power Policy of 2013.
- * Owing to the success of this scheme and continued investment across the value chain, today over **70% of the city is exempted from load-shedding** (as compared to c.23% in 2009) with 100% exemption to industries.

Overbilling:

- * All billing is done as per regulatory processes and guidelines- K-Electric charges **applicable consumer-end tariff** in line with NEPRA's Determination and as notified by the Government of Pakistan (GoP).
- * Further, as part of its Distribution initiatives, KE introduced:
 - o State of the art system, SAP, to ensure efficiency, transparency and elimination of human intervention.
 - o For the first time in Pakistan, billing through Hand held Unit (HHU) with GPRS and GSM ring-fencing was introduced- consumers reading is uploaded to server on real time basis with location and time, minimizing human intervention and ensuring reading governance.
- * In addition to KE's IBCs/customer care centers, forums such as EIK and NEPRA are also available to consumers to raise billing related complains and seek resolution of the same.

23. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the additional revenue, in terms of billions rupees, which has been generated through electricity bills as a result of*

uninterrupted electricity supply to consumers in the financial year 2018-19;

- (b) total additional megawatts, which have been added in the system by the incumbent Government alongwith details of its projects, which have been initiated and made operational;*
- (c) the volume of theft of electricity both in terms of number of units and value thereof alongwith the most theft prone areas;*
- (d) whether the Government has assessed reasons behind such theft, particularly with reference to fault in transmission system; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) what steps are being taken to fix the menace of electricity theft?*

Reply not received.

24. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual volume of theft of natural gas, in terms of billions rupees, at present alongwith its province and year-wise break-up for the last five years including the names of the most theft prone areas; and*
- (b) what is the strategic plan of the Government to eliminate gas theft in its tenure alongwith stage-wise implementation thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) The details as furnished by SSGCL and SNGPL are given at **Annex-I & II** respectively.

(b) The requisite information for SSGCL and SNGPL is given at **Annex-III & IV** respectively.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

25. ***Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure for issuance of a Demand Notice, installation of meter and providing a gas connection;*
- (b) whether the Ministry has setup any section/office for addressing the complaints of the consumers, aggrieved by inappropriate delay in installation of gas connections;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that despite filing the application # 1228152012 more than 6 years ago on 17-04-2013, the owner of House No.4912, Gali No.1, Nawaz Park, Ittefaq Town, Multan Road Lahore has not been provided gas connection till now;*
- (d) whether it further a fact that the applicants, who applied for gas connection later than the owner of above said house, have been provided connections; if so, why, and as to how would the owner of above said house get his right i.e. gas connection?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) The requisite information is given at **Annex-I**.

(b) Gas utility Companies receive complaints to redress grievances, including grievances regarding delay in the provision of gas connections. Both the Companies *i.e.* SNGPL & SSGCL have set up a number of customer service/facilitation centers, where customers can lodge their complaints. In addition, helpline numbers (*i.e.* 1199) have been designated for prompt action against grievances.

(c) SNGPL has reported that a survey for the provision of gas connection was conducted for the premises of Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed S/O Altaf Hussain with address: Kh No. 4942, Nawaz Park Nr Ittefaq Town Multan Chungi, Lhr, 4431(account id #1228152012). It was determined that the Company's distribution network does not exist in front of the above premises, therefore a demand notice could not be issued.

(d) The Company further reported that the present / ongoing merit cut-off date for the provision of gas connections is 30-06-2016 in Lahore *i.e.* those applications which were submitted on or before the given date are on merit and liable to be processed. However, only those applicants are issued demand notices which are online *i.e.* premises where the Company's gas distribution network exists. Since a gas distribution network does not exist in front of applicant's premises, the Company is unable to process his application any further.

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ISLAMABAD:
The 31st July, 2019

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Thursday, the 1st August, 2019

14. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Deferred during 5th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) 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.

53. **Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**
(Deferred during 7th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) 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?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) The correct quantity of petroleum products being dispensed at petrol pumps are ensured through monitoring/ checking gauges on the dispenser of Petrol Pumps. This activity is carried out by the Weight and Measurement Departments of each province under the Weight and Measurement Enforcement Rules, 1976. The said Department of each province under rule 9 (4) of the said Rules calibrate the gauges at the Petrol Pumps and issue a certificate for the period of **1 year or bi annual basis.**

Whereas, OGRA in the best Public interest also carries out random inspection on the petrol pumps of the Oil Marketing Companies (OMC) to check/monitor the less filling and takes action (*i.e.* imposition of penalty to the concerned OMC under the applicable Law/ Rules). In this regard, during the last six months, OGRA on its own and in some instances along with HDIP inspected 298 petrol pumps of the different OMCs and found 45 cases, where less filling was observed. Accordingly, the matter is under process *i.e.* issuance of Show Cause Notices to the OMCs followed by hearing and imposition of penalties.

(b) As explained above

(c) As explained above.

(d) The required details along with show cause notices are attached as **Annexure-I.**

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

56. **Mr. Salahuddin:**
(Deferred during 7th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) 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.

6. **Mr. Ali Pervaiz:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total collection of GIDC from fertilizer and general industries including captive plant from January 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2018;*
- (b) *the break up of unpaid arrears of GIDC and late payment surcharge thereon separately of aforesaid sectors during the said period;*
- (c) *the names of companies against whom arrears of GIDC of Rs.100 million or more are outstanding during the said period;*
- (d) *whether the offered policy of settlement is tantamount to unjust with those companies who had been paying full amount of GIDC during the said period;*
- (e) *if so, how will such companies who had been paying full amount of GIDC be compensated during the said period;*
- (f) *the pending cases of GIDC in courts at present; and*
- (g) *the plan of the Government to utilize the collection of GIDC?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Attached at **Annexure ‘I’**.

(b) The date of applicability of interest on arrears was made effective from June, 2018. The details of unpaid arrears are attached as **Annexure ‘II’**.

(c) Attached at **Annexure ‘III’**.

(d) The settlement is being offered against outstanding amounts. The payments made will be netted off from the total payable to arrive the balance outstanding.

(e) Same as above.

(f) Attached at **Annexure 'IV'**.

(g) According to Clause 4 of GIDC Act 2015, the Cess shall be utilized by the Federal Government for or in connection with infrastructure development of Iran Pakistan Pipeline Project, Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Pipeline projects and LNG or other ancillary projects.

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25. **Pir Syed Fazal Ali Shah Jillani:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cemented polls erected in 1990 in village Gagi Wahan, Tehsil Sobbo Dero, District Sanghar have collapsed and almost 70% population is deprived of electricity;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that attention of the Power Division has been invited towards this matter but the XEN, SEPCO, Ranipur has refused to listen to this issue and some people are using electricity by installing wooden poles;*
- (c) if so, why action has not been taken against responsible public servants so far and the time by which poles will be erected?*

Reply not received.

37. **Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Shaikh:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) is it true that NEPRA in its tariff determinations for RFO based Independent Power Producers (IPPs) producing power from reciprocating engines allowed 15% equity IRR & 45% average thermal efficiency over tariff control period of 25 years to these IPPs, whereas in actual operations these are achieving higher efficiency;*

- (b) *is it true that IPPs reportedly are deriving much higher profit over & above 15% IRR fixed by NEPRA in the original tariff determination order; and*
- (c) *has the Power Division or NEPRA ever work out to find out this aspect of consumer interests and recover the profit earned over and above the 15% equity IRR fixed by NEPRA from the IPPs and refund it back to the consumers?*

Reply not received.

93. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 9th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that few residents of Street No.147, D-12/4, Islamabad are without Gas at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which Gas will be supplied to them?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Yes, it is a fact that few residents of street No. 147, D12/4 Islamabad are without gas at present as the gas network does not exist in this street.

(b) Approval for laying of gas network has been granted. Laying of pipeline and commissioning will be completed by 30th June 2019 subject to unforeseen circumstances, after which Gas connections will be provided on turn / merit basis.

1. **Ms. Maiza Hameed:**

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state how much money has been given to lawyers bodies this year by Government?

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):
An amount of Rs. 197.7 million has been given to the Bar is Councils/ Associations during the year 2018-19.

2. **Ms. Naz Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state what steps have been taken to empower the women of Pakistan and create jobs for them?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): As a result of 18th Constitutional Amendment, Ministry of Women Development dealing with the subject of women development and empowerment at the national level was devolved to the provinces. However, one of the functions of devolved Ministry of Women Development i.e., representation of Pakistan at international and bilateral level, involving all gender related matters was transferred to the Ministry of Human Rights (MOHR). Significant steps taken by MOHR to improve the status of women are as under:

1. Under legislatives reforms, following major laws have been promulgated:
 - i. Criminal Law (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016
 - ii. Criminal Law (Offences relating to Honour Killing) Act, 2016
 - iii. Hindu Marriage Act, 2017
 - iv. The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2018.
 - v. Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Act, 2018. Board of Governors of the Fund has been recently notified to operationalize the fund.
2. Following Legislation are in process:
 - i. Legal Aid and Access to Justice Authority Bill, 2019.
 - ii. Christian Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
 - iii. Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2019.

3. Implementation of the National Action Plan for Human Rights prepared by MOHR, envisages activities at federal and provincial levels for promotion and protection of human rights with special focus on protection of women rights. The Plan sets protection and empowerment of women as a priority area for intervention including national policy guidelines on Gender Based Violence, review all discriminatory legislation against women, establishment of new crisis centres for women and strengthening of existing centres / services at district level and designing and execution of Men Engage Model programme to eliminate Gender Based violence.
4. Constitution / revitalization of Provincial Committees to ensure the implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and to take requisite legislative, policy and administrative measures for women's empowerment.
5. Established helpline 1099 which operates throughout Pakistan and offers legal advice, redressal and referral mechanism.
6. Shelter home, Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Human Rights Centre for Women in Islamabad provide free legal, psychological and medical aid to the women victims of violence.
7. Drafted Model Policy on Violence against Women and Girls, wherein, remedial measures have been proposed to address all forms of violence against women as well as honour killing.
8. Commemoration of national and international days for raising awareness among public regarding women's rights. In line with directions of Prime Minister, a research report is under process to identify bottlenecks/ handedness in delivery of inheritance property to women including specific proposals to ensure that women not only get their due inherited share but also able to get physical possession of their inheritance with ease. Legislation in this regard is under consideration.
9. Ministry of Human Rights also created awareness through public service messages on women's inheritance rights.

10. As far as creation of jobs for women is concerned, it does not fall under the mandate of MOHR, however, following initiatives have been taken for mainstreaming of women in the employment sector:
- i. 10 % quota has been reserved for employment of women to all posts across the board in Federal Government in addition to their participation in the open merit.
 - ii. Enacted the protection against harassment of women at the workplace Act, 2010 to provide safe and secure environment to women at workplace. Under the law, harassment committees have been established in all the ministries/ divisions/ departments.
11. National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) is also working to review and assess the laws, government policies, programmes and their implementation. It also makes recommendations to achieve gender quality, women's economic empowerment and elimination of discrimination.

3. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that HR & Admn Director/Company Secretary, HESCO;*

(i) is drawing appointment allowance at the rate of Rs.10,000/- per month without any authorization (ii) got reimbursement of Rs.70,000/- from SEPCO for payment to his legal counsel for his personal case, by misguiding BoD of SEPCO (iii) got installed a transformer at his new house at Qasimabad, Hyderabad costing Rs.0.9 million, borne by HESCO (iv) is nominated in the FIR No.03/2015 registered by FIA whose case is under trial in the court of law while he will head new recruitments in 2019 (v) is not circulating minutes of BoD Meetings of HESCO as well as not uploading the same on the website of HESCO (vi) has shifted the office of Company Secretary from HESCO owned building to the rented premises (vii) has been conducting TV programmes as Anchor Person without obtaining permission (viii) has issued bogus clearance on 29-11-2017 in favour of Mr. Shafiq Ahmed Memon,

Manager Admn, HESCO for upgradation from BPS-19 to BPS-20 despite the fact that FIR No.03/2015 of FIA was lodged and case was/is under trial in the court of law;

- (b) *if the answers to part above (a-i to viii) are in affirmative, what actions have been taken or proposed to be taken by SEPCO, HESCO and PEPCO against him?*

Reply not received.

4. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Peshawar High Court through its directions in 2011 and a decisions of the Federal Cabinet asked for dissolution of PEPCO; if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the above said decisions for dissolution of PEPCO;*
- (b) *the legal status of PEPCO at present;*
- (c) *the role and mandate of PEPCO in the energy sector;*
- (d) *how far PEPCO has been successful in overseeing management of DISCOs;*
- (e) *the specific role of PEPCO in the light of Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 and amended Act of 2018 when GENCOs, NTDC, CPPA & DISCOs have their independent BoDs;*
- (f) *the role of Power Division, PEPCO & BoDs of DISCOs in appointment and transfers of CEOs of DISCOs; and*
- (g) *the role of NEPRA as a Regulator in DISCOs?*

Reply not received.

5. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the village Upper Shalother (Ochari), Balakot, UC Garlat suffers from unscheduled loadshedding of electricity; if so, the details alongwith justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the month-wise detail of loadshedding in the village during the last one year?*

Reply not received.

6. **Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps, being taken by the Government for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): The Government of Pakistan is fully seized of the case of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui and has consistently raised her case, including possibility of her repatriation to Pakistan, with the US authorities. Pakistan's Consul General in Houston pays periodic Consular visits to Dr. Siddiqui, to inquire about her well being and conveys her messages, if any, to Dr. Aafia's family.

The Foreign Minister met Dr. Aafia Siddiqui's sister, Fouzia Siddiqui, on 12th November 2018. He instructed the Consul General in Houston to remain in touch with the prison facilities with a view to ensure that rights of Dr. Aafia are fully respected. Consul General last visited Dr. Aafia Siddiqui on 18th April, 2019. It may be noted that Dr. Aafia was convicted for 86 years after a lengthy trial in a New York court.

Before Prime Minister's visit to Washington, sister of Aafia Siddiqui met the Prime Minister. She also held meeting at the Foreign office. Subsequently, the matter of Aafia Siddiqui's repatriation was also raised during Prime Minister's visit to Washington. In follow up, the Government will continue to exploring all options to secure her repatriation.

7. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that since the settlement of Sector G-11, Islamabad, more than fifteen years ago, no Post Office exists therein; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Government intends to set up a Post Office therein order to facilitate the general public?*

Minister for Postal Services (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) It is not correct. A post office was opened at Mera Jaffar, G/11 Islamabad on 14-01-2004. Due to heavy loss, the said Post Office was closed on 12-08-2006. However, the Post Office was re-opened on 09-09-2006, but it was again closed on 02-12-2008 due to heavy loss to the department as the residents of the locality were not availing the postal services provided through the said Post Office at G/11 Islamabad to the extent to meet the operational expenditure incurred by the Post Office.

(b) Presently the residents of G-11 are being served through Post Office G-10/ Markez Islamabad and there is no public complaint. Due to heavy loss and shortage of staff, there is no proposal under consideration to open a Post Office at G/11, Islamabad.

ISLAMABAD:
The 31st July, 2019.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.