

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Wednesday, the 22nd September, 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 letters 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, 5th April, 2021, 14th June, 2021, 2nd August, 2021 and 30th August, 2021. Once the information is received the same will be provided to the National Assembly by this Division.

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?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) 36% of area of Balochistan has facility of electricity. However, there is no survey/ report available that can clearly depict the exact / approximate district wise ratio of area of each district of Balochistan which has facility of electricity. Furthermore, during last 5 years, 6682 number of villages have been electrified in various districts of Balochistan.

The year wise breakup is as under;

- 2016-17 = 1317 Nos.
- 2017-18 = 2459 Nos.
- 2018-19 = 1064 Nos.
- 2019-20 = 819 Nos.
- 2020-21 = 1023 Nos. (June 2021)

2. The district wise details of aforementioned villages are attached at **Annex-A**.

- (b) • Yes, it is a fact that most of the areas of Balochistan does not have facility of electricity.
- (c) There are many factors that play pivotal role regarding provision of electricity to the residents of Balochistan, which are as under;
- Balochistan's 53% population is scattered in 33 districts (except district Lasbella which is provided electricity by KE). Far flung areas, coastal belt and rugged terrain make the cost of distribution grid prohibitive and expensive. The

construction of electricity schemes by QESCO fall under PSDP, SDGs & MDGs Program.

- (d) • During the tenure of present government, 6429 electrification schemes have been initiated, out of which 2198 schemes have been completed, whereas, 4231 schemes/works are in progress & are expected to be completed within 1.5 years, the detail of which is attached at **Annex-B**.
- Furthermore, 16 projects of 132 KV Grid stations have been completed which will augment the distribution system of QESCO. The details of completed 132 KV projects (Grids/ Transmission Lines) are attached at **Annex-C**, whereas the details of ongoing projects are attached at **Annex-D**.
- Moreover, the project “Interconnection of Isolated Makran Network with National Grid System of Pakistan, through proposed 132kV Basima-Nal — Nag-Panjgoor transmission lines”, will ensure the provision of electricity to the remote areas of Balochistan. The project is scheduled to be completed in March 2023.
- To provide electricity to un-electrified areas of Balochistan, Government of Balochistan with the support of Power Division is in process of developing the project “Off grid electrification of 9 Districts of Southern Balochistan”. This project will ensure the provision of renewable energy to far flung areas of Balochistan.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

2. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 31st 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?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The average cost of providing electricity in the system is Rs.16.43, the life line consumers are provided the highest amount of subsidy in electricity tariffs by the Government. The amount of this subsidy at current rates is Rs.12.48. NEPRA determined rate of electricity for such consumers is Rs. 4 per unit. Government provides electricity to such consumer's at Rs. 3.95 / unit. The tariff for such consumers was fixed on Rs. 3.95, after increase of Rs.1.95.

(b) The number of life line consumers who were billed as life line consumers in the month of July 2021 was 1,539,209.

(c) The cost of providing electricity to the life line consumers is around Rs. 20/kWh which is far greater than the notified tariff rate for life line consumers who are charged a highly subsidized rate of Rs. 3.95 / kWh

(d) The revised tariff for DISCOs has been notified by govt. of Pakistan *vide* SROs 182(I)/2021 to 191(I)/2021 dated 12th Feb., 2021 with immediate effect.

(e) STEPS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT

1. Addressing excess generation issue:

- The negotiation's with 1994, 2002 and 2006 power policy plants are already completed and MoU has been signed with the respective power policy plant management. The process is now in a stage of implementation of MoU.

- The decision of reduction of RoE of Govt. owned power plants [WAPDA, Nuclear, GENCOs (Mainly Guddu, 747 & Nandipur) and RLNG power plants] is approved by the cabinet and communicated to the relevant stakeholder for implementation.
 - The process of closure of low efficiency thermal power plants (GENCOs) of around 4221 MW capacity of Guddu and Nandipur power plant's has also been started.
 - For effective utilization of efficient generation portfolio coupled with the associated socio-economic benefits of industrial demand growth, Government of Pakistan has launched a support package for industrial consumers.
2. Improving recoveries and reducing T&D losses of DISCOs and resolving K-electric non-payment issue:
- Resolution of K-Electric non-payment issue through reconciliation and settlement of K.E arrear subsidy claims by MoF.
 - Resolution of Quetta Agri-Tube-Well non-payment issue by metering these consumers and requesting CM Balochistan / Southern command to disconnect non-paying consumers.
 - Recovery from AJ&K at GoP notified tariff by establishing NEPRA licensed DISCO in AJ&K. The Government may provide direct budgetary support to AJ&K for the revenue shortfall.
 - Improvement in DISCOs' recoveries and reduction in T&D losses.
3. Budgeting of complete subsidy requirements for power sector.
4. Moving interest cost from power sector to public debt by conversion of old markup stock and PHL loans to public debt.

10. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**
(Deferred during 33rd Session)

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?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The funds amounting to Rs. 200.00 Million have been allocated in the financial year 2020-21 for 132 KV Kapoto Grid Station with allied D/CKt Transmission Line (in & out arrangement) in District Kalat. Funds amounting to Rs. 100.00 Million against the allocation of Rs. 200.00 Million have been released by Power Division during CFY 2020-21.

(b) The pace of aforesaid project is in accordance with the prescribed schedule. It is further intimated that the remaining funds against the total cost of project *i.e.* Rs. 603.808 Million may be released to QESCO well in time so, that the project will be completed up to June 2022.

(c) The pace is according to the prescribed schedule.

(d) The project will be completed as per schedule *i.e.* June 2022, provided required funds are released to QESCO during FY 2021-22

7. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the function, performance of PEPCO and NEPRA during the last five years alongwith year-wise names of the Board of Directors, qualifications and expertise in the relevant field and age?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The function of PEPCO is to perform as a central coordinating body with lean organizational set up consisting of professionals. Under Companies Ordinance 1984, it operates with following mandate:

- (i) Performance Monitoring according to specified Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- (ii) Monitoring & Evaluation of Financial Performance.
- (iii) Revenue and Commercial Operation.
- (iv) Legal and Corporate Affairs.
- (v) Effective HR control to boost up efficiency (not limited to promotions on the basis of integrated seniorities of BPS-18 and above officers and inter Company transfers but include other HR matters).
- (vi) Surveillance & Investigation.
- (vii) Information Technology.

The performance of PEPCO is mainly evaluated on the key parameters of T&D losses and recovery. T&D losses for FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21 are at **Annex-A**. The recovery %age against computed billing (without subsidy) for FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21 are at **Annex-B**.

Detail of BODs regarding qualification & expertise is attached as **Annex-C**.

The reply pertaining to NEPRA may be sought from Cabinet Division / NEPRA.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

11. ***Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that in lieu of clause (2) of Article 63-A that permits to a member of a House having been elected*

otherwise than as a candidate or nominee of a political party, to become a member of a Parliamentary Party after such election by means of a declaration in writing, several members of the Senate, who were elected otherwise than as a candidate of a political party in the Senate's Election, which was held in March, 2018, joined a political party of their choice;

- (b) if so, the details of such members;*
- (c) whether Election Commission of Pakistan intimated the Senate Secretariat about the joining of a political party by such members intimated to;*
- (d) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Deferred for answer on Next Rota Day.

14. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) the areas of Districts Surab, Kalat and Mastung where the facility of electricity is not available; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) the funds allocated for the rural areas of Balochistan, during the last three years alongwith those out of the same which were released and practically utilized for the provision of electricity;*
- (c) the percentage of funds utilized in the above said districts; and*
- (d) the time by which electricity will be supplied to the areas of above said districts which are deprived of the electricity?*

Reply not received.

15. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that HESCO vide its letter No. CEO/HESCO/M(HRM)/H.Q/CM/2242 dated 19-05-2020 followed by series of reminders dated 10-07-2020, 26-08-2020, 06-10-2020, 26-10-2020 and 20-11-2020 but HR, PEPCO has not replied so far to HESCO causing delay in deciding pending cases of various officers of HESCO;*
- (b) *the reasons for not responding by HR, PEPCO despite of lapse of more than 7 (seven) months, person(s) responsible for causing delay and proposed action to be taken against person(s) at fault; and*
- (c) *the time by which Human Resource of PEPCO will reply to HESCO?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) No, it is not a fact that PEPCO has so far not replied to HESCO. In fact, the clarification regarding deferment of mandatory trainings for grant of TSU has been provided by PEPCO to HESCO. However, the policy is required to be approved / ratified by BoD HESCO. For the purpose, an item Note will be presented before BoD HESCO / HR Committee of HESCO BoD and necessary action will be taken in the light of the decision of BoD HESCO.

(b) As elaborated above.

(c) As elaborated above.

23. ***Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) *the percentage of life line consumers of each DISCO at present;*

- (b) *the procedure adopted to subsidize the consumers of the electricity;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the tariff structure does not match the consumption pattern of poor households because of low cut-off points for life line consumers;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that poor households have not been received the major chunk of subsidies; if so, the reasons for not evolving an integrated tariff structure to benefit the poor households under the head of such subsidies;*
- (e) *what steps are being taken by the Government in this regard;*
- (f) *whether it is also fact that other power sectors are subsidized;*
- (g) *if so, the detail of such power sectors alongwith year-wise amount reserved against each during the last four fiscal years?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Percentage of life line consumers as on 03/2021

Company	Total Domestic consumers	Total life line % consumers	
LESCO	4,618,316	254.128	5.50%
GEPCO	3,325,228	183.625	5.52%
FESCO	4,022,225	48.451	1.20%
IESCO	2,749,130	258.679	9.41%
MEPCO	6,303,027	517.159	8.20%
PESCO	3,332,368	360.495	10.82%
HESCO	954,566	182.203	19.09%
SEPCO	641,261	114.119	17.80%
QESCO	487,063	38.291	7.86%
TESCO	402,021	9.308	2.32%
All	26,835,205	1,966.458	7.33%

(b) NEPRA determines category wise rates and intimate government for its notification. After that, the Federal Government decides the subsidy rate for each category and issues notification.

(c) In this regard, Federal Government has already approved and forwarded to NEPRA for modification in Schedule of Tariffs, the expanded definition of lifeline consumers to include residential Non-ToU consumers having maximum of last twelve months and current month consumption \leq 100 units.

(d) & (e) It is highlighted that around 69% of the total tariff differential subsidy (TDS) is provided to the poor households.

(f) Other than domestic consumers, a huge amount of subsidy is provided to Agriculture sector. Further Industrial sector is subsidized through industrial Support packages (ISP) and Zero-Rated Subsidy (ZRI) Consumers in FATA and AJK are also being provided electricity subsidized rates.

(g) The detail is attached as **Annex-I**.

Annex-J

RS. In Million

Description	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Tariff Differential Subsidy (TDS)	75,366.22	87,987.03	193,439.11	251,080.49
Industrial Support Package (ISP)	17,813.90	26,792.07	64,102.58	6,889.57
Zero Rated Industrial Rebate (ZRIR)	-NIL-	-NIL-	13,361.09	18,111.31
Fata Receivable TESCO	11,194.62	13,205.46	16,144.68	17,993.12
QESCO Agricultural 40%	7,216.79	7,294.00	6,930.81	6,747.58
AJ & K	15,641.16	15,029.01	27,824.37	33,537.26
Total	127,232.69	150,307.56	321,802.64	334,359.34

154. ***Nawabzada Iftakhar Ahmed Khan Babar:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that funds were reserved for construction of a grid station at Shah Jamal District Mazaffargarh in recent years;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that despite allocating funds for the said grid station physical work could not be started;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *if funds were reserved for said grid station where were such funds gone; and*
- (e) *what steps are being taken to start physical work on such grid station?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) In recent years, no funds were reserved for the project. The said project is included in proposed 7th STG PC-I which is under approval from DWP (Development Working Party) of MEPCO. The time frame of 7th STG is 05 years from FY 2020-21 to 2024-25. The revised PC-I was sent to the members of DWP of MEPCO for approval.

(b) No separate funds were allocated under PSDP (Public Sector Development Program) for the said project. The source of funding for this project will be from own Resources of MEPCO.

- (c) The project is under approval from DWP of MEPCO.
- (d) No funds were reserved for the subject project under PSDP.
- (e) • Approval of 7th STG PC-I (Year 2) is under process from DWP.
 - Transfer/ allotment of state land measuring 48 Kanal (06 Acre) is in process in Board of Revenue, Punjab since December 2019. After allotment / transfer of state land in the name of MEPCO, construction work will commence.

- After acquisition of land and approval of 7th STG PC-I, the work of grid station along with its feeding transmission line (12 KM, D/C, Lynx) will be completed in two years.

160. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the locations of the country where wind energy is being produced alongwith the daily quantum of the same thereof?

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): Wind Energy is being produced in Jhimpir and Gharo area of district Thatta, Sindh.

Moreover, the quantum of electricity produced from Wind Power Plants since 1st July 2021, is attached at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

DAILY AVERAGE WIND GENERATION (JULY-2021)	
DATE	WIND
	(MW)
1/Jul/21	920
2/Jul/21	923
3/Jul/21	815
4/Jul/21	792
5/Jul/21	538
6/Jul/21	678
7/Jul/21	878
8/Jul/21	980
9/Jul/21	740
10/Jul/21	369
11/Jul/21	250
12/Jul/21	104
13/Jul/21	343
14/Jul/21	213
15/Jul/21	388
16/Jul/21	105
17/Jul/21	139

18/Jul/21	885
19/Jul/21	1,037
20/Jul/21	907
21/Jul/21	920
22/Jul/21	443
23/Jul/21	192
24/Jul/2021	368
25/Jul/2021	752

161. ***Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) *being a Custodian of Dam Fund, honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan that how does collection of dam funds which is made by different authorized agencies such as cellular phone companies, Pakistan Railways, banks and also by any other means, how which is periodically reconciled;*
- (b) *whether any amount from such funds were used on foreign visits of any person;*
- (c) *if so, the details thereof alongwith details of the persons those who have visited abroad by utilizing such funds?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): (a), (b) & (c) Since the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan is the custodian of the Dam Fund, needful information has been sought from the Registrar, Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* Law & Justice Division's letter dated 26th July, 2021 and 2nd September, 2021. The same is awaited. As soon as the information is received, the same will be provided to the National Assembly, accordingly.

54. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**

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

- (a) *location-wise the number of Power Plants operating in the country that have been using imported LNG;*

- (b) *the number of power plants operating in the country that have been using locally produced natural Gas with location-wise details; and*
- (c) *the total volume of gas being consumed by all power plants per day?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) At present 13 Nos. Power Plants are operating on imported RLNG. Location wise detail of Power Plants operating on imported RLNG is attached herewith as **Annexure-I**.

(b) At present 12 Nos. Power Plants are operating on locally produced Gas. Location wise detail of Power Plants operating on locally produced Gas is attached herewith as **Annexure-II**.

(c) Gas/RLNG requirement of Power Plants on Full Load, Gas/RLNG Quota Allocated by Gas Supply Companies and Total Volume of Gas/RLNG consumed by power plants on daily basis (since 1st August 2021) is attached herewith as **Annexure-III**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

55. ***Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the increase made by Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) in gas during last year in the country;*
- (b) *names of the areas where shortage of gas is being carried out?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) There are two types of supply sources in SNGPL's gas network *i.e.* indigenous (local) gas and imported RLNG. The supply of gas from indigenous sources is depleting rapidly. During the last financial year an average of around 900 MMCFD was available to SNGPL from indigenous sources whereas currently it is around 800 MMCFD. The gap between supply of indigenous gas and consumption by various sectors is

therefore, bridged through injection of RLNG in SNGPL's network. Due to pipeline capacity constraint, a maximum 1200 MMCFD of RLNG can be transported. SNGPL places orders of LNG import for maximum available capacity during eight peak months, while remaining four months are relatively lean demand months.

(b) SNGPL has informed that currently there is no shortage of gas; therefore, no Load Management is being carried out in the franchise areas of SNGPL.

56. ***Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to implement the pro-women laws in Islamabad?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure promotion and protection of women's rights as envisaged under the Constitution as well as international commitments by adopting all possible measures. The basic function of Ministry of Human Rights is to monitor human rights situation/ violations in the country and to create awareness among the citizens regarding their rights.

The Ministry of Human Rights has launched a PSDP Project, titled "Human Rights Awareness Program" which is currently being implemented to create awareness among public with special focus on rights of women & children. The Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre is also working in Islamabad under the Ministry of Human Rights to provide services including shelter and legal support to women victims of violence.

Beside the Ministry of Human Rights, the Government of Pakistan has set up a full-fledged National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) as a specialized institution for promotion and protection of rights of women, as per law. New Chairperson of the Commission has recently been appointed. As per its mandate under the NCSW Act 2012, the Commission regularly monitors the implementation of pro-women laws, particularly with reference to the Violence Against Women (VAW).

A Gender Protection Unit (GPU) has been established at Islamabad level with Helpline 8090 to rescue the victims of gender-based violence. Moreover, in May, 2021, through a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, which states that “in pursuance of the powers conferred by sub-section 3 of section 3 of the Anti-Rape (Investigation & Trial) Ordinance, 2020, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in consultation with the Honorable Chief Justice of Pakistan has been pleased to designate all courts of sessions judges throughout Pakistan as Special Courts under the Ordinance” for speedy trials of rape cases.

The following pro-women laws are being implemented through the relevant Departments across Pakistan, including Islamabad:

- i. The Protection Against Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2010;
- ii. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Anti Women-Practices) Act, 2011;
- iii. The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 (for acid control and acid crimes);
- iv. The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2012;
- v. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences Relating to Rape) Act, 2016;
- vi. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences in the name or pretext of Honour) Act, 2016;
- vii. The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016;
- viii. The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018;
- ix. The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018;
- x. Anti Rape (Investigation and Trial) Ordinance, 2020;
- xi. Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Act, 2020.
- xii. Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020.

- xiii. Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Act, 2021.

The Ministry of Human Rights and National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) have close coordination with the law enforcement agencies at national level particularly in Islamabad for effective implementation of the above mentioned pro-women laws. Besides celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March, as a regular feature, 16 Days of Activism, an Advocacy Campaign on Women Rights with a focus on Ending Violence against Women is launched on 25 November, every year. Moreover, Capacity Building/ Training Workshops are regularly arranged by the Ministry of Human Rights with exclusive sessions on women rights and pro-women laws. The Ministry of Human Rights is also operating a Toll Free Helpline (1099) for Legal Advice on Human Rights Violations and referral of such cases for redressal through law enforcement agencies and other authorities. Women facing issues involving violation of their rights can easily approach this Helpline free of cost for redressal of their grievances, as per law.

57. ***Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

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

- (a) *the names of brands of mineral water (capped bottles of drinking water) which are sterling i.e. are of good quality, at present; and*
- (b) *the names of brands of mineral water which are substandard, at present?*

Minister for Science and Technology (Syed Shibli Faraz): (a) Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has mandate to monitor the quality of Bottled Drinking Water under SRO's 638(I)/2001. PSQCA performs conformity assessment activities in the light of PSQCA Act VI of 1996 and as per Pakistan Conformity Assessment Rules 2011. PSQCA awards license after ascertaining quality of the product which includes on site assessment, lab testing and conformance with the Pakistan Standard Specification.

There are total 136 brands of bottled drinking water (PS:4639) that are registered with Punjab Zone and 140 brands with Karachi zone, 154

brands with Islamabad zone and 67 brands are registered with KPK Zone (details are available at **Annexure-A1, Annexure-A2, Annexure-A3 & Annexure-A4** respectively).

PSQCA ensures quality of the product through surveillance of units and testing of product. As per recent inspections conducted in year 2021 total 09 brands were found substandard in Punjab zone, 13 in Karachi zone, 04 in Islamabad zone and 04 in KPK zone (details maybe seen at **Annexure-B1, Annexure-B2, Annexure-B3 Annexure-B4** respectively).

Commercial production was halted due to non-conformance and after taking corrective and preventive action, samples were taken and sent to lab to ascertain quality of the product and are found conforming in their test report.

These registered brands are found conforming to standard as per their last test reports *i.e.* **safe to drink.**

(b) PSQCA carries out market surveillance in order to identify illegal / unsafe brands of bottled drinking water. Moreover, action is also taken against those brands which are declared unsafe in PCRWR quarterly water reports and PSQCA market surveillance.

In the year 2020-2021, total 20 units were seized due to substandard quality under jurisdiction of Punjab Zone, 12 units at Karachi, 10 at Islamabad Zone and 01 at KPK (attached as per **Annexure-C1, Annexure-C2, Annexure-C3 & Annexure-C4**). Commercial production of all those brands that are found illegal / unsafe, is halted until they are found conforming (**safe to consume**) and fulfill all the quality requirements of the product.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

58. ***Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:**

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

(a) *why does not petroleum concession agreement/policy is applicable on both leases that operate in Tehsil Gujjar Khan, District Rawalpindi;*

- (b) *the details of work which has been done by each of company/firm mentioned in said question in Tehsil Gujjar Khan, Distirct Rawalpindi;*
- (c) *corrective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard to ensure true spending in said Tehsil?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) At present, there are two active Leases namely Missa Keswal (OGDCL) and Adhi (PPL), which fall in Gujjar Khan Tehsil, District Rawalpindi. These leases are governed by Pakistan Petroleum (Production) Rules 1986 and Pakistan Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Rules 1949, respectively. Since no Policy and Petroleum Concession Agreement (PCA) was in place at the time of grant, therefore no PCA exists for these Leases.

(b) The detail of work, carried out by companies in the said leases, in terms of drilled wells, is as follow:

Lease	Operator	No. of Wells
Missa Keswal	Oil & Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL)	4
Adhi	Pakistan Petroleum Ltd. (PPL)	38

Furthermore, a detailed information regarding the work done under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by OGDCL and PPL in the said Leases within Gujjar Khan Tehsil is attached as **Annex-I**.

(c) There was no social welfare obligation applicable over said Leases. However, companies have carried out social welfare projects under their CSR. OGDCL has spent Rs. 300,000 while, PPL has spent an amount of Rs. 10 million on CSR in Gujjar Khan Tehsil during the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

59. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

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

- (a) *whether the educational credentials have been verified from the respective educational institutions of each appointee in*

National Accountability Bureau (NAB), who is working in the bureau at present;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) whether is there any discrepancy found in such process of verification;*
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken to hold responsible accountable?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): (a) Yes, the educational credentials have been verified from the respective educational institutions of each appointee working in National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

- (b) Region wise details are attached as Annexures “A to H”.
- (c) Yes.

(d) Mr. Muhammad Hanif Mahesar, was appointed as Assistant Director (BPS-17) in NAB on regular basis through FPSC *w.e.f.* 04-01-2003. All the regional NABs were requested to verify the degrees / certificates of officers from HEC / concerned departments / universities. Thereafter, NAB Karachi *vide* letter dated 14-06-2012 forwarded a copy of Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur letter dated 11-05-2012 along with annexures conveying that degree of MA (Economics) of the subject officer is fake / factitious and bogus.

Disciplinary proceedings against the officer were initiated by issuing him charge sheet along with statement of allegations dated 16-01-2014. Thereafter, show cause notice dated 19-03-2014 was also served on him. After adopting due process of law in accordance with NAB employees, TCS-2002, major penalty was imposed and he was dismissed from service *vide* NAB HQ notification dated 19-06-2014 (Annex-I).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

60. ***Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that power companies reimburse the reduction in tariff to its consumers on account of fuel cost adjustment of any preceding month which has already been paid by them if the regulator approved such reduction;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that taxes which are charged on fuel cost adjustment do not reimbursed to consumers;*
- (c) *if so, such taxation is tantamount to impose the over taxation to consumers;*
- (d) *whether the power companies just calculate the cost of fuel adjustment for any month in anticipation to collect increased taxes on behalf of Government;*
- (e) *if so, the year-wise collection of taxes on fuel cost adjustment which were actually reimbursed to consumers recently in particular with break-up of months alongwith the details of last three years; and*
- (f) *what remedial steps are being taken by the Government to eliminate charging of undue taxes from the consumers?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) Yes, the reduction in tariff is re-imbrued to consumers on account of fuel cost adjustment as per NEPRA notification.

(b), (c) & (d) No. it is fact the taxes are also reimbursed to the consumers in case of reduction of Fuel cost adjustment.

(e) The requisite detail is attached as **Annex-X**.

(f) STEPS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNAMENT

1. Addressing excess generation issue:

- The negotiation's with 1994, 2002 and 2006 power policy plants are already completed and MoU has been signed with the respective power policy plant management. The process is now in a stage of implementation of MoU.

- The decision of reduction of RoE of Govt owned power plants [WAPDA, Nuclear, GENCOs (Mainly Guddu, 747 & Nandipur) and RLNG power plants] is approved by the cabinet and communicated to the relevant stakeholder for implementation.
 - The process of closure of low efficiency thermal power plants (GENCOs) of around 4221 MW capacity of Guddu and Nandipur power plant's has also been started.
 - For effective utilization of efficient generation portfolio coupled with the associated socio-economic benefits of industrial demand growth, Government of Pakistan has launched a support package for industrial consumers.
2. Improving recoveries and reducing T&D losses of DISCOs and resolving K-electric non-payment issue:
- Resolution of K-Electric non-payment issue through reconciliation and settlement of KE arrear subsidy claims by MoF.
 - Resolution of Quetta Agri-Tube-Well non-payment issue by metering these consumers and requesting CM Balochistan / Southern command to disconnect nonpaying consumers.
 - Recovery from AJ&K at GoP notified tariff by establishing NEPRA licensed DISCO in AJ&K. The Government may provide direct budgetary support to AJ&K for the revenue shortfall.
 - Improvement in DISCOs' recoveries and reduction in T&D losses.
3. Budgeting of complete subsidy requirements for power sector.
4. Moving interest cost from power sector to public debt by conversion of old markup stock and PHL loans to public debt.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

61. ***Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

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

- (a) on-going schemes of natural Gas as on May 31st, 2018;*
- (b) the present status of each at present;*
- (c) the new schemes of the provision of natural Gas, which have been started after the inception of incumbent Government;*
- (d) status of each scheme, mentioned in part(c) of the question; and*
- (e) funds reserved and released for each for above said scheme?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The detail of ongoing gas supply schemes (2013 - 2018) undertaken by SNGPL and SSGCL along with its physical and financial progress is attached as ***Annex-I & II*** respectively.

(b) As stated in 'a' above.

(c) The detail of new gas supply schemes undertaken by SNGPL and SSGCL after inception of the incumbent Government under Sustainable Development Goals Achievement Programme (SAP) along with physical and financial progress is attached as ***Annex-III & IV*** respectively.

(d) As stated in 'c' above.

(e) As reported in 'a' & 'c' above.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

62. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of preparation of feasibility report for construction of Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway Project/Section;*

- (b) *the total cost involved in the said project alongwith the name of the company/firm to whom the contract for construction of said project awarded; and*
- (c) *the present status of construction of said project?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) is a Built Operator and Transfer (BOT) basis project M/s SCORE (FWO) for the period of 25 Years including 02 1/2 Year's construction period. The Commercial Feasibility of Karachi-Hyderabad Project (M-9) was prepared in the year 2009.

(b) Total cost of the project cost is Rs. 44,251 million (Copy attached) with construction cost of Rs. 35,687 million. The contract was awarded to M/s SCORE (Subsidiary firm of M/s FWO) in the year 2015.

(c) The Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) is the conversion of Existing 04-lane Super Highway into 06x lane Motorway on Build Operator Transfer (BOT) basis. The said Motorway is operational for all types of vehicles since 2018.

- Following works are balanced due to land issue *i.e.* The Government of Sindh cancelled the ROW in year 2017 and the matter is in the honorable Sindh High Court, Karachi.
 - (i) 02x Service Areas are not Constructed.
 - (ii) 27 Km in length (Both Sides) service road has not been constructed in the encroached/ hindered area due to land ownership/ROW issues.
 - (iii) Rehabilitation of 02x interchange has not been done as yet (Kathore Interchange and Karachi Northern Bypass Interchange).

M-9 CONCESSION AGREEMENT

SCHEDULE F TOTAL PROJECT COST

Description	Amount (Rs. Million)
Cost of Civil Works	32,150
Add: Escalation	2,572
Add: Contingencies	965
Construction Cost	35,687

Design, Management & Consultancy	1,071
Insurance	169
Development Cost	1,240
Add: Interest During Construction	4,629
Add: Financing Costs	544
Add: Reserve Requirements	2 152
Total Project Cost:	44,251

63. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government to improve the services of Embassies?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): Ministry of Foreign Affairs accords top priority to the welfare of Pakistani nationals abroad. Pursuant to the Prime Minister's instructions to facilitate overseas Pakistanis, MoFA is actively working to enhance consular facilities in all Missions abroad, despite paucity of human and financial resources. Our Missions are actively working to extend consular services to our Diaspora, including issuance of Machine Readable Passport, NICOPs/PoCs, Visa, Emergency Travel Documents (ETDS), Registration of Marriage/Birth/Death Certificates, Attestation & legalization of Documents, Transportation of Dead Bodies, Protection of Rights of Pakistani Prisoners and provision of legal and financial assistance to them.

The Government of Pakistan extends all possible support for the relief of Pakistani living abroad. Heads of Missions and other officers are available to meet the community members to resolve their problems. Designated focal persons are appointed in all Missions for Overseas Pakistanis, for prompt redressal of their problems and complaints. Regular consular visits are undertaken by our Missions abroad to overseas Pakistanis in far flung areas as well as Pakistani prisoners. Consular officers personally interview overseas Pakistani prisoners to ensure that no Pakistani prisoner is mistreated.

Heads of Missions organize community meetings to address complaints of Overseas Pakistanis (amid Covid-19 crisis, E-Khuli Katcheries are being organized by all Missions for redressal of grievances of overseas Pakistanis). The Heads of Mission regularly hold online sessions of E-Katcheries on a monthly basis. The session aims to facilitate the interaction of Pakistani community members with the Head of Mission and to provide immediately redressal of grievances.

Several social media platforms are available for the community to register their complaints and provide feedback. These include Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp Groups, Google review, Dedicated E-mails. Some Missions abroad have established hotlines and dedicated complaints boxes.

Pakistan's Missions abroad are continuously engaged with the local governments and facilitate the prisoners in the best possible manner. The Pakistan Community Welfare and Education Fund (PCW&EF), being administered by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is utilized to extend legal assistance to Pakistanis imprisoned abroad, including payment of lawyers' fees, fines and cost of repatriation of destitute Pakistani prisoners. As a result of untiring efforts of our Missions abroad, 4,856 prisoners were released during the year 2020.

Some of the steps taken by our Missions specifically for overseas Pakistani prisoners include provision of periodic consular access to prisoners to inquire about their welfare, provision of basic necessity items on each visit to jail, Personal interviews of prisoners by Consular Officers, distribution of gifts on special occasions, provision of interpreter, if required, arranging phone calls with family members, visiting courts and meeting with authorities to expedite delayed cases, forwarding clemency requests of prisoners to the courts, pursuing local authorities to waive off penalty on account of public rights (in GCC countries) and to contact the claimants of private rights for possible waiver or withdrawal, and provision of ETDs and air tickets to the prisoners who have completed their sentence.

Overseas Pakistanis approach MoFA directly as well for resolution of their complaints. In case of issue/ problem in Pakistan, complaint is forwarded to relevant department through OPF Complaint cell, in case of issue / problem abroad, the complaint is forwarded to our Mission. Recently, Foreign Minister's Portal is also launched by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, providing one stop digital forum for lodging complaints, to facilitate overseas Pakistanis.

In the aftermath of COVID-19 Pandemic, many countries faced economic slowdown due to which most of the employers either sent their workers on paid/unpaid slowdown or laid them off. During this time, in order to ensure safe repatriation of these workers to Pakistan, the Ministry along with other stakeholders devised a strategy to repatriate these Pakistanis in a controlled and regulated manner. Missions in collaboration with community played a very important role by providing essential food items to the stranded Pakistani workers. Those who had lost their accommodation, were provided the same with the help of local authorities.

64. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) the details of subsidies and other perks/exemptions granted to K-Electric by the Government under the 2009 agreement between the K-Electric so far; and*
- (b) indicating also the reasons for granting such subsidies to K-electric by the Government?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Pursuant to Federal Government's "Uniform Tariff Policy", Tariff Differential Subsidies (TDS) is being provided to the eligible consumers of all Distribution Companies (DISCOs) including KE. However, Federal Government does not provide any operational subsidy or perks to K-Electric.

(b) Pursuant to amended Implementation Agreement signed between GOP and KESC (Now K-E) in 2009, KE is considered at par with other DISCOs. Therefore all subsidies, which are available to the eligible consumers of a DISCO, are also available to the consumers of KE.

In order to reduce the cost of electricity for eligible consumers, the subsidies are being provided.

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

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any laws or rules have been enforced in order to protect the rights of orphans and destitute children all over the country at present alongwith the details of rules made under them so far; and*
- (b) the separate break-up of provincial as well as Federal laws in this regard?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) In the wake of 18th constitutional amendment, the subject of 'minor' has been devolved to the provinces. In this regard, the Provincial Home and Social

Welfare Departments being relevant departments have been requested to provide requisite information which is still awaited, however, the following laws have been enacted for the protection of rights of children including orphan and destitute i.e. The Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018, the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 and the Islamabad Capital Territory Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012, the Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Act, 2010, the Sindh Child Protection Authority Act, 2011 and the Balochistan Child Protection Act, 2016. Moreover, the ICT Child Protection Rules, 2021, the Sindh Child Protection Authority Rules, 2016 and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Rules, 2016 have been notified. The detail regarding enforcement is annexed herewith.

(b) The federal and provincial break-up of laws is as under:

Federal level:

- The ICT Child Protection Act, 2018
- The ICT Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012

National level:

- The National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017

Provincial level:

- The Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act, 2004
- The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Act, 2010.
- The Sindh Child Protection Authority Act, 2011
- The Balochistan Child Protection Act, 2016

Other Mechanism for Orphan children

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal has established 51 Dar-ul-Ehsaas Institutions in the country for under-privileged orphans and is constantly making efforts to improve the service delivery of these institutions.

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

66. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the high magnitude mineral resources are not excavated from the lands of country at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to attract entrepreneurs from abroad for exploration and extractions of minerals?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) As per Constitutional provisions (since 1962), all minerals other than mineral oil, natural gas and nuclear substances are a Provincial subject. Executive authority for exploration & development, its regulation and grant of exploration licenses/mining leases rests with the Provinces.

A variety of minerals is known to occur in the country, ranging from clays, coal, dimension stones, iron ore, industrial minerals to world class metallic minerals and gemstones. Many deposits are being exploited on commercial scale. For excavation of minerals, concerned Provincial Mines and Minerals Departments grants mining leases to national and foreign companies to produce minerals. The high magnitude mineral projects in the country are listed below:-

- Copper-Gold project at Saindak, Balochistan
- Lead-Zinc Project at Dudder, Lasbela
- Barite (Mining&grinding) project at Khuzdar
- Coal Mining Projects in Thar
- Chromite extracting projects in District Pishin and Qila Saifullah
- Dimension Stones (Basalt/Gabbro, Onyx, marble, Granite) Projects in District Chagai, Lasbela, Khuzdar and Loralai, Mansehra, Buner

- Lime Stone/Shale extraction for cement manufacturing plants in all provinces.

(b) The respective Governments have taken necessary measures to attract international companies *viz* provision of appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks with emphasis on facilitation/promotional roles, infrastructure development, implementation of mineral exploration & development programs, capacity building and skill development, etc.

The major steps taken by the Federal and Provincial Governments for development of mineral sector in the country are summarized below:

Petroleum Division:

1. Followed up National Mineral Policy, 2013 to facilitate investment in mineral sector and enhance its international competitiveness.
2. Regular mineral resource mapping / investigation activities by GSP for identification and evaluation of potential mineral bearing areas to support exploitation of indigenous mineral occurrences.

Provincial Governments (Mines & Minerals Depts.):

3. Many prospecting licences and mining leases granted, ostly to private sector, for exploration development and extraction of mineral resources.
4. Implementation of development programmes for mineral exploration and development, training for skill development, capacity building and provision of infrastructure in mineral bearing areas.
5. Review and updation of regulatory framework (rules/procedures) initiated to enhance international competitiveness and transparency and to evolve strategies for resolving the technical problems in the mineral sector, etc.

67. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether Government has taken notice that several Pakistanis are in jails of Tanzania and other African countries;*
- (b) *if so, the country-wise number of Pakistanis, who are in jails of African countries at present;*
- (c) *whether the Government is providing them legal and other financial assistance; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure earlier release of such Pakistanis?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): (a) Our Missions Abroad remain in touch with respective local governments and regularly obtain details of Pakistanis in prisons in their respective countries.

(b) List is attached at **Annex-I**

(c) Legal assistance, including services of translator, are provided to Pakistani prisoners. A few examples are given below:

S. No.	Country	Legal/Financial Assistance
1.	Egypt	Mission hired a law firm "Aiman Muhammad Abu Aouf Associates" on payment of Rs. 750,000/
2.	Tanzania	Pakistani detainees have hired a law firm on their own. Our High Commission paid US\$877 to Advocate Yassin Hassan in 2020 on behalf of the detainees. Other legal/financial aspects are catered to by philanthropists in the Pakistani community in Tanzania.
3.	Kenya	Ministry of Foreign Affairs approved US\$ 24,000 to defend the case of six Pakistani nationals being held in Kenya. US\$ 10,000 was paid to Law firm 'Muthee-Soni Associates'. The Embassy is also paying Kenyan Shilling 4,500 (Rs. 6,800) per person per quarter to the detainees.

(d) The Missions make regular requests for clemency and official pardon in respect of prisoners where possible.

Annex-I

Pakistani Prisoners in African Countries

S. No.	Country	Prisoners
1.	Kenya	06
2.	Tanzania	07
3.	Egypt	12
4.	Malawi	02
5.	South Africa	30
6.	Nigeria	05
7.	Namibia	01
8.	Libya	06
Total=		69

68. ***Syed Hussain Tariq:**

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

- (a) the circular debt of petroleum sector as on May, 2018 at present;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that circular debt of petroleum sector is increasing at present;*
- (c) if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) what corrective measures are being taken in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) The Circular Debt of Petroleum Sector has grown to Rs 1.1 trillion as of May 2021 from Rs 0.7 trillion as of June 2018. Amounts are net receivable and principal only.

(b) Yes, as evident from the above figures, the circular debt of petroleum sector has grown by almost 50% in just 3 years alone.

(c) The major reasons are summarized as under:

- (i) Delayed Recoveries in Gas Sector Supply Chain
- (ii) Domestic Sector — Aggravating Tariff Differential
- (iii) Domestic Sector — Reduction in Cross Subsidization
- (iv) Domestic Sector — RLNG Diversion
- (v) Deteriorating Financial Health of SOEs.

(d) Secretary Petroleum has constituted a working group of public sector petroleum companies to prepare a comprehensive plan to resolve the issue. The comprehensive and final outcome of working group viable to oil industry will be submitted to competent forum shortly.

69. ***Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) *the details indicating the names, qualification, experience appointment criteria, procedure, salary, perks and privileges of the incumbent Ombudsmen; and*
- (b) *the details of the services and relief provided to the general public by the all offices of Ombudsmen in the country during the last three years?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): (a) The reply of the Question is at **Annex-I**

(b) **Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman)**

- Wafaqi Mohtasib has provided relief to 170,159 complainants during the last three years (**Annex-II**).
- To provide better services to the general public, Wafaqi Mohtasib has taken a range of initiatives to address systemic issues that caused frequent public complaints. Details are at **Annex-III**.

FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN

Detail is **Annex-IV**.

BANKING MOHTASIB PAKISTAN

Detail is at **Annex-V**.

FEDERAL INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN

3107 complaints of the aggrieved complainant have been resolved which is 50% increase as compared to preceding year.

FEDERAL OMBUDSMAN FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT THE WORKPLACE

During the preceding three years 1156 cases has been registered in which 1080 cases has been decided on timely and merit basis and only 76 cases are pending. Further 115 cases has been registered at Regional Office, Karachi in which 104 cases has been decided and only 11 cases are pending, 91 cases from Regional Office Peshawar, KPK and 57 cases from Regional Office, Lahore Punjab in which 51 cases has been decided and 6 cases are pending.

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

70. ***Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism being adopted to ensure safety of passengers and collection of Toll Tax on Motorways;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that said mechanism is not being implemented in letter and spirit;*
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the implementation of said mechanism?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) NHA is making every effort to ensure safety of it commuters on Motorways. Sign boards have been displayed at appropriate levels and bridges. Motorways are provided with permanent lane markings, chevrons, delineators, cat eyes and guard rails. Further, challans are being imposed to control over speeding and other traffic violations.

In addition to above, following allied facilities are being provided:

- i. Vehicle Recovery Service
- ii. Rescue Services and Medical First Aid
- iii. Incident Response Management
- iv. Fire Extinguishing Services
- v. Mechanized Sweeping/ Cleaning of Motorway
- vi. Mobile Workshops
- vii. Operation and Maintenance of Street Lights

NHA award Operations, Management and Maintenance (OM&M) contracts of toll plazas and collection of toll revenue on Motorways through open competitive bidding process as per PPRA to a private/public operator. The said OM&M contracts on Motorways are procured every year on net guaranteed fixed revenue basis thereby securing the Government's money. Under said contract, operator is given a bidding document/operation manual and is bound to operate toll plazas as per terms and conditions stipulated in the said document/manual. The main features of contract being provided by operator is as follows:

- Hiring of staff and security at each toll plaza on Motorway
- Net Guaranteed bid amount is deposited on monthly advance basis with NHA
- Implementation of approved/notified toll rates
- Provision of allied services
- Cleanliness of toll plazas and approach area
- Repair/maintenance and upkeep of toll plazas.

(b) NHA in collaboration with National Highways and Motorways Police and Operator of toll plazas are striving for improvement in the existing mechanism. Awareness campaigns also being conducted by NH&MP. A dedicated channel is on air to educate the general public. Road crash mobile app has been made to collect data of accidents and areas of maximum accidents are analyzed.

(c) As (a) & (b) above.

71. ***Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that according to new Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan prepared by the National Transmission and Dispatch Company, the planned renewable energy that would be produced through wind and solar is significantly reduced for supplying in upcoming years;*
- (b) *whether that country will rely on expensive source of energy in years to come, and consumers will have to pay more for electricity;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the Institute of Economics and Financial Analysis, which is a US based nonprofit organization, has pointed out serious number of the issues in aforesaid plan;*
- (e) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to not only ensure to tap cheap sources of energy in the country in coming years, but also fix the issues pointed out by the aforesaid organizations?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) IGCEP submitted to NEPRA in September 2021, the power plants are categorized into two categories:

- (a) committed and
- (b) candidate projects

As per IGCEP Assumption sets approved by CCoE, RE plants mentioned under category I & II of CCoE decision of April 2019 are taken as committed. Details of which are as follows:

Solar: 483 MW
 Wind: 708.3 MW
 Bagasse: 490 MW

In additional to these committed projects, the quantum of candidate REs optimized by the software tool up till 2030, on least cost basis is as under:

Solar: 7,000 MW

Wind: 3,062 MW

Share of REs in MW in the year 2025 & 2030 are 14% & 21% respectively and the share in GWh in the year 2025 & 2030 are 11% & 16% respectively.

(b) & (c) The main objective of IGCEP is to evaluate all available generation options and select the least cost options keeping in view the load profile, availability, forced outages etc. It is worth mentioning that in IGCEP, expensive fuels like RLNG, RFO, imported coal etc. are dispatched as per merit order (except any contractual obligation). Therefore, the cheapest sources of electricity *i.e.*, hydro, REs, local coal, nuclear are dispatched first followed by others as per merit order ranking. It is further added that REs power plants provide energy but their firm MW capacity is very low.

(d) NTDC has informed that they have not received any such comments from the Institute of Economics and Financial Analysis, so far.

(e) In this regard, the Government has launched ARE Policy 2019 which sets out Renewable Energy targets *i.e.* 20% and 30% of the total installed capacity, on least cost basis by the year 2025 and 2030 respectively. The Government shall follow least cost principle for the selection of generation projects in IGCEP while also keeping in view the load profile resource availability and outages etc.

72. ***Ms. Uzma Riaz:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the names/details of women welfare schemes launched by the Ministry for the last three years, in order to promote the welfare and economic empowerment of women in the country?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure women empowerment in line with its national and international commitments by adopting all possible measures. As a result of 18th Constitutional amendment, the subject of Women Development was devolved to the provinces. Accordingly, as per their mandate, the provinces are required to implement women's welfare and empowerment agenda within their

respective policy and legislative framework. Performance of Ministry of Human Rights, during the last three years, concerning promotion of the welfare and economic empowerment of women, is as under:

- i. Launched nationwide media awareness campaign on women's inheritance rights and violence against women;
- ii. Published a report on plight of women prisoners on Prime Minister's directions;
- iii. Launched "16 Days of Activism Campaign against Gender-Based Violence" (from 25th November to 10th December, 2020);
- iv. MoHR's Helpline 1099 entertained approximately 13369 cases of women rights violations from August 2018 to August 2021;
- v. Referred 93 complaints of women's rights violations received via Helpline 1099 Mobile App, during the last one year;
- vi. Set up a Computer Lab at Family Protection and Rehabilitation Centre working in Islamabad to provide shelter and legal support to women victims of violence;
- vii. Granted financial assistance to 731 victims of human rights violations, during the last three years. A major portion of beneficiaries *i.e.* 418 (57%) comprised women.
- viii. Established Legal and Justice Authority under the Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020 to provide legal, financial and other assistance for access to justice to the poor and vulnerable segments of society, including women, in criminal cases and for matters ancillary thereto.

Moreover, the existing institution *i.e.* Women Welfare and Development Centre (WWDC) working in Islamabad under MoHR has been further strengthened, during the said period. The overall objective of strengthening WWDC is to further improve service delivery through planning and execution of skill development activities for women in market-oriented trades. This intervention proved highly instrumental for

improving socio-economic status of women through self-employment related opportunities. Accordingly, majority of the trained women are earning livelihood for their families. Progress of WWDC during the last three years, is as under:

- i. More than 4000 females have been trained in various skills and most of them are, at present, earning livelihood for their families;
- ii. The Centre has expanded its activities and currently it is imparting 28 types of vocational and technical trainings, including One Year Diploma Courses in Fashion Designing, Computer/ Information Technology and Beauty Parlor.
- iii. The WWDC has signed an MoU with National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC). This initiative is a part of Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (Skill for All) under Hunarmand Pakistan Program.
- iv. The MoU is currently being implemented and with a view to ensure women's economic empowerment females are being imparted trainings in various market-oriented skills. These include fashion designing, beautician, digital marketing, graphic designing, I.T. and cooking (professional chef), etc.
- v. The WWDC has concluded 21 training courses for women's skill development in collaboration with NAVTTTC, during the last three years.
- vi. Total number of women beneficiaries who were awarded certificates during the said period under this joint venture, is 498.

73. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *whether, the Ministry has taken notice of the alleged corrupt practices in various aspects of the oil marketing company, namely, Hascol; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether, the input of other stake holders including the State Bank of Pakistan, Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan and Federal Board of Revenue has been taken to investigate the corrupt practices of aforesaid company; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to bring aforesaid corrupt practices expeditiously to a logical conclusion?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) M/s Hascol Petroleum Limited (HPL) is a private Oil Marketing Company (OMC) operating under a license granted by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Rules of Business 1973, Petroleum Division is primarily responsible for the matters related to petroleum sector and to ensure security oil supplies in the country. Accordingly, Petroleum Division took notice of the issue highlighted in the media/press and took following actions to maintain supply chain of petroleum products:

- i. PARCO was directed to provide adequate supplies to HPL during August & September 2021, so that any probable dry out at retail outlets on M2 motorway is avoided, keeping in view their exclusive presence there.
- ii. OGRA, being the regulator and licensing authority, was requested to consider alternate solutions in case the company faces any unforeseen situation and confronts issues to ensure supplies at their outlets throughout the country especially at M2 Motorway.
- iii. Frontier Works Organization (FWO), being the service provider on M2 motorway, was also advised to ensure sustainable supply of fuel, through tripartite agreements of HPL with other potential suppliers/OMCs or through any other contingency arrangements, in view of the exclusive rights granted to HPL.

(b) HPL is a private sector company listed with the Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). Investigation of Alleged corrupt practices in corporate/financial of the company fall under the ambit of SECP who already initiated investigation in the matter.

(c) As explained at (b) above.

74. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of Petrol Pumps available along each Motorway routes at present and their respective locations thereof?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): At present number of Petrol Pumps available along each Motorway alongwith their present status and locations thereof:

M-1 (Islamabad-Peshawar)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Hakla	04	07-01-2019	Operational	
2	Rashakai	106	01-08-2020	Operational	

M-2 (Lahore-Islamabad)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	NBC/SBC	Status	Remarks
1	Sukhekhi	92-93	NBC/SBC	(Operational) Handed over to M/s FWO under concession Agreement in Dec, 2014.	
2	Sial More	136-137	NBC/SBC		
3	Bhera	196-197	NBC/SBC		
4	Kallar Kahar	241-242	NBC/SBC		
5	Chakri	315-316	NBC/SBC		
6	Magic River	11	NBC		

M-3 (Lahore-Abdul Hakeem)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Nankana Sahib	1109	14-11-2019	Operational	
2	Tandliyanwala	1045	19-03-2019	Operational	
3	Muridwala	974	14-11-2019	Operational	

M-4 (Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad-Multan)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Sahianwala	258	01-03-2019	Operational	Procurement process is in final stage. Fueling facility will be available in four (04) months' time.
2	Dandewal	205			
3	Jumani	148			
4	Khanewal	38			

M-5 (Sukkur-Multan)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Quttub Din Shah	460+425	29-11-2019	Operational	
2	Azampur	528+035	29-11-2019		
3	Uch Sharif	679+700	29-11-2019		
4	Rohri	397+847	02-01-2021	Non-Operational	Construction works is in progress. 70% of grey works is completed and NOC from DC Sukkur is pending.
5	Multan	760+200	Letters of Commencement have been issued to M/s PSO on 30 th of July, 2021. Fueling facility will be available in three (03) months' time.		
6	Zahirpir	609+910			

E-35 (Hassanabdal-Havelian Expressway)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Hazara	90+250		Tender has been floated. Bids will be received on 7 th of September 2021. Fueling facility will be available in four (04) months' time.	

CPEC-WR (Hakla-D.I. Khan)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Pindigheb	50+050		Tender has been floated. Bids will be received on 9 th of September 2021. Fueling facility will be available in four (04) months' time.	
2	Paharpur	250+500			
3	Jand	111+000			
4	Esakhel	179+500			

CPEC-HT (Havelian-Thakot)

Sr.	Service Area	Location (KM)	Awarded On	Current Status	Remarks
1	Mansehra	90+250	10-11-2020	Operational	
2	Kuza Banda	161 (NBC)		Tender has been floated. Bids will be received on 8 th of September 2021. Fueling facility will be available in three (03) months' time.	

M-9 (Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway)

Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway (M-9) is Built Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis project with M/s SCORE (FWO) for the period 25 Years including 02 1/2 Years construction period.

There are **88X Filling Stations (Petrol Pumps)/CNG Stations** are available on Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway, M-9.

The detail, Name of Petrol Pumps/CNG Station along with location is enclosed herewith at (**Annex-A**).

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

75. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) whether the wires of Nawagai Feeder in Buner Division are old and in a dilapidated condition;*
- (b) if so, as to why their reconditioning has not been done as yet; and*
- (c) the time by which the said feeder will be reconditioned?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Yes, the wires are old and in dilapidated condition; however, approval has already been given for bifurcation of 11 KV Nawagai feeder under ELR head with an estimated cost of Rs. 25.442 Million which includes 19-Km of new line & 5.4-KM of reconditioning.

(b) 50% work has been completed so far & remaining work is in progress. Efforts are being made to accelerate the execution of the work for early completion.

(c) The tentative date of completion of the works is 30-11-2021, subject to no Right of Way problem during execution.

76. ***Prof. Dr. Shahnaz Baloch:**

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

- (a) details of Mega Projects of electricity is so far constructed in Balochistan by the present Government;*
- (b) if so, the total amount incurred on the construction of Mega Projects including electricity which are launched in the Balochistan*

Reply not Received.

77. ***Mr. Qadir Khan Mandokhail:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that in the Karachi and especially in NA-249, un-scheduled loadshedding of electricity is being carried out regularly; and*
- (b) *what steps are being taken by the Government to end the scheduled/un-scheduled loadshedding?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) It is not fact that there is un-scheduled electricity load-shedding is being carried out on regular basis. However, realities of the case are required to be analyzed to ascertain the situation, as under:

- i. Currently, more than 75% of karachi is exempted from load-shedding with 100% exemption to the industries.
- ii. K.E carries out policy-based load-shed regime in the remaining areas in compliance with the provisions of the National Power Policy 2013.
- iii. For unscheduled load-shed on account of planned maintenance and localized faults, KE has been directed for presence their teams to remain available round the clock to monitor and resolve the on-ground situation.
- iv. Further, KE's Loadshedding plan and power shutdown schedule due to maintenance activities is available on KE's website, which is updated regularly. Additionally, customers registered on 8119 receive timely SMS intimations about load-shed in their area.

Further, in order to improve recovery levels and upliftment of areas via community engagement drives, K-Electric also launched second phase of Project Sarbulandi covering NA-249 (Baldia) focusing mainly on minimizing losses through ABC conversion. Additionally, KE has installed over fifty-three thousand meters in Baldia in last three years for reducing loss and providing electricity. Regularly kunda removal drives are also carried out to curb power-theft and to remove illegal connections.

Owing to KE's investments/efforts in Baldia in the last three years, out of 55 feeders, load-shed exempt feeders have been increased from 12 to 21.

(b) In addition to the steps mentioned in (a) above, KE has taken the following measures to improve the service quality of electricity to consumers:

- i. Addition of 1,057 MW of generation capacity through 4 modern and highly efficient generation plants and construction of another 900 MW power plant is progressing expeditiously. First unit (450 MW) of which is expected to come online in October 2021.
- ii. To manage power demand in Summer 2021, KE in collaboration with NTDC successfully implemented the cross-trip scheme along with rehabilitation of KDA-Jamshoro lines enabling KE to draw additional power of 450-600 MW (*i.e* a total of 1,100-1,200 MW) from the National Grid through existing interconnections from April 2021.
- iii. With the vision of load-shed free Karachi, KE is scaling up its efforts to combat power theft, by converting high loss Pole Mounted Electrical Transformers (PMT's) to Aerial bundled cables (ABC) by 2023.
- iv. Pursuant to successful additional power drawl of 450-600 MW as aforementioned, the Company has initiated the process for setting up of new grids and interconnections at 220 kV and 500 kV level for off-take of further additional power, taking the total supply from National Grid to 2050 MW. In this regard, construction works on 220kV Grid station and its associated Transmission line at Dhabeji have started with expected energization in 2022.

78. ***Mr. Muhammad Alamgir Khan:**

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

- (a) *details of Government servants who did opt for plea-bargain and are facing NAB charges; and*

(b) *the names and designations of aforesaid officers who are still serving in various departments of Federal Government?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem): (a) The number of Government servants who did opt for plea bargain is as under (region wise details are annexed).

NAB							Total
Rwp	Lahore	Multan	Kpk	Balochistan	Sukkur	Karachi	
94	97	04	40	38	109	62	444

(b) Section 15 of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO), 1999, provides that any accused person who has availed the benefit of Plea Bargain (PB) U/s 25 (b) shall also be deemed to have been convicted for an offence under this Ordinance, and shall forthwith cease to hold public office, if any, held by him and further he shall stand disqualified for a period of ten years, to be reckoned from the date he has discharged his liabilities relating to the matter or transaction in issue, for seeking or from being elected, chosen, appointed or nominated as a member or representative of any public body or any statutory or local authority or in service of Pakistan or of any Province.

After approval of PB by the Accountability Court the order is disseminated to all concerned departments i.e. State Bank of Pakistan, Election Commission of Pakistan and Establishment Division for further necessary action as per law. Earlier in response to Establishment Division letter dated 29-03-2019 regarding *Suo Moto* Case No. 17 of 2016 [Suo Moto action to examine vires of section 25 (a) of NAO, 1999] NAB has provided details of employees of Federal Government / autonomous bodies who entered in VR as well as PB *vide* letter No. 16-04-2019. The establishment Division is in better position to respond if these officers who opted for Plea Bargain are still serving in Govt. Departments or otherwise.

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

79. ***Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of category-wise challans in numbers alongwith total amount of recoveries against each violations for Islamabad-Lahore G. T Road (N-5) and Islamabad-Lahore Motorway (M-2) for financial year 2019-20 and 2020-21;*
- (b) *the time by which above details will be provided;*
- (c) *exact number of violations against which challans issued to heavy traffic on use of fast lanes, and also on use of un-authorized fancy lights; and*
- (d) *whether the Traffic Police/Motorway Police is not paying attention to different violations including wrong lane overtakes, rush or negligent driving and use of un-authorized lights?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a)→ Summary of Challans and fine amount imposed against the traffic violation during the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in the area of Motorway M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore) is as under:—

Financial Year	No. of Tickets Issued	Total Fine Imposed
2019-2020	927960	446553262
2020-2021	1213944	526342818

→ Summary of Challans and fine amount imposed against the traffic violation during the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in the area of National Highway N-5 (Islamabad-Lahore) is as under:—

Financial Year	No. of Tickets Issued	Total Fine Imposed
2019-2020	1908943	773702183
2020-2021	2464577	1023688037

The detail of category wise challan and fine amount imposed against each of the traffic violation during the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in the area of Motorway M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore) & National Highway N-5 (Islamabad-Lahore) is enclosed at **Annex-A**

- (b) The detail has been compiled and enclosed as **Annex-A**

(c) During the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, in the area of Motorway M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore) & National Highway N-5 (Islamabad-Lahore) GT Road, total **3,907,086** challans were issued to the drivers of Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) with a fine amount of Rs. **1,760,160,890/-** out of which **9,37,577** challans were issued against lane violations and **1,21,148** challans were issued against the use of unauthorized fancy/improper lights to the drivers of HTVs.

Furthermore, stern implementation of the law is also exercised through utilization of all enforcement tools including impounding of vehicles, initiation of legal proceedings, and cancellation/suspension of route permit/driving license. Besides strict enforcement, regular briefing of the road users/general public is also being carried out through on-road briefing officers and Zonal/Sector MEUs for their through sensitization.

(d) NHMP is an esteemed department with its core responsibilities to maintain the free flow of traffic in its Area of Responsibility (AOR), provisions of prompt help to the commuters in distress, and enforcement of laws against traffic violations with the aim to save precious lives of road users.

In this regard, Special Campaigns are regularly being launched against careless driving, lane violations use of un-authorized/ improper lights and wrong side overtaking.

The details of enforcement against the highlighted traffic violations in the area of Motorway M-2 (Islamabad-Lahore) during the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 is as under:—

Description of code	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Lane Violation	125554	42188300	184768
Reckless/Careless Driving	63749	19565024	63812	20807472
Un- authorized/improper lights	10611	6722500	17204	10981000
Wrong side overtaking	5377	1631100	15015	4518000

The details of enforcement against the highlighted traffic violations in the area of National Highways N-5 (Islamabad-Lahore) GT Road during the financial year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 is as under:—

Description of code	2019-2020		2020-2021	
	Lane Violation	279548	104056400	347707
Reckless/Careless Driving	237608	88109310	314581	129387043
Un- authorized/improper lights	43883	38899000	40450	31837500
Wrong side overtaking	39065	11751300	67224	20259550

Moreover, a comprehensive briefing and enforcement campaign was also launched against the use of unauthorized, improper and HID lights during the fiscals years 2020-2021

As far as lane violation by HTVs is concerned, special focus is being made to curb this major violation and regular enforcement campaign against into the subject matter is in process. In addition to this, the following measures were also taken to ensure the free flow of traffic and curb the tendency of major traffic violations:—

Remedial Measures:

- a. Scientific analysis of traffic violations, major cause of accidents and taking appropriate remedial measures to eliminate these causes
- b. Extensive Road Safety Education Campaign and briefing through briefing officers at toll plazas and massive propagation of Road Safety Education through Print, Electronic Media and Social Media
- c. Installation of LEDs at all Toll Plaza for Road Safety Messages.
- d. Pasting of valid fitness certificates on the windscreens of the Transport Vehicles to prevent unfit vehicles from plying on highways.
- e. Online checking/verification of fitness certificates of transport vehicles in calibration with vehicle Inspection and Certification System, Punjab (VICS) at dedicated/ prominent locations to ensure plying of only mechanically fit vehicles on highway.
- f. Maximum patrolling in city areas during rush hours to avoid traffic jams and to maintain the free flow of traffic.

- g. Meeting with transporters/terminal managers/owners to brief and educate them regarding strict observance of traffic laws by their drivers.

Coordination for effective liaison amongst all stake holders i.e. NHMP, NHA, Local Police, District/Municipal Administration, Emergency Service providers, etc. is being ensured to provide the best services to the road users and to ensure their safety.

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

80. ***Mrs. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

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

- (a) the point and location in Sector H-13, Islamabad at which oil has been discovered;*
- (b) the time by which tenders would be floated for proper tapping and discovery of oil and gas from this block;*
- (c) the number of meetings held in this regard;*
- (d) the details of the officers who attended these meetings; and*
- (e) the time by which work would be started on above?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Traces of oil has been surfaced in an under construction house at Shams colony, H-13 while drilling of a water borehole for domestic-use. However, the well has been abandoned on the advice of District Administration being unfit for drinking/domestic use. It is pertinent to highlight that it cannot be termed as an oil discovery because the presence of Golra Seepage in this area is a well-known fact and the same phenomena of encountering traces of oil in water wells has been confirmed by other residents as well.

(b) Oil & Gas seeps to the earth's surface are important in exploration because they can indicate the presence of hydrocarbons. However, commercial exploitation of oil & gas seeps based on multiple variables and are not applicable in-the present case. Directorate General of Petroleum Concessions (Petroleum Division) has awarded Margala Exploration Licence, in November 2006, covering the subject area to an international Exploration & Production Company. (MOL Pakistan Oil and Gas Company). MOL is doing significant exploration activities in Margala Exploration Licence.

(c) Technical professionals of MOL were designated to visit the site and prepare a comprehensive report. The same has been submitted by the Company and the explicit nature of report does not require any meeting.

(d) Technical professionals of MOL were designated to visit the site and prepare a comprehensive report. The same has been submitted by the Company and the explicit nature of report does not require any meeting.

(e) MOL has carried out significant exploration, activities in Margala Exploration, Licence which includes and are not limited to 513 Line Kilometers of 2D Seismic Acquisition and one exploratory well named as MG-1. However, the results of the exploration well were not encouraging and lead to abandonment of well. Now, Company has planned some additional activities i.e. 170 Line Kilometers of 2D Seismic Acquisition to mature the prospectivity of the Block.

81. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of Pakistanis are detained in Saudi jails;*
- (b) *if yes complete detail with their names nature of crime and sentences announced to each of them;*

- (c) *is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to shift them from Saudi jails to Pakistani jails;*
- (d) *if yes the time by which, number of prisoners going to be shifted with their names detention period completed in Saudi jails and remaining period to be completed in Pakistan jails complete detail; and*
- (e) *whether is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to get them released from Saudi jails who were involved in minor crimes by paying their compensation to Saudi Government/authorities?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qurashi): (a) Due to the regular inflow/outflow of prisoners, their number does not stay constant. Currently there are 2,223 prisoners in KSA. (1027 prisoners are in jails under the consular jurisdiction of Pakistan Embassy Riyadh, while prisoners in the Western Region of KSA under consular jurisdiction of our consulate in Jeddah number 1,196)

(b) Crime wise details of prisoners, nature of offense, etc. are attached at Annexes A (Riyadh) and Annex B (Jeddah).

(c) Agreement on transfer of convicted individuals was signed between KSA and Pakistan on 7th May 2021 during the visit of the PM. The agreement is pending for ratification with Saudi side. The Ambassador held a meeting with His Royal Highness Minister of Interior, KSA on 25th August, 2021. Various issues faced by the Pakistani community were discussed in detail during the meeting. Ratification and implementation of the Agreement on Transfer of Convicted Individuals was also discussed. Saudi side has assured to expedite the ratification of the Agreement.

(d) As per the agreement, all the convicted prisoners, except prisoners involved in heinous crimes, will be transferred to Pakistani prisons to complete their remaining sentences.

(e) Due to special efforts by the Mission, sentences of 131 Pakistani prisoners have been waived off by Saudi authorities, including 19 people detained by Saudi Intelligence. These prisoners have been repatriated back to Pakistan. In the meeting held on 25th August, 2021, the Ambassador also requested Saudi Minister of Interior to waive off sentences of prisoners who have completed more than half of their sentence.

A meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee formed in 2010 under the orders of the Supreme Court was held on 28th July, 2021. The Committee recommended payment of fines in respect of prisoners not involved in heinous crimes. The recommendation of the Committee will be put through a Summary to the Prime Minister.

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

ISLAMABAD:
The 21st September, 2021.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Wednesday, the 22nd September, 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?*

Reply not received.

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?

Reply not received.

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?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

- (a) The number of applicants *viz-a-viz* the required qualification for the posts of Bill Distributor and ALM in IESCO is as under:—

Name of Post	No. of Applicants	Required Qualification
Bill Distributor	35,305	Matric
ALM	29,995	Matric

- (b) & (c) The details of Marks obtained by candidates who have been appointed as Bill Distributor are placed as (**Annex-A**).

Moreover, IESCO initiated recruitment process for the post of ALM (BPS-5) against 1,203 posts during July, 2019, against which

15,749 candidates appeared for skill test against total 29,999 eligible candidates. 10,537 candidates passed the skill test out of these 8,933 candidates appeared for physical / endurance test and finally 4,565 candidates were declared eligible for balloting, however, on revision of balloting policy the ongoing process was scrapped. Now, recruitment process against the existing vacancies of ALM has been reinitiated which is underway.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) NEPRA determined the single year and Multiyear tariff for XWDISCO for FY 2018-19 & FY 2019-20 in December 2020 Ministry of Energy, Power Division submitted the same before the ECC to increase the tariff by Rs.1.95/kWh i.e. rebase the tariff structure to maintain uniform tariff in the country The same was approved by the ECC. The decision of ECC was communicated to NEPRA through re-consideration request by MoE. NEPRA after hearing, issued the tariff on February 12, 2021 and the same was notified on February 12, 2021. The rate of Rs. 1.95/kWh was increased to maintain uniform tariff in the country in all categories of consumers.

(b) The Domestic and commercial categories of consumers tariff has been also increased by Rs.1.95/kWh by maintaining uniform tariff.

The detail of Domestic and Commercial Consumers is as under:—

1. Domestic = 27,216,163.
2. Commercial = 3,337,219.

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?*

Reply not Received.

6. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that single phase electricity wires were laid in the different area of Chak No.255/EB Manamar Burewala;*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to convert into the three phase where three phase wire were not installed in the areas of said village; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *if so, the budget allocated during the current financial year for above; and*
- (d) *the time by which three phase wire will be installed?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

- (a) The Sub-Divisional Officer MEPCO Satellite Town Sub-Division Burewala personally visited the said locality *i.e.* Chak No. 255/EB Manamare, Burewala and reported that maximum area of locality is energized through three phase electricity system. However, single phase system also exists in different streets of the locality according to demand of their load. It is further added that being a continuous process, the

further up-gradation of Electricity System remains continuously under process for up-gradation of system on need basis.

(b) Yes, MEPCO through three proposals / cases for up-gradation of system *i.e.* conversion of single phase to three phase LT line, mid spanning and replacement of damaged HT/LT PCC poles has recently up-graded the network of the said areas.

(c) As elaborated above.

(d) Already installed, as elaborated above.

7. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that a 200 KV transformer recently installed to improve load management at Mora Baghwala in Village Darkali Sher Shahi of Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi being removed by IESCO;*

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

(c) *what alternate arrangements are being made to ensure proper load management in the said area, specifically?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) A 100 KVA transformer was installed at Mohra Baghwala in village Darkali Sher Shahi Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi; however, it was damaged, and, a trolley transformer having capacity of 200 KVA was installed on temporary basis to ensure un-interrupted electric supply.

(b) 200 KVA trolley was installed on emergency basis for restoration of power supply of area.

(c) The damaged 100 KVA Transformer has been replaced on 10-8-2021.

30. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred during 35th Session)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the detail of new NHA projects started by the incumbent Government in the country alongwith the locations thereof?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): Province wise details and status of projects of Highways and Motorways undertaken by the present Government are Attached as under;

Punjab (**Annex-I**)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (**Annex-II**)

Baluchistan (**Annex-III**)

Sindh (**Annex-IV**)

Gilgit Baltistan (**Annex-V**)

Azad Jammu Kashmir (**Annex-VI**)

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

20. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *the residents of Village Datta, Tehsil Dina, District Jhelum are facing recurring difficulties due to low voltage of electricity, electric appliances like water pumps, washing machines, refrigerators and tube lights/bulbs have burnt, but the fault is not removed by IESCO;*
- (b) *whether is there any plan to upgrade transformer alongwith three face wires for improvement of voltage; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the electric wires are passing over the roofs and also various electric poles are installed indoor yards, due to which lives of the residents are unsafe;*

- (d) *steps being taken by the IESCO to shift these wires and electric poles and install at safe place; and*
- (e) *the time by which above will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

21. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *the number of posts from Grade-1 to Grade-16 were advertised by Election Commission Office, Peshawar during the period from 1st January, 2019 to 15th January, 2020;*
- (b) *the date on which appointment was made thereon alongwith the names of each post, appointees, merit list and other details thereof;*
- (c) *the number of persons out of new appointees whose relatives are already working on various posts in Election Commission, Peshawar;*
- (d) *the names of new appointees alongwith the names of their relatives officers and employees, designations and complete list of their basic pay scale?*

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

Date of Advertised	BS	No. of Seats
01-02-2019	15	05
	14	14
	13	05
	11	18
	09	16
	05	03
	02	27
Total post advertised		88

(b) A detailed table in both English and Urdu is attached along-with, Name of appointees, Basic Pay Scale, Date of Appointment and Name of Post against which appointment is made (**Annex-I**).

(c) Numbers of persons out of new appointees whose relatives already working on various posts in Election Commission, Peshawar is ten (10).

(d) Detailed list is attached at (**Annex-II**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

22. Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Commissioners of Election Commission Office, Peshawar before retirement from their services, they made the illegal recruitments;*
- (b) the time and dates after making these recruitments Election Commissioners of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) did retired;*
- (c) the details as list of recruitments made in each Commissioner tenure, date, name of Commissioner and the dates of retirement thereof;*
- (d) the number of complaints received against these recruitments during the last five years the action taken thereon so far;*
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Election Commission Office, Islamabad, to take the action and also with draw powers of such provincial authority for making such illegal recruitments in grade 1 to 16 in provincial offices; if not, reasons thereof?*

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan): (a) Some disputed appointments have been made in the office of Provincial Election Commission, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in year 2019 which are under adjudication in Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad.

(b) The Advertisement for different posts was published in newspaper on 1st February, 2019 and PEC, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa retired on 19th January, 2020.

(c) Disputed recruitments were made in year 2019 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The information is attached at (**Annex-I**).

(d) So far 11 complaints were lodged against the recruitment process in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the year 2019, and all of them were filed with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(e) Election Commission believes in meritocracy and transparency, therefore, a Departmental Proceedings is under process to determine the certitude.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

23. Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Meter Reference No.13122311247200R of GEPCO Sub-division Wazirabad-I alongwith others was charged an amount of arrears of Rs. 4311.78 in the bill of June, 2021;*
- (b) if so, the basis of charging such arrears alongwith any notification/directive/authorization for effecting the said arrears;*
- (c) whether electricity meters in particular against the aforesaid reference number alongwith others were tested for any malfunction during the months of May, June and July, 2021 was tested;*
- (d) if so, the details of findings of such inspection report duly verified by the competent authority;*
- (e) whether the consumer was notified about any possible malfunction in the meter; if so, the details thereof; and*

(f) *if not, the reasons to penalize consumers unjustly alongwith what steps are being taken by the Government to hold the responsible accountable?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) Yes, the said consumer being reference No. 13122311247200R was charged detection bill of 438 units during June 2021 which was paid by him. The consumer was again charged detection bill during July 2021 erroneously. The said wrong detection bill of July 2021 was refunded to consumer and final bill amounting to Rs. 3496/- has been paid by the consumer.

(b) The concerned Meter Reader pointed out that the meter of the said consumer is sluggish and accuracy is suspicious.

(c) Due to rush of work and non availability of M&T team, testing of meters during the month of May, June and July, 2021 could not arranged but detection bill was charged to the consumer.

(d) Meter was not got tested by M&T prior to charging detection bill. Now the old meter has been replaced *vide* MCO No. 252/21F dated 24-08-2021 and sent to M&T for report.

(e) The consumer was not notified about any possible malfunction by concerned SDO.

(f) The XEN Wazirabad Division has been directed now to initiate disciplinary action against the officer/official responsible who did not follow SOP regarding charging of detection bill to the consumer.

24. Begum Tahira Bukhari:

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that in village Chakri Wakeelan, Tehsil Gujar Khan, electricity poles have been installed very close from the houses of old population due to which cable meter connections are laying either on roofs or on the ground which may increase the risk of human lives;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that to avoid the said risk the people have submitted the application including Safeer Ahmed and Muhammad Irfan etc. for the installation of new poles;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative the time by which new electricity poles will be installed in said areas?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) As per IESCO, electricity poles in Village Chakri Wakeelan, Tehsil Gujar Khan were installed in 1983 to electrify the village. At that time the poles were installed at the side of road/street as per SOP. However, later due to construction of houses, streets became narrow and in few cases due to narrowness of street, some poles are quite close to houses.

(b) As per record of the concerned Sub Division, no written application has been received in SDO office from Mr. Safeer Ahmed or Mr. Muhammad Irfan. However, SDO Guliana personally visited the site and met Mr. Safeer Ahmed & Mr. Muhammad Irfan. Presently, there is no safety hazard in the street of Mr. Safeer Ahmed. However, 05 numbers of meters were found installed with lengthy PVCs. Similarly, premises of Mr. Muhammad Irfan have also been checked and found that 01 PVC is crossing over the house.

(c) To redress, the grievance of Mr. Safeer Ahmed and Mr. Muhammad Irfan, LV proposals have been prepared and are under process of approval, once approved, the work will be taken in hand for execution and consumer grievance would be resolved.

25. Mr. Ramesh Lal:

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electricity wires are in dilapidated condition and voltage of electricity is extremely low in Shahdat Kot, District Larkana; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to resolve this serious issue?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

(a) The existing electricity wires in Shahdat Kot City are in Operation with full technical standard due to removal of bare LT conductor and replaced with insulated / ABC cables by making One-Point Distribution system. There is no low voltage problem in Urban areas of Shahdat Kot. However, the bare LT system in rural areas is still existed with old wires & low voltage problems.

(b) The SEPCO is a corporate entity and incurs the expenditure of development works from its own resources / budget. On the contrary, all possible efforts are being taken for carrying out the Development Schemes especially in Urban areas where AT&C losses are at low level. A thorough Priority is being given to rehabilitate the HT / LT system where hazard points reported without any discrimination of area. In this regard various estimates amounting to Rs. 37.395 Millions are approved for Rehabilitation of HT / LT system and work is under progress to remove the dilapidated wires and Poles in Shahdat Kot City and its remaining areas for the year 2020-21. The abstract of same is as under :

Securing of LT System	Removal of Hazards Point		Rehabilitation / Bifurcation of 11 KV Feeders			
	No. of works	Cost (Mln.)	No. of works	Cost (Mln)	No. of works	Cost (Millions)
16	11.316	10	12.209	01	13.870	

26. **Choudhary Faqir Ahmad:**

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 29540632360 dated 09-06-2021, 18722946987 dated 04-08-2021, 84211395771 dated 20-9-2019, 96898777089 dated 17-01-2020, 54290691267 dated 12-10-2020, 40829120795 dated 15-04-2021, 57976193417 dated 05-09-2019 by residents Chak 81/JB Pandoori Dijkot Pensra, Road Faisalabad Chak 82/JB Jagatpur Dijkot Pensra Road NR Abdul Majeed Karyana Store Faisalabad, Chak 202/RB Bhaiwala NR Bhola Karyana Store Jhuma Road Faisalabad, P-130 St No.3*

Peoples Town Sammundri Road, Faisalabad, P-106 St No.2 Khasra No.11/1/2/8/2 Rehman Abad Kachi Abadi Faisalabad, P-190, Mohmadinabad Chak 279/RB NR GM Abad Narawala Road Faisalabad and Chak 6/JB Gharbi Sargodha 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 intall the said meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Gas connections against the Account IDs mentioned below has been installed.

Sr. #	Account ID	Meter #
1	84211395771	ZA2100464030
2	96898777089	ZA2100463945
3	54290691267	CT218743275
4	40829120795	CT218759865
5	57976193417	ZA2100460589

Gas connections against the Account IDs mentioned below will be installed within four week's time as per turn/merit,

Sr. #	Account ID	Application Date
1	29540632360	03-02-2017
2	18722946987	08-03-2017

- (b) Same as above.
- (c) Same as above.

27. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing of demand notices of Rs. 25000/- to get connection of natural Gas on urgent*

basis the subsequent demand notice of Rs.6000/- is not being issued by the authorities concerned against the Accounts ID 4671291782, 9940339007, 5027747146 dated 22-08-2019 ID 0794544531, dated 11-09-2019 of residents of Chak No.84/JB, Sir Shamir, Tehsil and District Faisalabad ID 9724657008 dated 29-07-2019 Chak No.85/JB, Lilanwala, Tehsil and District Faisalabad;

- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to resolve the above at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) It is not a fact that an amount of Rs. 25,000/- urgent fee has been deposited against the below mentioned Account IDs:

Sr. #	Account ID	Date of Application
1	4671291782	22-08-2019
2	9940339007	22-08-2019
3	5027747146	22-08-2019
4	0794544531	11-09-2019
5	9724657008	29-07-2019

Currently, we are processing those applications which were submitted on or before 30-06-2017 on normal turn/merit of Faisalabad Main whereas, the above mentioned applications have been submitted on 29-07-2019, 22-08-2019 & 11-09-2019 which shows that they do not fall on turn/merit.

(b) As per procedure an applicant has to apply for conversion of normal application into urgent fee application by submitting an application at the concerned Regional Office. After which urgent fee bill is issued to the applicant. It is to be noted that till date the above applicants have not requested for conversion of their normal domestic gas application to urgent fee.

(c) It is requested that the concerned applicants may approach our Regional Office for submission of applications for converting their normal application into urgent fee. Thereafter urgent fee bill of Rs. 25,000/- will be issued and subsequently demand notice of Rs. 6,000/- will also be processed, if premises exists on our has mains.

28. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing of demand notices of Rs.25000/- to get connection of natural gas on urgent basis the subsequent demand notice of Rs.6000/- is not being issued by the authorities concerned against the Accounts ID 9484755911, dated 10-08-2020 by residents of Chak No.77GB, Jaranwala, Tehsil and District Faisalabad account ID 0883659585, dated 26-06-2019 Chak No.86/JB, Dhool Majra Tehsil and District Faisalabad;*
- (b) *if so the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to do the needful at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) It is not a fact that an amount of Rs. 25,000/- urgent fee has been deposited against the below mentioned Account IDs:

Sr. #	Account ID	Date of Application
1	9484755911	10-08-2020
2	0883659585	26-06-2019

Currently, we are processing those applications which were submitted on or before 30-10-2018 (Sr. # 1) in Jaranwala & 30-06-2017 (Sr. # 2) (Dhool Majra Tehsil & District Faisalabad) respectively are being processed on normal turn/merit of Faisalabad Main whereas, the above mentioned applications have been submitted on 10-08-2020 & 20-06-2019 respectively which shown that they do not fall on turn/merit.

(b) As per procedure an applicant has to apply for conversion of normal application into urgent fee application by submitting an application at the concerned Regional Office. After which urgent fee bill is issued to the applicant. It is to be noted that till date the above applicants have not requested for conversion of their normal domestic gas application to urgent fee.

(c) It is requested that the concerned applicants may approach our Regional Office for submission of application for converting their normal application into urgent fee. Thereafter urgent fee bill of Rs. 25,000/- will be issued and subsequently demand notice of Rs. 6000/- will also be processed, if premises exists on our gas mains.

29. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that several residents of Simly Dam Road, NR the Citizens Foundation School, Muza Athal, Islamabad applied for the connection of natural Gas against different Accounts IDs including the one Account ID No.9052045879 first on ordinary basis and later on urgent basis on 1st October, 2019, however, the relevant authorities could not issue demand notices against such IDs;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to issue the demand notices at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) Yes, it is a fact that several residents of Simly Dam Road NR, the Citizen Foundation School Muza Athal Islamabad applied for the connection of natural Gas against different accounts IDs. The application vide Account ID 9052045879 on ordinary basis, while request for processing on urgent basis was submitted on 06-08-2021.

The applications on ordinary basis in Islamabad are being processed on turn/merit and current merit date is 31-07-2018. Presently, processing of those applications is carried out which were submitted upto 31-07-2018 on turn/merit basis. Therefore, the instant application vide account ID No, 9052045879 received on 01-10-2019 does not fall on normal turn/merit *i.e.* 31-07-2018.

(b) All new gas connections are being provided strictly on turn/merit basis through computer generated lists. The merit of a request is determined on the principal of “First corner First serve” and quota of gas

connections allocated to that specific distribution region. In view of huge influx of new gas connections requests & corresponding limited allocation for new gas connections by OGRA, pending applications are increasing resulting in longer waiting period. It is also apprised that annual quota/Target for provision of domestic gas connections is approved by the OGRA which is further sub divided on regional basis based on overall pendency of each Region / sub Region.

(c) A total of approximately 50,000/- applications have been received for processing on Urgent Fee basis which are being processed on first come first serve basis. The urgent fee bills of the cases mentioned in the subject question list received on 06-08-2021 & will also be processed on their turn, tentatively within three (03) months is attached.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

30. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the case of intervening period of Syed Shakeel Hussain, Clerk Kemari NPO, Karachi, alongwith other cases of same nature will be decided by Director General PPOD, which is still pending;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the file/case are still in the Office of D.G, PPOD, Islamabad; and*
- (c) why the aforesaid cases are not yet decided and still lying pending for decision?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) The case of intervening period of Syed Shakeel Hussain, Clerk, Kemari NPO, Karachi has already been decided / regularized by the Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Karachi *vide* his letter No. MCK/Staff/SA-08/ 2015 dated 06-05-2021. (copy enclosed):

(b) The files of officials are available in their respective Circles. Hence, the case file of the official is in Metropolitan Circle, Karachi.

(c) The case has already been decided & not lying pending.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

31. **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.18, replied on 22-01-2021 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite assuring this August House to install a up-graded transformer at Patoyoun, Tehsil Jam Nawaz Ali, District Sanghar by the end of October, 2020, concerned authorities have failed to do so;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *if not, such failure of authorities concerned is tantamount to breach the privilege of the Assembly;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to install a transformer at said village and hold accountable those failed to install it within given time?*

Minister for Power Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar):

- (a) No, it is not a fact that the said transformer has not been installed.
- (b) As per report of HESCO the said additional 100 kVA transformer at near Patoyoon Stop has been energized on 10-10-2020.
- (b) As elaborated above.
- (c) As elaborated above.
- (d) As elaborated above.

32. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.12 replied on 17-07-2020 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite the cleaning and removal of choking in the pipelines of Sector-II, Khayaban-e-Sir Syed, Rawalpindi, the pressure of natural Gas could not be*

improved due to which residents of the street are facing shortage of natural gas even in the summer;

- (b) *whether it is fact that they will have to face a severe shortage of natural gas in the coming winter; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to improve the pressure of natural gas in aforesaid street?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar): (a) No, it is not a fact that low pressure problem in Sector-II Khayaban-e-Sir Syed has not been improved. Major / bulk complaints have been cleared. However, few individual complaints are received which are rectified on case to case basis. We also wish to add that currently there is no low pressure area in the above locality.

(b) Gas supply position on overall basis in the country during the upcoming winter will determine gas availability to consumers in any particular area. It will be however be endeavored to ensure that public at large is provided sufficient gas pressure.

(c) The following steps have already been taken-up to improve the supply/pressure of natural gas in the said area:

- TBS of Khayaban-e-Sir Syed has been shifted near to Chowk KSS to enhance the pressure.
- TBS of Khayaben-e-Sir Syed has also been upgraded.

33. Syed Agha Rafiullah:

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the National Commission on Human Rights and any other entity, which come under the administrative control of the Ministry have taken notice of less salaries against the prescribed minimum by Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospitals which has set up across the country; if so, thereof;*
- (b) *what corrective measure to insure payments of the aforesaid employees of the institutions?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has neither received any complaint related to this issue nor has taken up any action on less salaries against the prescribed minimum by AL-Shifa Eye Trust Hospitals set up across the country.

The matter was also taken up with the Hospital Administration and they are in view that Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospital is a charitable and non-profit organization working in the field of preventing and control of blindness in Pakistan. It is augmenting the efforts of Government of Pakistan in eye care sector.

Al-Shifa Eye Trust Hospitals being charitable organization does not fall within the ambit of labour laws, therefore, the relationship between employees and management of Al-Shifa Eye Trust hospitals do not fall within the definition of workman or workers as provided by IRA 2012.

It is further submitted that the principal of minimum wages of a worker do not apply in the case of Al-Shifa Trust employees.

(b) Al-Shifa Eye Trust further stated that the management of the Trust is prepared to redress the grievance of any person working with the trust on priority.

ISLAMABAD:
The 21st September, 2021.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.