

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 17th May, 2021**

96. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**  
*(Deferred during 19th Session)*

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

- (a) *the name of cities of the country in which Model Courts are working at present; and*
- (b) *the number thereof?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):**

(a) & (b) The information is not available in the Ministry as setting up of Model Courts is not the initiative of the Federal Government. The Model Courts are administered by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, therefore, the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Federal Judicial Academy have been requested, to provide the requisite information, *vide* this Division's letter dated 7th February, 2020, 26th February, 2020, 1st April, 2020, 29th April, 2020, 3rd June, 2020, 10th July, 2020, 4th September, 2020, 23rd November, 2020, 21st January, 2021, 19th February, 2021 and 05th April, 2021. Once the information is received the same will be provided to the National Assembly by this Division.

99. **\*Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:**  
*(Deferred during 19th Session)*

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

- (a) *the increase in overall collection of power sector due to addition of electricity in the national grid during last five years; and*

- (b) *whether such addition of electricity to national grid is sufficient to overcome load shedding in the country?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

48. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *how long more, Neelum-Jhelum (NJ) surcharges will be collected or remain enforced alongwith date of collection;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that over and above collection is being made under the head of NJ surcharge from consumers; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *is there any legal statutes, which empowers the Government to make such collection up till now;*
- (d) *the estimated over and above collection in recent years; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to refund over and above collection of NJ surcharge; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

7. **\*Agha Hassan Baloch:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *the district-wise ratio of area of each district of Balochistan which has facility of electricity;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that most of areas of Balochistan does not have facility of electricity;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government to provide electricity in such areas at earliest?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

15. **\*Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that irregularities of trillions of rupees, both administrative and financial, which have been pointed out in power sector by the Government's auditors in the year 2019-20 are confirmed proof of poor administration and Governance of incumbent Government in the power sector;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that public at large had to pay the price of such institutional negligence in terms of increasing electricity tariff;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, whether the responsible held accountable by departments concerned; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *what corrective measures are being taken particular with reference to not transfer or shift the burden of such institutional negligence to general public?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

17. **\*Ms. Shahida Rchmani:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *what is the amount of circular debt at present alongwith the amount of circular debt for the last ten years on annual basis;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that the circular debt is growing 60% annually and would be doubled by 2025 as estimated by an independent study; if so, reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to deal with this issue on permanent basis?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

24. **\*Ms. Nusrat Wahid:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to resolve power related issues, modalities for its reforms?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

145. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *the details of improvements, which were required to make in transmission system by Karachi Electricity (KE), as per agreement of privatization;*
- (b) *whether or not such improvements were made by KE; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *whether or not KE held accountable; if it could not make due improvements in their system?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

83. **\*Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**  
(Deferred during 29th Session)

*Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:*

- (a) *is there any idea of attendance allowance for the citizens of Pakistan over the age of 65 who need help, to look after themselves due to physical or mental disability;*
- (b) *if yes, the initiatives being taken by the Government;*
- (c) *if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shirreen M. Mazari):** (a) The Ministry of Human Rights has prepared a draft "Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Bill, 2020". The proposed law aims at ensuring social and economic protection of senior citizens at ICT level. According to this Bill, a Senior Citizen means "an elderly person who has attained 60 years of age or more and is residing in the ICT". The Bill also proposes establishment of a Fund for senior citizens. The Ministry of Human Rights in collaboration with Finance Division shall establish a Fund to be known as the Senior Citizens Fund after commencement of this Act. The Fund shall be administered by the Senior Citizens Council, to be established under this law. Objective of the Fund is to provide for well-being, comfort, and dignity of senior citizens residing in ICT.

After 18th amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, the subject of Social Welfare was devolved to the provinces thus mandating provinces to implement welfare agenda within their respective policy and legislative framework. Accordingly, provincial laws for the welfare of senior citizens are in place in Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan aiming at economic and social well-being of senior citizens. Recently, Bahimat Bazurg Program has been launched in Punjab to assist the deserving senior citizens of 65 years and above through grant of Rs. 2,000/- per month to meet their financial needs. Moreover, old-age homes are also being run by Provincial Governments through their respective Social Welfare Departments.

(b) The draft "ICT Senior Citizens Bill, 2020" is currently under consideration in the Parliament. After promulgation of this law, senior citizens residing in ICT would be entitled to certain privileges. The proposed Bill provides for:

1. Establishment of a Senior Citizens Council;
2. Establishment of Old-age Home;

3. Privileges to senior citizens, include free of charge entry to public museums, libraries, parks and recreation facilities; provision of express lanes in all Government Establishments; financial support to deserving senior citizens; provision, at the Government hospitals or hospitals fully or partially funded by the Government and grant of 25% discount on purchase of certain goods and services; exemption from payment of individual income taxes.
4. Provision of mechanism for grievance redressal;

Moreover, the Government of Pakistan under its umbrella initiative, "Ehsaas" has launched various social protection programs for vulnerable groups including senior citizens & Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) and Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) are working as social safety nets under Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division. Out of 4.5 million beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), 1.3 million are 60 years and above.

(c) As in (a) and (b) above.

1. **\*Shazia Marri:**  
(Deferred during 29th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan is one of lowest performer in the field of providing justice to common man according to World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2020;*
- (b) *if so, whether the Government has either conducted or intends to conduct a study to identify reasons behind such performance and fix them to improve by taking all stakeholders on board;*
- (c) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether the country's rating in such index has been improved or went further down for the year 2020 as compare to preceding years; and*

- (e) *what corrective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):**

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) The questions pitched by the Hon'ble Parliamentarian are premised upon the document titled "Rule of Law Index, 2020" by the World Justice Project. The World Justice Project is neither a government entity nor does it function under the auspices of the United Nations. It is a privately funded organization. Kindly note that sub-rules 78 (b) (c) & (d) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 (**hereafter: "the 2007 Rules"**) provide as follows:

*"78. Admissibility of question.— In order that a question may be admissible, it must satisfy the following conditions, namely,—*

- (a) ....
- (b) *if it contains statement, the member shall make himself responsible for the accuracy of the statement;*
- (c) *it shall not contain arguments, inferences, ironical expressions, imputations, epithets or defamatory statements;*
- (d) *it shall not ask for an expression of opinion or the solution of an abstract legal question or a hypothetical proposition;*

2. Sub-rule 78(b) of the 2007 Rules clearly provides that before a question could be termed as admissible, the Member asking the question shall make himself or herself responsible for the accuracy of the statement. The questions should not draw inferences and must not pose hypothetical or abstract propositions. In particular, does the Hon'ble Parliamentarian, who has asked the question, hold herself responsible to satisfy the accuracy and veracity of the Rule of Law Index of 2019 and 2020, as compiled by the World Justice Project?

3. Without prejudice to the aforesaid, it is important to point out that if the World Justice Project reports are treated as gospel truth then during the PPP regime, Pakistan's ranking in one year from 2011 to 2012 suffered the most. The details are as follows:—

## WORLD JUSTICE REPORT—PAKISTAN'S FIGURES

From 2011 to 2012 Pakistan went down as follows:

1. Civil Justice Factor            Pakistan went down by 25 points
2. Criminal Justice Factor      Pakistan went down by 19 points
3. Fundamental Rights          Pakistan went down by 30 points
4. Absence of Corruption        Pakistan went down by 25 points

4. Without prejudice to the above, according to the World Justice Project Reports from 2017 to 2018, during the PML(N) Government, Pakistan went down 9 points in the Rule of Law Index. In contrast, according to the World Justice Project Report of 2020, the Rule of Law Index, during the present Government of PTI, MQM (P) and allies, Pakistan has only gone down in the Rule of Law Index only by one point in the overall ranking while for Civil Justice Pakistan has been able to maintain its previous position, and we have improved in the Regulatory Enforcement ranking. For 2020, as per this Report, both the USA and UK have also gone down by one point each with regard to the Rule of Law Index.

5. Having said as aforesaid, the Law Division is of the considered view that no details have been provided as to on what basis the World Justice Project has compiled its reports. What is rather clear is that the World Justice Project Reports have not taken into account the state-of-the-art legal and judicial reforms undertaken by the present Government, the details have been provided below.

6. Further without prejudice to the aforesaid, this Government is cognizant of the difficulties faced by common people in their access to justice and is focused on improving rule of law in the country. It was particularly in this regard, that the Government initiated legal reforms to ensure just and expeditious disposal of civil and criminal cases, constituted Task Forces on Civil and Criminal Law Reforms under the chairmanship of the **Minister for Law and Justice**.

7. The Task Forces, after detailed deliberation with relevant stakeholders, proposed amendments in certain existing statutes *i.e.* the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.

8. Further, the Task Forces also recommended new legislation for the protection of whistleblowers, protect of women property rights and for

issuance of succession certificates by NADRA and establishment of Legal Aid and Justice Authority to promote access to justice by providing affordable, accessible and credible legal and financial aid or other services to the poor and vulnerable section of the society in criminal matters.

9. As a result of the aforementioned legislative proposals, the following Acts were passed:

- (i) The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act;
- (ii) The Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Act;
- (iii) The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act; and
- (iv) The Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act.

10. In addition to the above, to improve Criminal Justice for rape, the President has promulgated the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Ordinance, 2021 and Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 to ensure redressal of rape and sexual abuse crimes in respect of women and children through special investigation teams and special Courts providing for efficacious procedures, speedy trial and evidence.

11. For general criminal reforms providing for speedy decisions by ensuring effective and impartial investigation, adjudication, free of undue influence and corruption, the Ministry of Law and Justice has deliberated with relevant stakeholders and will soon introduce Criminal Law Reforms Bill.

2. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
(Deferred during 29th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that prices of electricity for the life line consumers has been increased in the tenure of incumbent Government;*
- (b) *if so, the details of consumers who come under the category of life line;*
- (c) *the reasons for making such increase;*

- (d) *since when such increase has been made for the consumers of life line; and*
- (e) *what steps are being taken by the Government to lessen the prices of electricity?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

4. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the details of medical related scientific inventions which have been made in lieu of outbreak of Covid-19 in the country;*
- (b) *how are such inventions contributing the society in general during the days of Covid-19;*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to promote medical related scientific inventions in the country alongwith budget reserved, released and utilized in such sectors during the last five years; and*
- (d) *whether such budget is enough to deal with the situation?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Syed Shibli Faraz):** (a) Products developed by the organizations of Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) include Hand Sanitizers, Disinfectant Spray for large areas, Protective Masks, Disinfecting Walk through gates, Electro medical Devices including Medical ventilators etc.

The detail is at **(Annex-I)**.

In addition, Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) and COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) have developed innovative technologies / products for the health sector and their patents have also been filed for transfer and production of these innovative technologies / products at larger scale. Detail is at **(Annex-II)**.

- (b) ■ Availability of Quality Hand Sanitizers (as per WHO standards) to Public & Private Sector Organizations as well as to general public.
  - Indigenous development and production of Electro Medical Devices such as N-Saviour ventilator, Power Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) and many other electro medical equipment will offer massive relief to the Government of Pakistan and Society by cutting down their cost.
- (c) ■ Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry National Health Services Regulation and Coordination have signed MoU to promote local manufacturing of medical devices and PEC has been notified by DRAP to carry out technical performance evaluation of locally manufactured medical devices prior to DRAP registration.
  - Ministry of Science and Technology has approved following medical/health related projects:
    - (i) Establishment of Medical Devices Development Centre (MDDC) at NUST, Islamabad.
    - (ii) Awareness and Training on Pakistan National Hospital and Health care accreditation, PNAC
    - (iii) Up gradation of Medicinal Botanic centre as National Centre for Herbal Medicine, PCSIR Labs, Complex, Peshawar.
    - (iv) Establishment of Centre for Advanced Technologies in Biomedical Materials (Knowledge Economy Initiative)
    - (v) Establishment of Centre for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in health sciences.

Budget reserved, released and utilized during the last five years is at **(Annex-III)**.

- A project "Establishment of facility of Electro-medical devices at NUST, Islamabad" at a cost of Rs. 396.36 million has been

approved by Ministry of Science and Technology for development of production facility of electro-medical devices such as ventilator, PAPRs, syringe pumps, CPAPs and BIPAPs. After certification of facility by European Commission and Manufacturing License by DRAP, these indigenously produced devices will be commercialized via NHT and SPV for commercialization of stents and Balloon Catheters. This facility will offer cost effective, indigenously produced electro-medical devices to people of Pakistan and cover only 40% of total country demand.

- Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), an organization working under aegis of Ministry of Science and Technology, has approved 06 projects at a cost of Rs. 74.9 million out of its Competitive Research Programme to address Covid-19 pandemic. One project has been completed and 05 are ongoing. Detail is at (ANNEX-IV).

PSF under its Competitive Research programme has also invited concept proposals to carry out indigenous research to better understand and address challenges pertaining to effect of personal protective equipment (PPE) waste on environment and its management in Pakistan.

(d) Yes, the budget allocated by the Government for Research Projects related to Medical /Health Sciences is enough to deal with the situation. Further, Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination has also mandate to do Research in Medical and Health Sciences.

*(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

6. **\*Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
*(Deferred during 31st Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that power sector circular debt is set to cross Rs. 206 trillion by the end of the ongoing fiscal year 2020-21;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative the reasons for such a huge increase;*

- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government against defaulters, power thieves and curtailing technical losses alongwith reasons for not clearing debt from time to time?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

7. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

*(Deferred during 31st Session)*

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

- (a) *whether authorities concerned which include Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan has taken notice that women in particular have been facing great difficulties during their visits for different hearings in courts to get justice in their pending cases;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to make places vide and worth capable for women litigants in courts as and when they appear?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):**

(a), (b) & (c) **Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases:**

The National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJPMC) in its meeting dated 24-06-2019 directed the High Courts for nominating Judicial Officers for training at the Judicial Academies with respect to Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases. Resultantly, in the first phase of the training 88 Judicial Officers from throughout Pakistan were trained from 18-31 July, 2019 at Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore. In the second phase 30 Judicial Officers and 108 Prosecutors throughout Pakistan were trained from 9-19 December, 2019 at Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore. Moreover, as of 30-11-2020, 193 courts throughout Pakistan have been designated by the High Courts to adjudicate GBV case.

**Juvenile Justice and Child Courts:**

The National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee (NJPMC) in its meeting dated 24-06-2019 directed that according to statutory requirements, in principle, the Juvenile and Child Protection Courts may be established in

every district in the first instance, the Child Courts may be established in the Provincial headquarters and Islamabad Capital Territory and the High Courts will nominate Judicial Officers for training. Resultantly, trainings for capacity building were conducted at the provincial Judicial Academies in which 160 Judges and 23 Prosecutors received training in 2019. Currently, nine (9) Child Courts under the Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018, have been established in the country.

### **New legislation for women and children**

The Government of PTI, MQM (P) and allies are cognizant of the importance of ensuring speedy dispensation of justice for women and children across Pakistan. Access to Justice for this segment of the society is a pivotal competent of the PTI Manifesto. Accordingly, upon assuming office the Prime Minister of Pakistan requested the Federal Law Minister, Dr. Barrister Farogh Naseem, to enact laws which remove the hurdles being faced by women and children in their quest for justice. A number of women and children centred laws have been drafted and enacted through the Ministry of Law and Justice which include the following:

1. Enforcement of Women Property Rights Act, 2020
2. Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020
3. Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Ordinance, 2020
4. Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020

2. In particular, the historic Anti-Rape Ordinance, envisages establishment of Special Courts for women who are victims of sexual offences, including rape. These courts will be dedicated to trial of offence pertaining to women only and ensure conviction within four months. In addition, a number of special measures have been introduced through the Anti-rape ordinance, which include the following:

1. creation of Anti-Rape Crisis Cells to be headed by Deputy Commissioners, who will ensure prompt registration of the FIR, medical examination, forensic analysis etc.;
2. use of modern devises during investigation and trial;
3. legal assistance to the victims on *pro bono* basis;

4. creation of Independent Support Advisers, who will provide support to the victims;
  5. evidence to show immoral Character of victim shall be inadmissible;
  6. in-camera trial; and
  7. identity of the victim shall not be disclosed.
9. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the details of recovery in terms of rupees made by NAB during the tenure of incumbent Chairman in terms of following;*
  - (i) *recovery made through orders of any court of law;*
  - (ii) *recovery made by giving an option of plea bargain;*
  - (iii) *recovery made by any other means;*
- (b) *the details of persons who opted the option of plea bargain alongwith amount recovered from each of above;*
- (c) *the detail of amount which was actually charged with embezzlement to each one; and*
- (d) *the amount out of above which has been retained by NAB itself during the aforesaid period and how the same was distributed among different functionaries of the bureau?*

Reply not received.

15. **\*Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the locations of the country where transmission system of electricity has*

*been up-graded during the regime of present Government so far alongwith the details of cost incurred thereon?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

17. \***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the amount, which has been collected under the heads of Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, for the Diamer-Bhasha and Mohmand Dams Fund at present;*
- (b) *how does reconsolidate the amount, which is actually deposited in an account, which is managed by the Supreme Court of Pakistan;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that different individuals/institutions or functionaries, collected such fund; if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *whether the said fund is used to visit abroad or within the country; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *time by which, utilization of such funds will be started?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

18. \***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the ratio of losses of all nature of power sector as on June 30, 2018 and at present alongwith change occurred or found therein since the inception of present Government;*
- (b) *if such losses have increased during the aforesaid period, the reasons thereof;*

- (c) *what steps are being taken to reduce such losses;*
- (d) *if such losses have decreased during the aforesaid period, the reasons for not extending such benefit to public at large by reducing the electricity tariff?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

20. **\*Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the increase made by K. Electric in electricity prices from March, 2018 to March, 2021 in Karachi; and*
- (b) *the name of the areas of Karachi where loadshedding is being carried out alongwith the duration of said loadshedding?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

22. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the details of total electricity/power being produced/generated alongwith details of such sources; and*
- (b) *the break-up of electricity which is being consumed of the total available electricity in Megawatt particularly in Summer and Winter months?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

24. **\*Mrs. Farukh Khan:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that custom Appellate tribunals are non functional during the last eight months;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that many tribunals are non functional due to not deputing the judges therein;*
- (c) *what are the reasons for not deputing thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which all the tribunals will be made functional?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):**

(a) The Customs Appellate Tribunals are fully functional. Additional charge has been entrusted to different Judges/Presiding Officers of other Tribunals/Courts for smooth functioning of the Customs Appellate Tribunals (CAT).

(b) Most of the Tribunals are functional. The Customs Appellate Tribunal (Chairman and Members) Rules, 2020 dated 29-12-2020 and the Appellate Tribunal Inland Revenue (Chairperson and Members) Rules, 2020 dated 29-12-2020 have been duly notified. As per rule 3(6) of the said Rules, the consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan has been initiated for the appointment of the Chairman and Members.

(c) As regards non-deputing of the members, it is informed that consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan has already been initiated and response thereof is awaited. As soon as the response is received, the requisite appointments shall be made, accordingly.

(d) Necessary consultation has been initiated with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan. The Chairman and Members on the vacant positions shall be notified on receipt of the response from the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan.

26. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *since when the Multan Piran Ghaib Power Plant has been shutdown;*

- (b) *the details of estimated loss sustained in billions rupees to the available machinery of Power Plant;*
- (c) *the reasons for its shutdown;*
- (d) *the time by which said power plant will be made functional; and*
- (e) *the details of action taken against the persons responsible for the said loss?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

27. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the fuel-wise per unit price of electricity at present;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that in recent months, electricity was produced by costly means;*
- (c) *if so, whether authorities/regulators concerned intend to conduct an audit of those electricity producers who prefer generation of electricity through costly means if so, the detail thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government to encourage electricity producers to use cheaper fuels in order to benefit consumers?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

28. **\*Syed Hussain Tariq:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the estimated cost of Diamer-Bhasha Dam;*
- (b) *the amount, which has already been spent by previous Governments on the dam;*

- (c) *the amount which has been collected for the dam, under the head of donation so far;*
- (d) *the funds, which has been earmarked and released for the dam in the current fiscal year;*
- (e) *the increase made in the cost of dam due to depreciation of the value of rupee against dollar during the tenure of present Government; and*
- (f) *the details of plan of the incumbent Government with regard to construction of the dam?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

1. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken by the Election Commission of Pakistan for registering Overseas Pakistanis in voting system of our country especially for the next parliamentary elections?*

**Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan):**

The Federal Government has promulgated an Ordinance on 8th May, 2021 to amend section-94 of Election Act, 2017 in order to authorize the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), with technical assistance of the National Data Base and Registration Authority (NADRA) or any other authority and agency, to enable overseas Pakistanis to exercise their right to vote during general elections. The ECP will take necessary steps as per law.

2. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the petrol is being sold openly in the rural areas;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the open sale of petroleum products?*

Reply not received.

3. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

*Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether Ministry has taken a notice of reports of different Foreign Institutions and Government's Departments regarding pathetic condition of human rights in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *what corrective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari):** (a), (b) & (c)  
The Government of Pakistan is fully cognizant of international issues concerning human rights and takes notice of all such reports. However, the question under reference is vague as there is no mention of any specific international report of foreign institution, INGO or Government Department. Therefore, the specific question is required in order to furnish a comprehensive reply.

4. **\*Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the projects to provide Gas to the Constituency NA-103, (former NA-78), of Tandianwala was approved during the period from 2008 to 2013;*
- (b) *if so, the details of the said projects and the time by which the same will be completed?*

Reply not received.

5. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether the Motorway from Sukkar to Multan and Faisalabad to Multan has been completed cent percent?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** The construction of Motorway from Sukkur to Multan (M-5) has been completed (100 %) and currently is under maintenance period. The construction of Motorway from Multan to Faisalabad has also been completed (100 %) and is operational.

6. **\*Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that it is the responsibility of the Ministry to remove the electric poles from houses;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Ghulam Arbi resident of Chakri Wakeelan Tehsil Gujjar Khan had given application to SDO Galiyana Gujjar Khan on 5-11-2019 for removal of electric pole from his houses but no action has been taken yet;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (a) and (b) above is in affirmative, the time by which the said pole will be removed from the said house alongwith the reasons for not removing the same?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

7. **\*Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that SEPCO Computer Centre Larkana, Sindh was established to expedite and enlarge working efficiency, process data promptly and also for issuance of electricity bills timely;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the proposal for abolishing the said Computer Centre has been intentionally proposed by the Acting Manager (MIS) SEPCO Office Sukkur for his own safety so that he never be posted in Larkana Computer Centre;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) is in affirmative, the action taken against the said Acting Manager on such illegal act?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

8. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Head-Muhammad Wala Multan bridge and roads has not been dualized yet, due to which number of accidents is regularly increasing on daily basis while the traffic remains jammed for many hours;*
- (b) *the time by which the bridge will be constructed by NHA in view of public welfare; if not, the reason thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which above dualization work from Head Muhammad Wala to Syedan Wala Chowk Roads will be started?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) The project for Dualization of Head Muhammad Wala Bridge is neither under consideration by NHA nor included in PSDP 2020-21

(b) The traffic numbers on said bridge is less than 8000 to 11000 vehicles per day, with this low traffic count, dualization of bridge does not qualify.

(c) NHA has not yet planed project for dualization of bridge and road section from Head Muhammad Wala to Syedan Wala Chowk.

9. **\*Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any plan to construct Motorway up to Afghanistan border;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be started and be completed?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) National Highway Authority (NHA) has signed loan Agreement with World Bank through which Khyber Pass Economic Corridor *i.e.* 4-Lane expressway (102 KM) from Torkham to Peshawar including Southern link road will be constructed.

(b) The construction will commence by July, 2022. The project is being constructed on Design cum Built basis. Procurement of consultant is underway.

10. **\*Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) *the amount of funds issued for the construction of 132KV Grid Station in Quetta District Kallat so far;*
- (b) *whether work on the aforesaid project is showing progress according to the prescribed schedule;*
- (c) *if its pace is slow, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps taken or being taken by the Government for its early completion?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

11. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether is there any mechanism has been provided by the Government to ensure the accountability of National Accountability Bureau (NAB); if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *if not, who will and how the NAB would be accountable?*

Reply not received.

12. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is only one workshop in Chakdara Lower Dir for the repair of transformers;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that it is the responsibility of consumers to shift the defective transformer to Chakdara as well as to bring back the same to the require place; and*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the supply of electricity up to meters is the responsibility of WAPDA and its distribution companies?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

13. **\*Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani:**

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state to make useful and function life of Combined Cycle Power (CCP) unit No.7 Guddu Thermal Power Station (GTPS), Kotri stopped in an improper way?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

14. **\*Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Sangjani Grid Station, on the pretext of repair/maintenance has disconnected the supply of Electricity to Cabinet Division Employees Cooperative Housing Society, and the adjacent areas during the whole day for the last several months;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which repair or maintenance work will be completed for supplying un-interrupted electricity?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

15. **\*Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:*

- (a) *a country and crime-wise breakdown of Pakistanis imprisoned abroad;*
- (b) *a list of Pakistanis on death row abroad and details about their crimes, gender and age; and*
- (c) *whether the consular assistance has been provided to these condemned prisoners?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

16. \***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

*Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the number of hours for which Gas loadshedding is being carried out in Larkana at present alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

17. \***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether name of Pakistan has been excluded from FATF's grey list or still therein?*

Transferred to Finance Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

18. \***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the time by which the Northern Bypass M-10 project will be completed and the number of human lives lost as result of traffic accidents took place on the said one way road?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saed):** Karachi Northern Bypass (KNB) has already been completed and functional since 2004-05. 1st 18 KMs *i.e.* from ICI Bridge to Hub toll plaza is a dual carriageway facility. NHA conducted feasibility study and design of Karachi Northern Bypass (KNB / M-10) through a consultant, wherein proposal of dualization of KNB on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode was not found feasible. However, for the safety of road users, additional highway safety

arrangements have been provided i.e closure of all illegal U-Turns, three pedestrian bridges have been provided and additional signboards are being placed near all local roads.

Moreover, as an alternate option, Lyari elevated freight corridor on Lyari river is also planned and is at feasibility/design survey stage, this elevated expressway will carry heavy traffic coming from the Port. Implementation on this scheme depends upon commercial feasibility report, which is likely to be completed by the end of June, 2021.

19. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

- (a) *the details of inquiries on different counts, which have been initiated and closed due to insufficient evidences or otherwise by the NAB since its inception;*
- (b) *whether any arrest was made against each of above inquiry; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *time by which, each person, who was arrested in connection with said inquiries remained imprison;*
- (d) *whether it is not a violation of fundamental rights of a citizen, who were detained merely on the basis of assumptions;*
- (e) *if so, what corrective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

20. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of Post Offices and branches of Postal Department functioning in Chitral Lower and Upper;*
- (b) *the number of branches closed during last two years; and*
- (c) *the details of the branches which are still closed?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) 1 General Post Office (GPO), 14 Sub-Offices and 83 Branch Offices are functional in Chitral upper and lower.

(b) No branch office is closed in the last two years.

(c) Branch office(s) Charon Oweer, Upper Chitral and Sameer, Lower Chitral were closed in 2016 due to financial losses.

21. **\*Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**

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

(a) *the number and details of the LT proposal and augmentation cases in sequence approved by MEPCO for NA-154 during the financial year 2019-20;*

(b) *the number of LT proposal and augmentation will be approved recently; if not, the reasons thereof;*

(c) *the details of departmental budget of MEPCO for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21;*

(d) *whether it is a fact that cables up to fifty meters installed on one pole in Multan Cantt, and such thickly hanging cables are dangerous for human life;*

(e) *the details of action taken by the Government in this regard against the responsible;*

(f) *if so, the time by which the work will be carried out thereon?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

22. **\*Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

(a) *whether Ministry has taken notice that Federal Government Departments do not implement decisions of Wafaqi Mohtasib in letter and spirit; if so, the details thereof; and*

- (b) *what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure implementation of the decisions of the Wafaqi Mohtasib in letter and spirit and to make accountable who failed to implement or create hurdles in implementation of the decisions of Wafaqi Mohtasib?*

Reply not received.

23. **\*Ms. Nafesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry has locally manufactured its first ever Electronic Voting Machine;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be functional in all categories of elections in our country?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:  
The 16th May, 2021

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Monday, the 17th May, 2021

4. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
*(Deferred during 13th Session)*

*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?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

72. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
(Deferred during 18th Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the details of disciplinary cases not yet finalized during last one year in WAPDA, PEPCO, GENCOs NTDC and DISCOs after lapse of prescribed period as per rules, their impact on the promotion and retirement of such officers and the time by which these cases will be finalized?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

29. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**  
(Deferred during 19th Session)

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

- (a) *number of applicants of the recently advertised vacancies of Bill Distribution and Assistant Lineman in Islamabad Electric Supply Company with qualification required to apply for;*
- (b) *details of marks obtained in NTS test of each candidate appeared in tests of aforesaid vacancies; and*
- (c) *complete details in all aspects including NTS and SSC marks of shortlisted candidates for interview of aforesaid vacancies with the criteria adopted in short listing?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

4. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 20th Session)

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

- (a) *detail of increase made in the electricity bills during the last one year; and*
- (b) *the detail of domestic and commercial consumers separately?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

15. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
(Deferred during 20th Session)

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

- (a) *the employees of Power Division and its attached department went abroad at the expense of Government during the last four years; and*
- (b) *the detail of authority sent them abroad and the reasons therefor; and*
- (c) *the amount incurred on each employees?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

13. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**  
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *the time by which funds will be allocated for provision of 150 yards 4 core cable to provide electricity connections to the remaining part of Qureshi Gali from Shafique Cotton Store to Raja Khuram Shahzad Home, Mohallah Afzalabad, central Jail Area, Haripur; and*
- (b) *the time by which work will be started?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

14. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**  
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *the time by which 100 KV transformer approved by PESCO proposal No.6411171 under work order No.11-64464 will be installed in front of Raja Shamrooz Home, Qureshi Gali, Mohallah Afzalabad, Central Jail Area, Haripur; and*
- (b) *the time by which work will be started?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

15. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the domestic electricity consumers of Mahera Ali Khan, Tehsil and District Haripur neither receive monthly bills timely nor the said bills are sent on their residential addresses causing inconvenience to the consumers in depositing their bills in time;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the concerned office staff will be directed by the Government to deliver monthly bills in time to consumers at their already provided residential addresses?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

16. **Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) *details of residents of village Musapur, Tehsil Pasrur, District Sialkot have deposited the amount of demand notices of Rs. 6,000/- for installation of meter of natural gas since January, 2018;*
- (b) *the present status of each of above applicant;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that several residents, who have deposited the aforesaid amount, could not the given connection of natural gas; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *time by which, each of above will provide connection of natural gas?*

Reply not received.

19. **Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim:**  
(Deferred during 28th Session)

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any mechanism of periodically water quality monitoring programme; if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Syed Shibli Faraz):** Water quality monitoring of drinking water supplies as a measure of the physical, chemical, biological and microbiological characteristics of water is undertaken as per requirements of the National Standards for Drinking Water Quality of Pakistan & Bottled Water Quality Standards developed by Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). At federal and provincial levels, water supply service providers are monitoring their water supply by themselves, however, there is no independent surveillance agency at federal/provincial level to undertake the independent monitoring of water supplies in the country. To bridge this gap, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), following its mandate and working under the aegis of Ministry of Science and Technology, undertakes periodic water quality monitoring of major cities of the country. Details of periodic and other monitoring programs is as below:

- (a) PCRWR has undertaken the **National Water Quality Monitoring Program (NWQMP, 2001-2010)** in major cities such as; Islamabad, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Kasur, Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Shekhupura, Sialkot, Attock, Mangora, Abottabad, Mardan, Peshawar, Khuzdar, Loralai, Quetta, Ziarat, Hyderabad, Karachi, Sukkur. The findings of the program revealed the prevalence of four major water quality tribulations in the country *i.e.* microbiological (69%), arsenic (24%), nitrate (14%) and fluoride (5%). The monitoring reports were published and shared with the concerned local, provincial and federal authorities for undertaking improvement measures. This program was continued as a regular activity after every five years.

Following this, water quality monitoring of 26 cities was undertaken in 2015-16. The study revealed that 31% of the monitored water sources were safe for drinking. The water quality monitoring for 2020-21 is now extended to the 29 cities. The

detailed report is compiled and being reviewed for publishing and dissemination shortly.

- b. PCRWR has been undertaking monitoring of bottled/mineral water brands from 2001 on annual basis. Later in 2005, the monitoring frequency was switched from annual to quarterly basis on the directive of federal cabinet. Since then, monitoring of 82 quarters of commercially available bottled water brands have been completed. The monitoring findings of each quarter have been disseminated to the provincial chief secretaries, PSQCA and provincial food authorities for legal actions against unsafe brands. The quarterly bottled water quality status is also shared with the public for their awareness through print/electronic media and official website of PCRWR ([www.perwr.gov.pk](http://www.perwr.gov.pk)).
- c. The outcomes of earlier mentioned urban water quality monitoring had sensitized the implementing agencies to consider and ensure the availability of safe drinking water to the public. This had also developed a significant requirement to extend and undertake similar activity in rural areas of the country. Following this, about 3000 villages of 24 districts were monitored. The study report based on the analysis of 14,000 water samples in 2010 revealed the presence of five main water quality problems in rural areas of Pakistan i.e. Bacteriological (64%), Total Dissolved Solids (25%), Turbidity (14%), Nitrate (9%) and Fluoride (7%). Overall findings exhibited that 82% of rural water sources were unsafe; and the remaining 18% sources were found safe for drinking purpose when compared with PSQCA water quality standards. During Phase-II of rural water quality monitoring, 2859 water samples were collected from 574 villages of Badin, Nawabshah, Khanewal and Vehari. The quality of water indicated that 69% water samples were unsafe for drinking purposes and only 31 % water sources were found safe. The status of rural water quality in Pakistan has been shared with the water sector stakeholders for mitigation.
- d. Under the development program "**Provision of Safe Drinking Water**" nation-wide assessment survey of more than 10,000 water supply schemes (1808 urban and 8320 rural water supply schemes) had been completed first time in the history of Pakistan. The survey revealed that 72% water supply schemes were

operational. Out of these, 84% were supplying unsafe drinking water and only 16% schemes were supplying safe drinking water to general public. The main contaminant was microbial contamination. To improve this situation, capacity building of 3500 professionals associated with water supply agencies had been built by conducting intensive training course on water quality monitoring and treatment for technician, senior and middle managers.

- e. **Water quality assessment of drinking water sources of Metropolitan Corporation of Islamabad:** An intensive water quality assessment of water supply sources of Islamabad in collaboration with Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) was conducted in September, 2018 and later in October 2020. The recent assessment of water supply at source and consumer's end revealed 73% sources were supplying safe water after optimization of chlorination facility in Islamabad under the directions of PM Office.
- f. **Water Governance in FATA (Environment Cell):** The FATA Secretariat has established an Environment Cell to ensure that environmental concerns and measures are taken care in the preparation of development schemes. The Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation extended financial support and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Pakistan, provided technical support to strengthen the FATA Environment Cell under a project "Water Governance in FATA (Environment Cell)". Under this project, PCRWR undertook a technical study including review of existing water quality standards in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other areas of Pakistan and formulate implementable water quality standards for FATA for domestic, agricultural and livestock water use and also spatial mapping of surface and groundwater quality for the 07 (seven) agencies viz, Bajaur, Mohmand, Khyber, Orakzai, Kurram, North Waziristan and South Waziristan.

PCRWR also prepared draft water quality standards (irrigation) for FATA. To assess the water quality of the area, the water samples were collected from all 7 agencies and analyzed at PCRWR, National Water Quality Laboratory (NWQL). Overall

97% water samples were found unsafe due to microbiological contamination. The other contaminants found were Total Dissolved Solid (TDS), Hardness, Fluoride and Nitrate.

- g. **Water Quality Assessment of Sindh on the orders of Judicial Commission of Inquiry, High Court of Sindh, Karachi:** PCRWR has conducted a water quality assessment of Sindh on the order passed by Hon`ble Judicial Commission of Inquiry, High Court of Sindh, Karachi, dated 09-01-2017. The water samples were collected from Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Badin and Tandojam and analyzed for microbiological and chemical parameters at PCRWR Karachi Laboratory. The results revealed that 75% of water samples were unsafe and 25% safe for human consumption. The major contaminations were bacterial, TDS, Hardness, Chloride, Sulfate, Fluoride, Nitrate and Iron. The initial report was submitted by the PCRWR on 24-01-2017 to the Hon`ble Judicial Commission of Inquiry.
- h. **Spatial and Temporal Trends in River Water Quality of Pakistan under the project titled “Strategic Basin Assessment, Indus”. (PCRWR-CSIRO):** This study envisages monitoring the quality of major rivers of Pakistan through a joint collaboration between Common Wealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) and Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), initially for Ravi and Sutlej Rivers.

The main reason for the selection of these rivers is the low flow (as compared to the western rivers of Indus, Jhelum and Chenab) and the existence of major cities along these rivers. This study was undertaken to monitor the water quality of rivers Ravi and Sutlej from August 2015 to July 2016 at different strategic locations. It has been found that the river health deteriorated for physico-chemical parameters, trace metals and microbiologically with trend from upstream to downstream in both rivers due to industrial and municipal waste. In terms of organic pollutants, 100% samples of rivers were found contaminated specifically at upstream; when rivers enter from India to Pakistan. Later, concentrations got reduced with the flow of the river downstream. Not a single drain was found having effluent according to the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) of Pakistan.

In this study the shallow and deep ground water sources along the river and drains were monitored. It has been found that in most of the cases shallow ground water sources were found contaminated chemically, microbiologically, with heavy metals and even with pesticides. All shallow ground water sources near by the drains were found contaminated with Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

- i. **UNU-PCRWR Study “Environmental Monitoring and Management of POPs in Asia - Monitoring of Persistent Organic Pollutants” (2006-2018):** The United Nations University Institute for Sustainability and Peace (UNU-ISP) and the Shimadzu Corporation, Japan have partnered with national institutions across Asia to monitor and manage Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) to better implement the Stockholm Convention. Over the past 15 years, the UNU-ISP project on Environmental Monitoring and Governance in the Asian Coastal Hydrosphere has helped ten Asian partner countries – China, India, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam to enhance overall scientific capacity in POPs research. Following this, the monitoring of POPs in the environment – water, sediment, biota and drinking water has also been conducted in Pakistan. PCRWR in collaboration with UNU-IAS has monitored different groups of POPs on annual basis in the surface water bodies of Pakistan (five rivers and Arabian Sea) at 28 strategic locations. During all these years, 213 surface water, 28 groundwater, 80 sediments and 32 biota samples were collected and analysed for major categories of POPs. Almost all types of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) were detected in surface and groundwater, sediments and biota in Pakistan. The study data has given significant inputs for the development of National Implementation Plan (NIP) on management of POPs by the Pakistan’s National Ministry of Climate Change. Considering the current state of POPs’ use and regulations as well as possible health risks in Pakistan, continuous monitoring and regulatory measures are required to be enforced by all stakeholders to restrict use, storage, disposal, import and export as well as phasing out the use of POPs at all levels. The detailed project report comprising data of over 15 years is near ready to be released.

- j. **National Nutrition Survey (2018):** PCRWR has undertaken the country wide water quality monitoring as a part of National Nutrition Survey 2017-18 jointly with Aga Khan University Hospital Karachi, Ministry of National Health Services and Regulation and Coordination, United Nations Children's Fund and Department for International Development. The purpose of this monitoring was to assess the contribution of unsafe water quality on the mother and child health specifically in relation to Child Stunting. The water quality assessment of 15000 selected households showed 65% of the sources to be unsafe mainly due to microbial contamination and is a significant contributor in affecting the women and child health.

### **The Outcomes**

The water quality monitoring programmes of PCRWR have identified and publicized the drinking water problems of urban and rural areas. As a result of these initiatives, unsafe drinking water became a serious concern for the WASA's, PHEDs, local Government, NGOs, general public etc. Consequently, various corrective measures were undertaken which resulted in an improved access to piped water, enhances access to safe water from 15% to 31% and increased public awareness on significance of safe water. An increased investment in this areas has expected to reduce the expenditures on waterborne outbreaks.

1. **Dr. Nafisa Shah:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *the international petroleum price in rupee terms; and*  
(b) *the percentage of taxes charged on each litre, as petroleum levy?*

Reply not received.

2. **Syed Javed Husnain:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electricity meters could not be installed against several applications by relevant Sub-Division of MEPCO*

*in Chak No.515/EB, Burewala including the application Registration No.15334007730 dated 08-09-2020 even after the lapse of many months of submitting the applications;*

- (b) if so, the details of pending applications for installation of electricity meters at present alongwith reasons of pendency of each application; and*
- (c) time by which, electricity meters will be installed against each of above application?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

4. **Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**  
*(Deferred during 31st Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notices under the Account IDs 54046395312 dated 20-01-2020, 41773462431 dated 13-01-2021, 83208130498 dated 06-02-2020 by residents of Kh No.321 Gulshan-e-Khudadad Phase-III Bokra NR Naseerabad Pipe Factory Islamabad, P-75 Zafar Colony Chak No.121/JB NR Church Chowk Millat Road, Faisalabad and Chak No.81/JB Pandoori Pansra Dijkot Road Faisalabad, the authorities concerned have failed to install meters of natural Gas against aforesaid demand notices;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) what steps are being taken by the Government to install meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

5. **Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**  
*(Deferred during 31st Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that pressure of natural Gas is low to zero at Wahdat Road Lahore and in particular H. No. 4-S/51, Green Street Clifton Colony Wahdat Road Lahore; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *what action has been taken by authorities concerned to improve, the pressure of gas to aforesaid locality; and*
- (c) *time by which problem of low to zero pressure of natural gas will be improved?*

Reply not received.

6. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No. 19 replied on 22-01-2021 and to state:*

- (a) *sub-clause/part (b) bearing details of implementation by authorities for the electrification of the Ittefaq Colony through FESCO/PEPCO, particularly electricity meters at Chak No.338/ JB, Nia Lahore, Tehsil Gujra, District Toba Tek Singh against the consumer ID No.13031123697;*
- (b) *the reasons for delay and not installing/providing electric connections;*
- (c) *what action has been taken against the delinquent employees found negligent in this regard; and*
- (d) *the time by which such electric connections will be installed; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

7. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Deferred during 31st Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that natural Gas has been provided to the residents of Sabir Town (Sudhran) Tarlai Kalan, Islamabad for the last two years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the same has not been provided to residents of 10-15 houses of locality of said Town; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to provide natural Gas to rest of the houses of aforementioned locality at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

1. **Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that natural Gas has not been provided to different streets of village Tariqabad, Post Office Chak Shahbaz, Tehsil Phalia, District Mandi Bahauddin;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons of such disparity, as the natural Gas is being provided to some of streets and other streets are deprived of the such facility; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to provide connections of natural Gas to all the residents of aforesaid village at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

2. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notice under the account IDs 44991787514 dated 12-09-2019, 98591081520 dated 02-03-2020, 16018017877 dated 02-03-2020, 07701467347 dated 03-09-2020, 76778563775*

*dated 24-03-2021 and 72161186209 dated 01-12-2020 by residents of Chak No.81/JB, Pandoori Pansra, Dijkot Road, Faisalabad and Chak No.83/JB, Gillan Dijkot Pensra Road, Faisalabad the authorities concerned have failed to install meters of natural Gas against aforesaid demand notice;*

- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to install meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

**3. Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to lay Gas pipeline for provision of natural Gas to Chak No.34/3-R, Post Office Dahranwala, Tehsil Haroonabad, District Bahawalnagar;*

- (b) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

**4. Chaudhry Iftikhar Nazir:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notice under the account IDs 36781801471 dated 29-07-2020 and 27725938917 dated 19-10-2020 by residents of Kotli Saadat Chak No.124/RB, Narwala Road near Independent Hospital, Faisalabad and St. No.6, Zafarabad Chak No.219/RB, Jhan Road Near Ashiq Karyana Store, Faisalabad the authorities concerned have failed to install meters of natural Gas against aforesaid demand notices;*

- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to install the said meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

5. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to address the problem of low pressure and loadshedding of sui Gas in Sector I-14 and I-16, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *the time by which the shortage of Gas will be ended in above said Sectors?*

Reply not received.

6. **Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No. 19 replied on 22-01-2021 and to state:*

- (a) *sub-clause/part (b), details of implementation by authorities for the electrification of the "Ittefaq Colony" through FESCO/PEPCO, particularly electricity meters at Chak No. 338/JB, Nia Lahore, Tehsil Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh against the consumer ID No. 13031123697;*
- (b) *the reasons for not installing/providing electric connections;*
- (c) *what action has been taken against the delinquent employees found negligent in this regard; and*
- (d) *the time by which such electric connections will be installed; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

ISLAMABAD:  
The 16th May, 2021

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.