

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Thursday, the 2nd January, 2020**

56. **\*Ch. Aamir Sultan Cheema:**  
*(Deferred during 16th Session)*

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

- (a) the procedure to give administrative approval for new schemes of natural gas supply;*
- (b) number of schemes of supply of natural Gas approved for NA-91, Sargodha (old NA-67) since 2011;*
- (c) number of schemes completed and pending in the said Constituency so far alongwith reasons thereof; and*
- (d) as to when physical work will start on pending and new schemes of Gas in said Constituency?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

74. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
*(Deferred during 16th Session)*

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the increase made in electricity tarrif as well as number of times such increase was made by the present Government till date alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

64. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
*(Deferred during 17th Session)*

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

- (a) number of times, the tariff of electricity under any nomenclature thereof, has been increased since August 1, 2018 alongwith justification of each increase;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to collect billions of rupees over and above from consumers on behalf of distribution companies in contrary to original approval of NEPRA; if so, the details and justification thereof;*
- (c) whether such increases and collections are tantamount to system inefficiency and failure of the Government to bring due reforms in power sector;*
- (d) if so, what steps are being taken to fix system inefficiencies of the power sector, and bring due reforms therein, and time by which, benefits of such reform will start paying to consumers?*

*Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.*

70. **\*Ms. Asma Qadeer:**  
*(Deferred during 17th Session)*

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state what measures are being taken for producing energy from Waste, Bio resources, Solar, Wind and Static energy?*

*Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.*

73. **\*Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**  
*(Deferred during 17th Session)*

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

- (a) what was the total MW production of electricity in May, 2018;*  
*and*

(b) *how many MW have been increased by the Government since August, 2018?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

75. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the year-wise detail of increase in per unit price of electricity since 2016 till date?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

76. **\*Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

(a) *whether the concerned authorities of Power Division and NEPRA have taken notice of electrocution of dozens of innocent citizens recently; if so, the details thereof;*

(b) *whether the concerned electricity provider or Federal Government has financially compensated the killed and injured citizens in such incidents of electrocution; if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereof;*

(c) *time by which, each of above will be financially compensated; and*

(d) *what steps are being taken to improve infrastructure particularly with reference to ensure safety of people?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

77. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as per report of Ministry of Finance deficit of LESCO, HESCO, QESCO and MEPCO was in billions of Rupees for year 2018-19; if so,;*
- (b) *what was deficit in year 2017-18 as compare to year 2018-19 in detail?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

81. **\*Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha:**  
*(Deferred during 17th Session)*

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

- (a) *the number of villages electrified in the country during the last 14th months with province wise break-up; and*
- (b) *the number of villages in the country proposed to be electrified during 2019-2020 with province-wise break-up?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

84. **\*Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
*(Deferred during 17th Session)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to construct waste to energy plants in the country;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved the grant of power generation license to Lahore Xingzhong Renewable Energy Company Limited;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the details thereof and what type of waste which will be allowed for energy power plants?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) *whether the Government intends to restore 50 MW Peeran Ghaib Gas Power Station, Multan; and*
- (b) *funds allocated in PSDP for restoration of the said project from 2013 to 2018 alongwith the reasons for not utilizing the said funds?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

27. **\*Ms. Uzma Riaz:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that people of Abbottabad City and other adjacent areas have to come back from Shankiari Interchange which results in long queues of vehicles wastage of time and causing trouble for the residents;*
- (b) *whether Shimla Interchange should have been build in the begining at the time of designing Hazara Motorway in view the public interest; and*
- (c) *whether Shimla Interchange can solve the problems of the said people; if so, the time by which department will start working on it; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) Abbottabad city is located on expressway at Km 72 whereas Shinkiarri is located on Class-II highway at Km 122.

Expressway ends at Km 100+410 and up to the end there are two number of interchanges provided between Abbottabad and Mansehra, one at Km 88 Qaladarabad, and other at Km 100 Mansehra.

Shinkiarri is located on class-II highway (Km 122).As for as Abbottabad people are concerned they are not supposed to go to Shinkiarri

for entering into Abbottabad city and they can get off from CPEC expressway either at Khokar Maira (Havelian interchange Km 065) only 7 Kms away from Abbottabad city or they can use Abbottabad interchange Km 88 (Near Qalandarabad) which is only 8 Kms away from Abbottabad city.

(b) Shimla interchange was technically not possible as it is highly mountainous area, densely populated and extremely narrow roads, passing through Abbottabad Cantt/Army installations, which are very difficult to be used for widening to adjust the expressway traffic, therefore Shimla interchange was not designed.

(c) As explained above Shimla interchange was not advised by the project consultants (M/s DOLSAR, Ankra & M/s NESPAK, Lahore). Further, if it is considered, even then it cannot solve the problem until and unless the link road (5 Kms) passing through built up area of Abbottabad Cantt is widened as 4-lane Highway. That link road does not belong to NHA.

28. **\*Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of efforts to minimize the tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi):** As part of his initiative for peace and security in the region, Prime Minister Imran Khan has emphasized the importance of defusion of tensions and peaceful resolution of differences and disputes through political and diplomatic means. Our Prime Minister visited both Saudi Arabia and Iran and met with their leadership. Pakistan has conveyed readiness to facilitate mutual contact, removal of misunderstandings, and resolution of disputes.

29. **\*Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

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

- (a) *details of staff of MEPCO, which have been posted in each sub-division of NA-183, Muzaffargarh alongwith time since each of above staff is posted;*
- (b) *the mechanism which is adopted to monitor the performance of aforesaid staff;*
- (c) *is there any data available of exact number of complaints which have been filed by the consumers of said area against each*

*official; if so, the details thereof and the action, which have been taken on such complaints;*

- (d) whether authorities concerned have taken notice of rampant corruption in the aforesaid sub-divisions, while addressing the problems of the people of the area;*
- (e) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to ensure accountability?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

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

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the number of Pakistani prisoners who have been released from Saudi Arabia after the announcement made by the Prime Minister in this regard alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi):** We have presently around 3,248 prisoners in Saudi jails. Our Missions in Saudi Arabia are actively pursuing the release of Pakistani prisoners, as announced during the visit of HRH Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman. As per available information total of 2080 prisoners have been released. These also include prisoners released since the announcement.

31. **\*Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Embassies of Pakistan in USA, UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, France, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are working in the rented buildings;*
- (b) if so, the rent paid for each building for the year 2018-19 alongwith the date of hiring of each building; and*
- (c) the reasons for not constructing own building for those embassies?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi):** (a) The Embassies of Pakistan in USA, UK, Germany, Italy, Belgium, France and Saudi Arabia are operating in Government Owned Buildings. However, Pakistan Embassies in Spain and Kuwait are functioning in rented buildings.

(b) The rent paid for the rented buildings of Pared Kuwait and Madrid (Spain) for the year 2018-2019:

- (i) Embassy of Pakistan Kuwait: Annual rent for 2019-2020 is KD 54,000 (Rs. 27,730,210) at monthly rent of KD 4,500. The building was hired in 1990.
- (ii) Embassy of Pakistan Madrid (Spain): Annual rent for 2019-2020 is Rs. 19, 436, 151 at monthly rent of Euros 12000 pm. The building was hired 2012.

(c) Pared Kuwait has informed that the case for construction of our own building is under process on a recently allocated plot by the host Government. Various proposals for construction as well as purchase of premises for Pakistan's Mission Abroad have been under consideration every year. However, due to paucity of funds, only few projects are funded each year.

32. **\*Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether the construction on Sukkur to Multan Motorway, Hazara Motorway and Faisalabad to Multan Motorway has been completed?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):**

- Multan Sukkur Motorway (M-5) is completed and opened/ operational for traffic *w.e.f* 06-11-2019.
- Faisalabad Multan Motorway is opened/ operational for traffic *w.e.f* 27-10-2019.
- Hazara Motorway from Burhan to Shah Maqsood is operational for traffic *w.e.f* 12-12-2017 and section from Shah Maqsood to Mansehra is operational since 18-11-2019.

33. **\*Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar**

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

- (a) *electricity tariffs for all categories on March 1st, 2018;*
- (b) *electricity tariff for all categories on December 1st, 2019; and*
- (c) *what is the contribution of each category to the total electricity revenue?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

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

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state whether it is correct that the Federal Government has decided to bring Federal Shariat Court and Council of Islamic Ideology which are purely constitutional bodies under the ambit of Ministry of Law by annulling or lowering their constitutional status and including them in the list of autonomous bodies with regard to restructuring of organizations; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Admissibility is being re-considered.

35. **\*Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

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

- (a) the total cost of Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad Airport Metro Bus Project; and*
- (b) the increase in the cost due to delay in its construction?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) The total cost of the project is Rs. 14,444 million.

(b) The project cost has not escalated due to delay, rather it would be completed with saving IA.

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

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

- (a) the names of metals discovered from district Chitral and the quantity thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for more exploration thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

37. **\*Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that ninety million were released by Federal Government in March, 2013 for the then NA-94 (Now NA-113) to FESCO for electrification of development schemes;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that those funds were transferred to FESCO but were not utilized;*
- (c) *the detailed statement of utilization of said funds and where those funds were utilized; if not, utilized the status thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

38. **\*Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

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

- (a) *the names of entities under PEPCO whose Board of Directors (BoDs) have completed their tenures and the time by which their BoDs will be re-constituted;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that BoDs of DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC and PEPCO are bound by the rules of above entities and they are not empowered to amend any fundamental rules;*
- (c) *if so, the details of actions taken which are not in accordance with the basic and fundamental rules by BoDs of above entities during last two years; and*
- (d) *the mechanism to have check over the performance and working of BoDs of above entities?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

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

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that petrol is being sold openly in rural areas alongwith the procedure adopted to check quantity of such petroleum products; and*
- (b) *which institutions allow sale of petroleum products to such retail outlets for its sale openly without adopting precautionary measures?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

40. **\*Mr. Muhammad Hashim Notezai:**

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

- (a) the district-wise amount spent under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds from Shandak Project so far;*
- (b) on whose recommendations this amount has been disbursed; and*
- (c) the number of such projects of the Ministry in district Chagi, Noshki, Kharan under which CSR funds were disbursed so far alongwith details thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

41. **\*Syed Mehmood Shah:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that pressure of gas in Kalat is very low;*
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the gas pressure?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

42. **\*Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

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

- (a) the total number of Pakistani prisoners in Indian and Afghan jails at present; and*
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for their release?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi):** (a) As per lists exchanged by Pakistan and India on 1st January 2020, there are 592 Pakistani/ believed to be Pakistani prisoners. These include 375 civil prisoners and 217 fishermen presently detained in Indian jails.

As per our Mission in Kabul, there are presently 308 Pakistani prisoners in various jails across Afghanistan.

(b) The Ministry through its High Commission in New Delhi regularly takes up with the concerned Indian authorities the issue of early repatriation and possible necessary facilitation including consular and legal assistance for the Pakistani prisoners. Our High Commission continues to make these efforts.

The Government of Afghanistan is not forthcoming in sharing information about the exact number of Pakistani detainees in different jails in Afghanistan and the nature of their crime and length of imprisonment. The Afghan authorities do not allow regular consular access. However, our Embassy has devised a mechanism of monthly Consular meetings with Afghan authorities with regard to prisoner's issues.

Release of Pakistani prisoners is repeatedly raised with the Afghan government at all levels and platforms. Through the Ministry's efforts, since 23rd February 2018, **52** Pakistanis have been released from Afghan jails and repatriated to Pakistan.

43. **\*Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) projects inaugurated by the present Government under administrative control of the Ministry;*
- (b) when each of said project was started and who laid down foundation stone of each project; and*
- (c) year-wise funds reserved for each project during last two years?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) & (b) Reply to (a) and (b) is at **Annex-A**.

(c) The NHA-PSDP allocations for development projects for FY 2017-18 & FY 2018-19 is at **Annex-B**.

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

44. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the local labourers are not given priority by the companies in the construction work of Jamshoro-Sehwan Road, being constructed with the collaboration of Federal Government;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to issue directions so that local labour may be hired?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) The construction companies are hiring local labor for execution of the project in Jamshoro Sehwan. In fact, it is in the interest of the execution agencies to hire local labor as it is more cost effective.

(b) Local labor is being hired by the contractors under P.E.C (Pakistan Engineering Council) Guideline's clause 6.1 the contractor's are required to encourage and employ local labor (Pakistan) which are duly incorporated in construction contracts.

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

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of assistance provided by Directorate of Consular Affairs of the Ministry to Pakistanis who want to go abroad and reside abroad, as per functions of the said Directorate?*

Reply not received.

46. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

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

- (a) *whether NHA has started any new project during 2018-19;*
- (b) *the revenue of NHA; and*
- (c) *the details of its performance during the said period?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) During the year 2018-19 NHA has started the following projects.

- i. Basima Khuzdar (110 Km )
- ii. Petaro Sehwan (128 Km)
- iii. Peshawar Dara Adam Khel (34 Km)

(b) Moreover overall NHA's Revenue from all sources for the FY 2018-19 is Rs. 32,900 Millions.

(c) The performance of NHA can be judged from the follow mega projects completed in 2018-19

- a. Lahore Abdul Hakeem Motorway
- b. Multan Sukkur Motorway
- c. Havellian Mansehra
- d. E-35 Package-III
- e. Shorkot Khanewal Motorway M-4

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

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the detail of line losses of FESCO alongwith the steps taken by the FESCO to control these losses and the steps taken against the employees involved in pilferage of electricity alongwith their names and designations?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

48. **\*Mr. James Iqbal:**

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

- (a) *the names of countries included in TAPI Gas Project;*
- (b) *the reasons for delay in its completion; and*
- (c) *as to when it would be completed?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

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

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the details of those detained Pakistanis abroad to whom Consular access have been provided by our foreign consulates/embassies abroad since 2013 till date with country-wise details of such detained Pakistanis?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

50. **\*Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar:**

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

- (a) the percentage of work of Peshawar Mor to New Airport Islamabad Metrobus Project has been completed so far; and*
- (b) as to when the work on said project would be completed?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) Almost 90% percent of work of Metro Bus Project from Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport Project has been completed so far.

(b) The project is expected to be completed within current financial year subject to timely release of funds.

51. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to construct Motorway from Peshawar to Dera Ismail Khan under the CPEC Projects;*
- (b) if so, as to when it would be started?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) The proposal for construction of Motorway from Peshawar to D.I Khan was proposed by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which was considered in the CPEC Joint Working Group on Infrastructure meeting held in October, 2019 in Islamabad. It was decided that the project will be taken up in the next Joint Working Group meeting after completion of the Feasibility Study, Design and approval of PCI by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(b) The project would be started after completion of the requirements by the Government of KPK and availability of funds.

52. **\*Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Mr. Noor Muhammad have applied for installation of new electric pole in Dhoke Faiz Bux Village Chakri Wakeelan Tehsil Gujar Khan; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no work has been done so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

53. **\*Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the names of those countries whose Embassies are not functioning in Pakistan, however, Pakistan has established its Embassies in said countries alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

54. **\*Ms. Shamim Panhwar:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct Motorway from Dunya Balksar Interchange onwards to Multan/Muzaffargarh/Dera Ismail Khan?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** It is apprised that there is no proposal with NHA for construction of Motorway from Dunya Balkasar Interchange onwards to Multan/Muzaffargarh/Dera Ismail Khan.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 1st January, 2020*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Thursday, the 2nd January, 2020**

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.

21. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that all the CEOs of DISCOs have been posted as a stop gap arrangement purely on temporary basis;*
- (b) *if so, reasons thereof and time by which regularly appointed CEOs for tenure of 2-3 years will be posted as per rules by inviting applications through media and interviewing them in accordance with laid down conditions for appointment of heads of PSEs?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

22. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the NTDC/HESCO to lay new 132 KV Circuit from Thar Coal Power House, Islamkot, to 132/66 KV Grid Station, Islamkot, to facilitate the people of Thar who are presently facing low voltage and load shedding since long; if so, as to when the said proposal will be implemented and if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

25. **Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has decided to challenge 6.2 billion dollars penalty in Reko Diq case at International forum;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Pakistan may lose its foreign assets if penalty not paid; if so,;*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government at present to save our foreign assets at the cost of losing the said case?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

28. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that WAPDA has decided in 2017 to give seniority to its SDOs, XENs and SEs from the date of induction, who have been inducted on the basis of M.Sc and Ph.D qualifications; and*
- (b) *if so, whether the above said policy has been adopted/ incorporated by PEPCO, NTDC, GENCOs and DISCOs; if so, the date of adoption/incorporation; if not, reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

29. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *the names of Ministries Divisions and other Government Departments/ Organizations against which electricity bills are outstanding at present indicating also the amount pending against each;*
- (b) *the time by which the said amount will be recovered?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

30. **Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that concerned sub-division of FESCO has failed to take note of loose wires of electricity and inappropriate installation of transformer in Basic Health Unit, 82/JB, Jaghatpur, District Faisalabad; if so;*

- (b) *if so, what steps are being taken to rectify loose wires and transformer in aforesaid BHU?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

32. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a transformer installed near Government High School in Village Darkali Shar Shahi, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, have become dysfunctional, recently; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *what steps are being taken to make aforesaid transformer functional at an earliest?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

34. **Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr:**  
(Deferred during 17th Session)

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

- (a) *whether Government intends to introduce Solar System in view of electricity theft/line losses of all DISCOs;*
- (b) *the total number of companies working for installation of Solar System in our country at present alongwith the details of expenditure incurred on Solar System of 1 to 5 kilowatt thereon; and*
- (c) *the time by which Government will install the Solar System for small domestic consumers to control the further losses alongwith details thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

**11. Haji Imtiaz Ahmed Choudhary:**

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

- (a) *the reasons for very low gas pressure in the Constituency NA-85 District Mandi Bahauddin particularly in areas of Mandi Bahauddin City;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to address the problems of gas pressure at an earliest so that the difficulties of the people may be reduced as the people belonging to the said constituency NA-85 are protesting daily on the said problem?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

**12. Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that in NTDC, GENCOs and DISCOs, One and Half marks are being deducted during quantification for promotion/up-gradation of an officer in case of award of minor penalty of censure against him;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Multan bench of Lahore High Court in a Writ Petition No.10/2012 filed by Mr. Mohammad Umar, the then XEN of MEPCO (Now C.E, FESCO) has held on 31.5.2013 that no marks be deducted during quantification of an officer in case of award of minor penalty of censure against him; if so, its implementation status; and*
- (c) *whether the above said decision was ever contested/ appealed against in any higher legal forum by MEPCO or PEPCO; if so, its details and present status?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

13. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as per rules the officers who have last year of service towards retirement are to be posted at their home stations;*
- (b) *if so, whether it is being implemented in WAPDA/NTDCL/DISCOs and GENCOs; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

14. **Dr. Aysha Ghaus Pasha:**

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

- (a) *what are the outstanding liabilities of National Highway Authority (NHA); and*
- (b) *is it true that Ministry has proposed to Government that the liabilities be written off?*

Reply not received.

15. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the rates of postal services charges are being increased by 200 times by Pakistan Post; if so, why; and*
- (b) *the total income to be earned by Pakistan Post therefrom?*

Reply not received.

16. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the locations where fencing alongside of Motorways are damaged across the country alongwith steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not received.

17. **Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) *whether Ministry or the National Commission of Human Rights have taken notice of brutal killings of innocent people by the police across the country and in particular in Punjab in the tennure of incumbent Government;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof and remedial steps being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari):** (a) Yes, the Ministry of Human Rights had taken notice of the incidents regarding brutal killing of innocent people by police across the country. Since the subject pertains to Provincial Home/Police Departments; therefore, the Ministry of Human Rights coordinated with all Provinces in order to obtain the required information. All Provinces except Sindh provided information. During the tenure of incumbent government, 16 cases of death in Police custody were registered in the Punjab province, one in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and one in Balochistan.

(b) As per reports of the Provinces, out of total 16 cases, 3 were in Kasur, 2 each in Faisalabad and Lahore, one each in Gujrat, Sheikhpura, Mandi Bahaudin, Sargodha, Multan, Sahiwal, Pakpattan Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan. Out of 16 cases, 5 cases were canceled being found false, 8 cases were challaned in which 15 police officers were involved. In Departmental proceedings, 13 police officers were dismissed from service, one was awarded minor punishment and one was suspended. 3 cases are still under investigation. All field units are sensitized to eliminate the act of torture and adopted scientific tools to interrogate accused during investigation.

The National Commission for Human Rights had also taken notice of killing of innocent people by the Police across the country. The NCHR received 45 complaints related to custodial and extra judicial killing throughout Pakistan from January 2018 to December 2019 out of which 20 cases were from Punjab, 20 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 5 from Sindh. Out of 45 cases received by NCHR, 3 are at hearing stage, 25 are at initial investigation stage and 17 are disposed of. National Commission for Human Rights is in the process of producing fact finding reports with recommendations and corrective measures for stopping custodial death and extra judicial killing.

18. **Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that laws relating to people with disability are not being implemented in letter and spirit particularly with reference to accessibility to buildings and jobs in public and private sector;*
- (b) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure implementation on laws pertaining to persons with disabilities in letter and spirit?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari):** (a) No, it is not a fact that laws relating to persons with disabilities (PWDs) are not being implemented in letter and spirit. The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure protection and promotion of PWDs' rights as envisaged under the Constitution of Pakistan and UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), to which Pakistan is a Party, as well as other relevant laws, including Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) Ordinance, 1981. The Government is accordingly adopting all possible measures for inclusion of PWDs through ensuring their accessibility to buildings and jobs in public and private sector. After the 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan in 2010, powers related to disability and associated matters were devolved to the provinces. The Provincial Governments are accordingly working for uplift of PWDs in their respective jurisdictions.

Disabled Persons (Employment & Rehabilitation) Ordinance 1981 promulgated by the government with the vision of employment, rehabilitation and welfare of the disabled persons. Under the Ordinance the disability quota is reserved for the disabled persons and public and private sector are bound to implement the mandatory disability quota in their employment. It is fact that the mandatory 2% quota reserved for disabled persons is being implemented in its true letter and spirit, Being the custodian of the Ordinance 1981, Ministry of Human Rights is approaching public sector at federal level on regular basis and all Ministries / Divisions ensured that the said quota is implemented in its true letter and spirit.

(b) The steps taken/ being taken by the Government to ensure protection and promotion of PWDs' rights through implementation of relevant laws are as under:—

- i. The ICT Rights of Persons with Disability Bill 2018, prepared by the Ministry of Human Rights, in line with UNCRPD, is under consideration in the Parliament. The Bill proposes legal and institutional framework for an inclusive society where PWDs have full participation in all forms of social life, particularly in health, education and employment. It provides for necessary measures towards allowing access to PWDs to public buildings, hospitals, recreational facilities, public transport streets and roads, etc.
- ii. National Committee for Implementation of UNCRPD and other international commitments pertaining to disability has been constituted under the Chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights. The Committee is also mandated to recommend policy, legal and administrative measures for protection of PWDs' Rights in line with Constitutional and international obligations, besides improving coordination mechanism among the stakeholders at Federal and Provincial level.
- iii. MoHR has arranged Capacity Building Workshops of Provincial as well as Regional Governments (GB and AJK) during 24th June-31st July, 2019. The objective of the workshops was to build capacity of officers of the relevant departments for implementation of UNCRPD and relevant laws pertaining to disability.
- iv. Reserved 2% job quota for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) is being implemented to ensure their participation in various professions.
- v. In line with Article 26 of the Constitution of Pakistan "*non-discrimination in respect of access to public places*" the GoP has been striving to ensure PWDs' accessibility with a view to eliminate all obstacles & barriers in this regard to create an enabling environment for them.
- vi. The Directorate General of Special Education (DGSE) has published design manual and guidelines for the accessibility and the accessibility code of Pakistan to create barrier free environment for PWDs and disseminated the same to all concerned departments. The design manual and guidelines for accessibility aim at an inclusive barrier free and right based society

for PWDs in the country. It ensures the accessibility standards while designing all new buildings, parks, housing estates, pedestrian walkways and public comfort places.

- vii. Transcription to Braille books by National Braille Press at National Special Education Center for Visually Impaired Persons, Islamabad is being ensured.
- viii. The Government has provided facilities for PWDs at each Station of Metro Bus Service. Elevators and lifts are provided at every entrance/ exit point for PWDs giving them direct access to each bus station. Provision of level boarding to and from the bus without involving any steps has been ensured. One space for PWDs with wheelchair and four designated seats have been reserved for other PWDs.
- ix. The accessibility of PWDs in buildings and other interventions including disability friendly mass transit projects has been envisioned under the development plans *i.e.* Vision 2025 and annual plans of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform/ Planning Commission of Pakistan.
- x. Ministry of Planning Development and Reform has been requested to include Disability Impact Assessment (DIA) in their PC-I like (Environment Impact Assessment) EIA.
- xi. To promote participation in political processes and in decision-making, awareness campaign was launched by Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Postal Ballot facility offered to PWDs, during the last elections, besides ensuring their access to polling stations/ booths. Trainings of PWDs, and other vulnerable groups were conducted by ECP for casting votes on priority with a view to ensure their participation.
- xii. The PWDs receive special attention under Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal in all provinces of Pakistan. A special cell exists there to deal the matters of PWDs on priority basis. PWDs have equal chances to get benefit from any project of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal. Financial support is extended by Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal to ensure PWDs'

accessibility through provision of artificial limbs, hearing aids, wheelchairs, white canes etc.

With the initiatives of NCRDP, Ministry of Human Rights under the legal cover of the Ordinance, 1981, the government is determine in the provision of all facilitation to the disabled person resultantly the disabled persons are eligible to avail the following facilities/benefits on the basis of the disability certificate of NCRDP:—

- i. Special CNIC of NADRA with universal logo of disability.
- ii. Sehat Insaf Card.
- iii. 2% disability quota fixed in employment for the disabled persons.
- iv. Free medical treatment to the disabled persons and their family members.
- v. Allowed to appear in CSS examination for all groups
- vi. Import of brand new duty free car for physically disabled persons up to 1350 CC.
- vii. Concession in air and rail fare.

19. **Mr. James Iqbal:**

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the quantum of electricity being generated and utilized at present?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

20. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that SNGPL could not provide connection of natural gas to resident of Mohallah Faisal Colony near Bilal Masjid, Tehsil and District Chakwal under ID No.99814252963 dated 25-07-2019;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof;*

- (c) *whether it is also a fact that laying of pipeline of 400 meters to said locality has been delayed despite conducting survey;*
- (d) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (e) *time by which gas connection will be provided to said resident?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

21. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise budget reserved, released and utilized for Metro Bus Project from Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport since its inception;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that if the project is not executed within stipulated time, its cost will be escalated manifold; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to complete the project at an earliest keeping in view the problems being faced by the commuters?*

Reply not received.

22. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 50 KVA Transformer in Village Lunda Gali Budral, Tehsil Uggi, District Mansehra is out of order and causing difficulties to the people of the area; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to install a new transformer; if so, the time by which new transformer will be installed alongwith the details?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

23. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

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

- (a) *whether Ministry or the National Commission of Human Rights has taken notice of a recent killing of an individual namely, Mr. Salah-ud-Din, in custody of Punjab Police in Rahim Yar Khan and matters ancillary to his killing; if so, the details thereof alongwith latest status of any inquiry in this regard; and*
- (b) *whether the family of deceased financially compensated?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari):** (a) Yes, the Ministry of Human Rights has taken notice of death of Mr. Salah ud Din. In this regard, DPO, Rahim Yar Khan has been approached to furnish the updated report. DPO Rahim Yar Khan has informed that on 30-08-2019, a person namely Salah-ud-Din S/o Mohammad Afzaal was attempting to commit theft by breaking ATM Machine in Habib Bank Limited. The accused was caught by the public and bank administration and handed over to PS City 'A' Division, Rahim Yar Khan and FIR was registered by the Manager of the bank at PS City 'A' Division, Rahim Yar Khan (**Annex**).

On 31-08-2019 at about 09:30 pm, the accused suddenly fell ill in the police station lockup. He was immediately taken to the Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Rahim Yar Khan. The Medical Officer after check-up informed that the accused has died. The post-mortem was conducted by a Medical Board consisting of four doctors. No fracture in the body as reported by the Radiologist. However, on report of Mohammad Afzaal, father of deceased, FIR was registered at PS City 'A' Division, Rahim Yar Khan against SHO PS City 'A' Division, I.O of the case and other police officials. Besides, departmental action has also been initiated against SDPO, SHO and other suspected delinquents.

Furthermore, DPO, Rahim Yar Khan sent request to learned District & Sessions Judge, Rahim Yar Khan for holding of judicial enquiry regarding the incident through some judicial officer. The learned District & Sessions Judge entrusted the judicial enquiry to Senior Civil Judge, Rahim Yar Khan. On 30-10-2019, legal heirs of deceased appeared in the trial court and got recorded their statements stating therein that they have forgiven all the accused in the name of Allah Almighty and also waived their right of 'Diyat' and 'Qisas'. On the statement of heirs of the deceased, all accused have been acquitted by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) The legal heirs of deceased have already forgiven all the accused in the name of Allah Almighty and also waived their right of 'Diyat' and 'Qisass'.

*(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)*

24. **Syed Imran Ahmad Shah:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that residents of Islamabad in general and Sector G-7/3-4, Islamabad in particular are facing difficulties due to low gas pressure and shortage of natural gas; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that new gas pipelines were approved in recent years but not laid down; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) what steps are being taken to provide uninterrupted gas supply to said residents?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

25. **Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 100 KV electricity transformer with low voltage installed in village Chanam, Tehsil Kallar Saydan, District Rawalpindi is insufficient for the population of the aforesaid area;*
- (b) if so, as to when the said transformer is to be replaced with 200 KVA transformer?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

26. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a sign of IJP Road on Kashmir Highway at 9th Avenue turn but there is no sign of 9th Avenue for guidance of travellers there;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the sign of 9th Avenue will be fixed there?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed):** (a) This Road is under the Administrative control of Capital Development Authority.

(b) N/A.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 1st January, 2020.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*