(44th Session)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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"QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Monday, the 1st August, 2022

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 (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar): (a) & (b) The subject of setting up of Model Courts is not the initiative of the Federal Government. The Model Courts are administered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. Therefore, this Ministry has no information in the matter. Accordingly, this Ministry approached the Law and Justice Commission and the Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad with the request to provide the requisite information. The requisite information is still awaited. The same will be provided to the National Assembly as and when shared by the relevant quarter(s).

61. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that few employees are still serving in the NAB on deputation even after the judgment of retired Honourable Justice Mr. Amir Hani Muslim;

(b) if yes, provide the details and justification for non compliance of the said judgment?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar): (a) Appointment in NAB on deputation are made sparingly and only in the interest of the NAB. In this respect, Section 3.32 of NAB's TCS "Conditions of Deputation" is re-produced as under **(Annex-A)**:-

1. The appointing authority may appoint on deputation a Federal or a Provincial Government servant or an employee of an organization set up or managed by such Govt. who is holding an appointment on regular basis, against an equivalent post in the NAB.

2. The appointment shall be made with the consent of the lending authority for such period and on terms and conditions as may be determined by the appointing authority in the NAB in consultation with the lending authority.

It is pertinent to add that no specific judgment relevant to NAB has been provided in the question raised by the honorable member, which prohibits appointments on deputation in NAB, however, such appointments are made in accordance with NAB's TCS-2002 and Govt. instructions issued from time to time.

(b) -NA-

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

62. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that secondary transmission lines and service cable from pole to meter are in state of shambles across the country at present, consequently, which is one of the many other reasons of system losses and theft;

(b) if so, whether the distribution companies has taken notice of the fact and reserved funds either by the Government itself or

through distribution companies to channalize such state of shambles since August, 2018; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government to settle such mess at an earliest?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) It is not a fact. Service cables from pole to meter in most of the urban areas are in good working conditions to limit the theft and losses within permissible limits. Moreover, as per law, independent cables are installed to each / individual connection. However, in some cases, problems are there in remote / rural areas where service to service connections are installed. In such areas, the said arrangement causes problems in terms of theft and losses.

(b) DISCOs are cognizant of this problem and because of financial limitations progress is slow. Funds for rectification of such problems are provided by DISCOs and where necessary, government provides support.

(c) Government continues to assist DISCOs financially to improve its infrastructure. Aerial Bundled Cables (ABC) are now being installed in theft prone areas to counter direct hooking as well as for ensuring safety. In narrow streets where cables cannot be secured properly, 4-core cables are being installed after removal of individual cables. DISCOs are focusing to properly secure and improve the distribution system cables. DISCOs are trying their utmost to rectify such service cables from poles to meters by utilizing the funds/ resources, on top priority basis, as-the same also helps in controlling the line losses or theft of electricity especially in residential areas.

65. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some officers of DISCOs NTDC, GENCOs PEPCO and PPMC were awarded minor penalties by their respective competent authorities and on appeals their appellate authorities converted their minor penalties into major penalties during last ten years;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the particulars of all those officers whose minor penalties were converted into major penalties or exonerated during the last ten years, details of allegations leveled against each of the officers, specific major penalties awarded and reasons for converting minor penalty to major penalties?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) & (b) The Company-wise detail of officers regarding conversion of minor penalties into major penalties or exonerated during the last ten years is as under:-

Company	Reply of Part (a)	Reply of Part (b)	Detail placed at
IESCO	Nil	21	Annex-A
MEPCO	Nil	60	Annex-B
FESCO	Nil	131	Annex-C
GEPCO	Nil	20	Annex-D
LESCO	Nil	52	Annex-E
QESCO	Nil	Nil	-
HESCO	Nil	23	Annex-F
SEPCO	02	11	Annex-G
PESCO	Nil	60	Annex-H
TESCO	Nil	03	Annex-I
NTDCL	Nil	04	Annex-J
GHCL	Nil	Nil	-

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

70. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that after the promulgation of National Accountability Bureau (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (Ordinance No.XXIII of 2021), the Bureau has issued the instructions to all Regional Offices to keep all matters in abeyance/moratorium till the opinion of Ministry of Law regarding applicability of said amendments in working of the Bureau;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Bureau has taken the major decisions in lieu of aforesaid Ordinance inspite of issuing said restraining instructions like appointments, promotions, constitution of promotion board etc.; if yes, the fate of said decisions;

(c) if so, whether it is not a contempt of the Court as held by Apex Court in Civil Appeal No.3 and 4 of 2018 (PMDC VS Muhammad Fahad Malik and others)?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar): (a) Yes, it is confirmed that all Regional Bureaus were conveyed to keep in abeyance all matters due to questions of interpretation and clarification of some points vide letter dated 12-10-2021. However, this letter only pertained to operational activities, being subject matter of these amendments / Ordinances, and not to the support side of management / administration of the Bureau. Moreover, it was also instructed to all Regional Bureaus *vide* letter dated 01-11-2021 to maintain complete moratorium till detailed examination of pending cases in the backdrop and perspective of Islamabad High Court Order passed in W.P. No. 522/2021 titled Muhammad Ismail Qureshi Vs. State & others. It is further clarified that the directions passed through above mentioned letters, to maintain moratorium / abeyance, were subsequently withdrawn by NAB HQ *vide* letter dated 31-12-2021.

(b) As already clarified, these letters / instructions pertain only to operational activities and to examine efficacy and maintainability of ongoing NAB cases after Second & Third amendments and not to the HR / Administrative matters like appointments, promotions and constitution of promotion Board etc.

(c) -NA-

79. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of applications for installation of electricity meters are pending in every division

of distribution companies; if so, the division-wise number of pending applications of each DISCO;

(b) whether the concerned authorities have taken notice of such pendency for holding accountable responsible;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such pendency on the part of DISCOs compels the applicants to pay bribe to the employees of the respective sub Division in order to obtain their connection;

(d) if so, what remedial steps has been taken to quickly resolve such pendency and to plan for providing such a connection within the minimum time frame and if the employees concerned fails to do so, should have been held accountable?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) DISCO-wise detail of number of pending new connections at present is as under:

DISCO	**Number of Pending connections**
LESCO	12,485
GEPCO	200
FESCO	28
IESCO	11,788
MEPCO	79,807
PESCO	2,580
TESCO	58
HESCO	1,508
SEPCO	462
QESCO	1054
Total:	**109,970**

(b) The pendency was due to spread of Pandemic (covid-19) world-wide and the volatile economic crunch, the firms were not participating in the tenders of Meter/Cables & transformers etc. floated by DISCOs. Due to which said material could not be procured in time.

(c) No admissible evidence of such practice is on record.

(d) Now, the things have been streamlined and a sufficient quantity of meters has been procured and is now available in stores as well as in pipeline which is considered sufficient for catering to the requirement of field formations. Therefore, the backlog of new connections is expected to be cleared by the end of current financial year.

81. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) the eligibility criterion conditions i.e. qualification, experience, background, reputation and citizenship of private members on the Board of Directors (BoDs) of DISCOs, NTDC, GENCOS, PEPCO, PPMC;

(b) the reason/justification for nominating Chairmen of BoDs by Power Division instead of giving chance to BoDs to elect their respective Chairman;

(c) number of meetings of Sub-Committees and main BoDs held so far in each of the DISCOs with dates;

(d) the amount incurred on each of the meetings;

(e) the perks, privileges and other fringe benefits being paid to each of the Directors and Chairmen in each of the DISCOs; and

(f) the details of manner and method mechanism whereby performance of BoDs is being monitored?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) The BoDs of DISCOs, NTDC and GENCOs are constituted / dealt under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2017 and the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 (CGR). It is apprised that the following major conditions are laid down in the Act and CGR for nomination of the Independent Directors on the BoD of a Public Sector Company (PSC):

(a) Section 166 of the Act provides that such independent directors shall be selected from a data bank containing names etc. of the persons who are qualified and willing to act as independent directors, maintained by an institution as may be notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan;

(b) That in terms of Rule 3(1) of the CGR, the Directors of a PSC have to possess requisite range of skills, competence, knowledge and experience so that BoD as a group includes core competencies and diversity considered relevant in the context of the functions of the PSC;

(c) Rule 3(2) of the CGR lays down that the Board shall have at least 1/3 of its total member as Independent Directors;

(d) The eligibility criterion is given in the Fit and Proper Criteria **(Annex-A)**.

(b) The relevant Act and Rules have given the provision for nominating Chairman of BoDs of DISCOs, NTDC, GENCOs either through nomination by Federal Government or through election by the respective Board. The Federal Government deemed appropriate by nominating the Chairmen of BoDs by its own.

(c), (d) & (e) Requisite information is placed at **Annex-B**.

(f) It is submitted that Power Division is evaluating / monitoring the performance of BoDs of DISCOs as per Section 8 of the Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013 (CGR).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

84. ***Mr. Qadir Khan Mandokhail:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state reasons for 12 to 14 hours load shedding in my Constituency and also in whole Pakistan, except Islamabad?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): Reply to the question given below has been prepared after obtaining the necessary information from NTDC, PPMC/DISCOs & KE:

(a) National Power Control Centre (NPCC) being the System Operator under NTDC makes the best possible efforts to meet the nationwide System Load Demand from the available resources. The load management / shedding has been carried out mainly due to generation shortfall owing to the following reasons:-

- Abnormal Load Demand due to high temperatures;
- Insufficient Coal and RFO inventories at different power plants;
- Less RLNG allocation to power plants by SNGPL;
- Reduced hydel generation due to less water inflows;
- Forced/Partial forced outage of power plants;

(b) However, no load shedding was carried out due to generation shortfall from 1-5-2022 to 10-5-2022. It is pertinent to mention here that quantum of load shedding being carried out in the Country by DISCOs on the basis of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses recorded on each feeder bifurcated in seven categories as per the following detail;

CATEGORY	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
AT&C LOSSES	Upto 10%	10-20%	20-30%	30-40%	40-60%	60-80%	80.1-100%
LOAD MANAGEMENT HOURS	Zero	02 Hrs	02 Hrs	04 Hrs	06 Hrs	08 Hrs	12 Hrs

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

KE's Response with respect to constituency of the honorable MNA.

- Since the beginning of summer 2022 and till the end of previous week, load shed remained within policy regime in KE's service area, However, there were only 9 instances of load management due to restricted NTDC drawl owing to shortage of generation in their network during the said period.

- Currently, more than 75% of Karachi is exempt from load-shed with 100% exemption to the industries. KE carries out policy-based load-shed regime in the remaining areas in compliance with the provisions of the National Power Policy 2013 and 2021.

- Further, for any unscheduled load-shed on account of planned maintenance and localized faults, KE teams remain available round the clock to monitor and resolve the on-ground situation.

- Furthermore, KE's load shedding 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.

- Moreover, KE launched second phase of project Sarbulandi covering NA-249 (Baldia) as well, which aims to uplift underdeveloped areas of Karachi focusing mainly on minimizing losses through ABC conversion, improving recovery levels and upliftment of areas via community engagement drives.

132. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the details of the expenditure on production of electricity by power houses, grid stations, pay and allowances of the establishment, vehicles fuel and repairs, maintenance and development, amount received from consumers during the last three years alongwith year-wise break-up?

Reply not received.

135. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) the grade-wise, detail of quantity of free/concessional electricity being provided to each employee of WAPDA at present; and

(b) whether the above facility is also being provided to the retired officers/officials of the said Division?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) It is submitted that employees of all WAPDA/ DISCOs/ GENCOs/NTDC are allowed electricity units according to their pay scale and each employee consumes its allocated quota of units within a financial year. The said electricity units are not free but is a facility (Taxable) to the employees and is a part of salary pay package. Each employee pays his bill when the allowed quota of units is exhausted and no further units are allowed till the end of financial year. The grad wise detail of entitled units allowed to each employee is given below:

BPS	**Entitlement of Units/month**	
	In Service	**Retired**
01 to 04	100	50
05 to 10	150	75
11 to 15	200	100
16	300	150
17	450	225
18	600	300
19	880	440
20	1100	550
21 to 22	1300	650

(b) Yes the above facility is also provided to retired officers/officials as per above limits/entitlement.

141. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the theft and burden of free of cost electricity, under the head of feeder losses, is put on shoulders of all consumers;

(b) if yes, indicate the law and regulation under which it is imposed alongwith the justification; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to eradicate such injustice?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) No.

The cost of free supply of electricity to employees is borne by the concerned organizations DISCOs/GENCOs/NTDC/ WAPDA etc. Whereas, the consumers involved in theft of electricity are charged for recovery of lost units through detection bills.

(b) As per WAPDA Policy dated 19-10-1992 and PEPCO's endorsement/orders dated 10-12-2010, all the employees of WAPDA/ DISCOs/ GENCOs/ NTDC are allowed electricity units according to their pay scale and each employee consumes its allocated quota of units within a financial year. Such a facility is not treated as free in Department scenario rather the said facility to the employees is taxable to the employees and is treated as a part of salary pay package. Each employee pays his bill when the allowed quota of units is exhausted and no further units are allowed till the end of financial year. The grade wise detail of entitled units allowed to each employee is given below:

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Further, the consumers involved in theft of electricity are charged as per NEPRA Consumer Service Manual for recovery of lost units through detection bills.

(c) Since the charging the consumers detection bills for recovery is carried out as per NEPRA Consumer Service Manual and free electricity is as per Policies of 1992 and 2010, the said practices cannot be treated as injustice.

65. ***Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is no security arrangement on Lahore to Shorkot Motorway and security grills have been broken at many places; if so, the steps being taken by Government, in this regard?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):

Lahore-Multan Motorway (M-3)

The Lahore – Multan Motorway (M-3 Section) of Peshawar - Karachi Motorway (PKM) is substantially completed and operational since 1st April 2019.

Replacement of stolen fence has been instructed to EPC contractor. In addition to that a separate contract for protection of NHA assets and replacement of stolen fence are under process for e-bidding. It will not be out of place to submit that Motorway Police is operational on M-3 to take care of law enforcement requirements.

Pindi Bhattian-Shorkot (M-4)

There are security arrangements at Motorway M-4 (Multan – Pindi Bhattian) section in the form of the following:-

(i) Routine Maintenance Patrolling contractors have been assigned the patrolling contracts for the safety and security of road assets (Chain link fence & Guard rails etc.). Patrolling vehicles arranged by the contractor carry out patrolling on shoulders of Motorway to protect the assets and forbid the locals to break fence for crossing of Motorway. Similarly if fence is found broken or stolen, the contractor repair or plug the gaps of the fence. This process continues throughout the year.

(ii) NH&MP also carry out patrolling on Motorway for safety and security of vehicles and the passengers plying on the Motorway round the clock.

(iii) If any gap in fence is created by the local inhabitants or the criminals is being plugged on urgent basis by the patrolling contractors and necessary FIRs also lodged in respective Police Station & being pursued by Legal Bureau of NHA.

For safety and security of Motorway and the commuters, NHA awards various routine maintenance and routine maintenance patrolling contracts normally on annual basis and ensure presence of the contractor at Motorway at their allocated stretches for various works of Routine Maintenance (provision of guard rails, fence, Highway safety works etc.) and patrolling all along the Motorway. NH&MP also carry out patrolling on Motorway (M-4) for safety of commuters.

66. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the total number of prisoners released by the Government of Pakistan KSA and USA separately during the last three years?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari): As per information received from our Missions, the number of Pakistani prisoners released/ deported from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in last 03 years are as follows:

S. No.	Year	No. of Prisoners released		
		Parep Riyadh	Parep Jeddah	Total
1.	2020	402	468	870
2.	2021	367	549	916
3.	2022	274	330	604
Total		**1043**	**1347**	**2390**

As per information received from our Mission, the number of Pakistani prisoners released/ deported from United States in last 03 years are as follows:

S. No.	Year	Prisoners released/Individuals deported
1.	2019	202
2.	2020	207
3.	2021	17
Total		**426**

67. ***Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highway Authority (NHA) has any proposal under consideration to build an interchange at Sector H-16, Srinagar Highway to facilitate the residents of Sectors I-16, I-15 and residents of PHA Flats I-16/3, Islamabad;

(b) if yes, the time by which it will be implemented?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood): (a) • It is apprised that Model Prison is being constructed by Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Ministry of Interior at H-16 Islamabad. A direction was received from the said Ministry/Department in NHA to Design/create an interchange/link road at sector H-16/17 from Motorway to the site of Model Prison situated at H-16 Islamabad, in view of directions of Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan **S.M Case No. 02/2000, SMC No. 1/2006 and C.M.A No. 13.03-2015.**

• Foregoing in view, a number of meetings were held in Ministry of Interior to discuss the best possible option to provide access to Model Prison from link road of Motorway M-1/M-2 including construction of Flyover and low cost access to Model prison from Srinagar Highway.

• The following committee has been constituted by Secretary Inetrior to visit the Model Prison site and evaluate their options for access to Model Prison, Islamabad from Srinagar Highway/Motorway:

i.	Additional Secretary (Admn), Ministry of Interior	*Chairman*
ii.	Member Engineering (CDA)	*Member*
iii.	General Manager Design, NHA	*Member*
iv.	Addl. Dy. Commissioner General, ICT	*Member*
v.	AIG Prison, Government of the Punjab	*Member*
vi.	Director (Dev./Finance), ICT	*Member*

• TOR of the Committee is as under
"To evaluate various cost effective options for the provision of hassle free access to Model Prison Islamabad project from Srinagar Highway /Motorway"

- As soon as any decision is conveyed to NHA, NHA will proceed in the matter as per direction of the concerned quarter.

- The said proposed interchange (if decided) will facilitate the residents of sector I-16, I-15 and residents of PHA flats I-16/3, Islamabad.

(b) NA.

68. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that triple price is charged from the people at rest areas, hotels/cafes of Motorways;

(b) is there any mechanism to check the foods standard/quality on the Motorways;

(c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government to check the edible items/food quality on daily basis and to fix heavy penalties on the shopkeepers for excessive charging?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood): (a) No particular complaint has been received for charging triple prices at service/rest areas, hotels/cafes of Pakistan Motorways. However, penalties/fines are imposed by the concerned District Authorities on individuals who violate approved price lists issued by the District Authorities.

(b) It is to apprise that the rates at service/rest areas are fixed by the concerned local Administrations/price control authorities, in line with the prevailing prices of essential commodities in the adjacent towns & districts. Accordingly, check & balance over rates and quality falls under the domain of the concerned District Administration. Following steps have been taken to ensure that approved prices are charged:

- Displaying of DC approved price lists at each outlets,

- Displaying of contact numbers of focal persons (NHA & Operator) for registration of complaints against overcharging, quality and cleanliness of site,

- Frequent Inspection / surprise visits.

(c) In order to curb the issue of overcharging at Service / Rest Areas, NHA has formulated teams for respective areas which ensured:

- Surprise visits by NHA officials and District Authorities.

- Ensuring fair prices as part of contracts.

- Imposition of fines by NHA against the non-complaint operators under the provisions of Contract.

- Imposition of fines by District authorities.

- Imposition of fines by provincial and local authorities.

69. ***Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinet Division has issued direction that CDA should issue domestic connections of electricity and gas to the societies and towns etc like Ghori Town, Arsalan Town and Shaheen Town as thousands of people living in said societies and towns who were deprived of basic facilities of gas despite the fact that gas line is available in these areas but new connections not given as new connections have been banned since seven years;

(b) if so, the direction may please be issued to the concerned department to resolve the said old issue?

Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik): (a) SNGPL has not received any instructions from CDA regarding processing of gas connection in the unapproved localities like Ghouri Town, Arsalan Town and Shaheen Town, Islamabad.

Currently, there is ban on expansion in domestic network due to shortage of gas and the same shall be reviewed upon improvement in gas supplies and removal of pricing distortion.

(b) As stated above.

70. ***Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state total consumption of oil and diesel in the country at present alongwith the steps being taken by the Government to explore new oil and gas reservoirs?

Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik): The total consumption 6f Petroleum products in the country during FY 2021-22 was approximately **23.4 million Tons.** The consumption of Petrol and Diesel being the two major products was approximately **9 million Tons** each.

Federal Government has taken multiple steps to incentivize the upstream oil and gas sector of the country and to boost the ongoing exploration and production activities, such as:

1. In order to create ease for the Exploration and Production (E&P) companies operating in Pakistan and to attract more investment the Pakistan Petroleum (Exploration & Production) Policy 2012 and Pakistan Onshore Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Rules, 2013 have been amended.

2. The Model Petroleum Concessions Agreement has also been updated in order to incorporate the above changes.

3. The Petroleum Division has conducted two bidding rounds in the last two years (2020-2022).

4. Total 21 (13 Blocks have granted, 8 blocks have been provisionally awarded) Onshore Exploration Licenses were granted in last two years.

5 Total 18 Development and Production Leases have been granted in the last two years.

6. Total 65 exploratory wells have been drilled in the last two years.

7. 31 hydrocarbon discoveries have been made, adding 10, 392 Barrels Oil/. Day and 220 Million Cubic ft Gas/ Day in the last two years.

71. ***Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

(a) details of the laws which are presently enforced in the country to stop child labour including all other forms of child labour by the Government; and

(b) the details of such laws with respect to their provincial as well as country wide jurisdiction/applicability in the country?

Admissibly is being reconsideration.

72. ***Ms. Rubina Irfan:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of areas of Balochistan do not have facility of electricity; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) has the Government earnmarked funds for the provision of electricity during the year 2022-23; if so, the details thereof;

(c) funds reserved for the same during the last three years; and

(d) details of areas of each district of Balocahistan will be electrified during the year 2022-23?

Reply not received.

73. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of sanctioned posts of Head of Consular in BPS-17 Mission-wise and names of officers working against these posts;*

(b) *whether officers in BPS-17 are posted in Missions as Head of Consular without sanctioned posts; if so, complete details thereof; and*

(c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to call back all those officers working as Head of Consular without sanctioned posts?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari): (a), (b) & (c) There is no sanctioned post of "Head of Consular" for BPS-17 level officers in Missions abroad. BPS-17 level officers are posted as Third Secretary in Pakistan Missions against sanctioned posts and are then assigned various duties, including the consular work.

74. ***Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

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

(a) *total loss being suffered by national exchequer due to increasing losses of electricity transmission and distribution in the country at present; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the commercial and technical losses of power companies?*

Reply not received.

75. ***Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to make it mandatory for the head of each distribution company to hold an "Khuli Kachery" at least once a month in each sub division in order to address the grievances of the people in general; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*

(b) whether the Government has taken note of the fact that people in every sub division of every distribution company have a lot of grievances and find it extremely difficult to get them resolved properly due to alleged corruption therein;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken, in this regard?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) Before the spread of Pandemic (Covid-19) "Open Kacheries" in DISCOs were conducted on regular basis every month by the Chief Executive Officers DISCOs at Head Quarter level & all Superintending Engineer (Operation) Circles / Divisions / Sub Divisions separately for immediate redressal of complaint of valuable customer/complainant at their door step, in compliance to directions of P.M. office TAG¬IV/DS(PMDU-I)/20 dated 08-04-2020.

To avoid the spread of Pandemic (Covid-19) in the light of safety directive "Open Kachery" was converted into On-line/E-Kachery which are still being conducted by DISCOs on regular basis every month. On-line/E-Kacheries schedule is properly published in Print/Electronic Media for the information of general public.

(b) DISCOs have been directed to make all possible efforts to resolve the complaints / grievances of their valuable customers and providing them best services as per prevailing SOP/provision of budget in minimum possible time.

(c) Various Complaint redressal mechanisms are in place for addressing grievances of the consumers. If any complaint regarding corruption against any officer/official is pointed out, strict action is taken against the delinquent, officer/ official.

76. ***Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**

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

(a) details of the duration of loadshedding in Mirpur Khas, Hyderabad Dadu and Fuleji;

(b) the number of electricity connections provided in 200 KV transformers in the said districts; and

(c) the number of transformers are in dilapidated condition alongwith the staff required for the repair of transformers in the said districts?

Reply not received.

77. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the function, responsibilities and performance of the Postal Life Insurance, names, designations of Grade-18 policy holders and above officers of the Ministry and its attached departments during the last five years; and

(b) further to state the details of the rejected and pending claims with reasons?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):

(a) **FUNCTION RESPONSIBLITIES OF PLICL**

PLICL provides life insurance and savings products to the general public through its 48 field offices, 05 regional offices and 2 circle offices (Karachi & Lahore). The Company is working under the regulatory framework of Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan such as Companies Act, 2017, Insurance Ordinance, 2000 and rules & regulations made there under.

PERFORMANCE OF PLICL:

The management of PLICL is extensively working on the transformation of the legacy business into a modern and technologically driven customer-centric organization, for which following key steps have been taken such as:

(1) Digitalized premium payment and loan recovery in the system

(2) Online policyholders' access to their insurance policy from our web site.

(3) Customer Complaint Management System

(4) Established call centers at Circle Office (Karachi & Lahore) for timely response of queries of our policyholders.

(5) Granted initial approval from SECP for Voluntary Pension Scheme (VPS) products for pension benefit of general public and government staff.

(6) Providing insurance to all passengers of Pakistan Railway traveling by trains all over Pakistan.

(7) PLICL is planning to launch Shariah compliant products in the future under SECP regulatory framework.

The names and designations of the officers of Grade-18 and above policyholders of the Ministry and its attached departments are not available as the insurance policies are not sold on grade basis, these are available for general public, therefore the required data of officers of Grade-18 and above policyholders does not exist.

(b) **Claims**

The summary of the claims received for payment are as follows:

Claim Received		Claim Paid		Claim Pending		Rejected Claim	
No.	**Amount**	**No.**	**Amount**	**No.**	**Amount**	**No.**	**Amount**
21,112	4,492,321,203	16,414	3,501,285,684	4,698	991,035,519	3	800,000

Reason of Pending claims

(1) Lack of automation and manual processes in legacy portfolio.

(2) Before the formation of PLICL, the claim payments were being made through the post offices all over Pakistan but after the formation of the company, the payment and receipt facility at the post offices was discontinued on the directions of Finance Division.

(3) All claims' payments are currently being made through a budgetary process introduced by Finance Division through assignment account of Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR). A Batch of only 500 cheques can be issued in a week from AGPR which restricts in slow processing of claims payments.

Rejected Claims:

The reason of rejected claims are due to concealment of health conditions by the policyholder at the time of purchase of policy.

78. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the closed power plants in the country, at present, alongwith reasons thereof?

Reply not received.

79. ***Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan:**

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

(a) number of pending proposals in NA-182 any for up-gradation of system of electricity alongwith the reasons of delay; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Government to actualize such proposals at an earliest?

Reply not received.

80. ***Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

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

(a) the approved dimensions of gas pipeline with approved map which has been laid or of is being laid at Village Mohabbat Khel (Bogra), Takht Nusrati, Karak;

(b) has the Government taken notice of the fact that for giving undue benefit to various influential people of the village, larger pipelines than approved dimensions have been installed which is tantamount to neglecting other parts of the village;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such discrimination;

(d) if such discrimination is proven, has anyone been held accountable on account of such discrimination; and

(e) what corrective measures are being taken to eliminate such discrimination?

Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik): (a) The natural gas network is being laid in District Karak, including Village Mohabbat Khel (Bogra) Takht Nusrati, Karak under rehabilitation project. The natural gas distribution network of 2" dia. X 3000 meters and 1" dia. X 4000 meters was approved and laid at Village Muhabbat Khel (Bogra) Takht Nusrati, Karak.

(b) The gas pipelines were laid according to the site conditions and approved layout plan while no benefit/discrimination was made with any individual resident.

(c) As stated above.

(d) No discrimination has been done while designing and laying of natural gas network in the subject locality.

(e) As stated above.

81. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) the name of the cities where underground water has become unhygienic according to the latest surveys of Government institutions; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard so that at least people may be provided clean drinking water?

Transferred to water Resources Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

82. ***Mr. Ali Gohar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the number of projects of electricity completed, during the last three years?

Reply not received.

83. ***Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that houses and other properties affected by the laying of Neelum-Jhelum transmission line in Muzaffarabad District of Azad Jammu and Kashmir have not been compensated by NTDC despite the passage of years even though the Deputy Commissioner/Collector Muzaffarabad has drawn the attention of NTDC to this matter in a letter dated February 15, 2018 for payment of compensation;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay in payment of compensation to the affectees concerned;

(c) has the non payment of such compensation been investigated; if so, the details thereof and has someone been held responsible for such delays; and

(d) what steps are being taken for immediate payment of the said compensation and additional payment to the victims according to the current market value of their properties?

Reply not received.

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"UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES"

For Monday, the 1st August, 2022

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?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) Peshawar High Court Peshawar *vide* its Order dated 30-6-2011 in *Suo Moto* Case No. 2723/2010 on the matter of load shedding in the

courts throughout the province as well in the important, hospitals at the District and Division level, ordered to dissolve PEPCO within six months.

Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) challenged the order passed by the Peshawar High Court in Writ Petition No. 2723/2010 *vide* CP No. 312-323 to 393 and 426/2014 in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. The Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* order dated 1st April 2014 suspended the operation of the impugned judgment of the Peshawar High Court. The case is still sub-judice in the superior court.

(b) The Power Division moved a summary under Power Sector Reforms – Restructuring of PEPCO for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCOE) dated 21-9-2021. The CCOE in its meeting held on 8-10-2021 considered the summary and approved the proposal contained in the summary.

The Cabinet in its meeting held on 27-10-2021 ratified the decision of CCOE conveyed vide Cabinet Division OM No. 5/2/2018- Progress-II dated 1-11-2021. As per this decision, the name of PEPCO has beers changed to Power Planning and Monitoring Company (PPMC).

(c) As approved by the Cabinet, the role and mandate of PEPCO has been revised and its name has been changed as "Power Planning and Monitoring Company (PPMC)". The revised role of PPMC is at **Annex-A**.

(d) PPMC (former PEPCO) is playing pivotal technical role of monitoring the key performance indicators of line losses and recoveries and input measures for theft control and reduction in line losses. The achievement of reduction in line losses for July to April 2022 is 0.12% as compared with corresponding period of pervious year whereas recovery for July to April 2022 decreased by 4.04% against all consumers as compared with corresponding period of pervious year & recovery %age against: private consumers for July to April 2022 decreased by 1.68% as compared with corresponding period of pervious year. Detail is at **Annex-B**.

(e) As per approval of the Cabinet, PPMC (former PEPCO) is to act as a technical support to the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) in monitoring, coordination and implementation pertaining to DISCOs, Transmission & System Operations, Market Operations, Generation, PITC. Accordingly, PPMC, among other functions, also assists the Power

Division in formulation of unified policies for implementation in all DISCOS.

The Board of Directors of DISCOs are working independently under the provisions of Companies Ordinance and Public Sector Companies (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2013, as amended from time to time.

(f) There is no role of PPMC in the appointment and transfers of CEOs or Officers in DISCOs. DISCOS are governed under Companies Act, 2017. The procedure laid down for appointment of a CEO of an incorporated PSE under the Corporate Governance Rules 2017 is as follows (Rule 5(2):

1. The Board shall evaluate the candidates based on the fit and proper criteria and the guidelines specified by the Commission for appointment to the position of the chief executive and recommend at least three candidates to the Government for its concurrence for appointment of one of them as chief executive of the Public Sector Company, except where the chief executive is nominated by the Government.

2. On receiving concurrence or nomination of the Government, as the case may be, the Board shall appoint the chief executive in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance. The Board shall also be responsible for development and succession planning of the chief executive.

(g) All DISCOS are licensees of NEPRA and are required to follow the applicable documents, such as NEPRA Act, Licenses, Rules and Regulations and Distribution Codes etc.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

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.

1. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

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

(a) whether is a fact that residents of CDEFCHS, Sectors E-16 and E-17, Islamabad are facing supply of low voltage electricity due to non-installation of required numbers of transformer which have caused damages to their appliances thereof; and

(b) the time by which the required numbers of transformers would be provided/installed to address the grievances of the residents?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) It is stated that the electrification of Cabinet Division Housing Scheme (Sector E-16/17) has been approved by IESCO on 10.04.2010 having ultimate load 14.39 MW to be fed through 04 No. 11 KV feeders from proposed 132 KV Grid station to be constructed in the vicinity of the scheme on Grid sharing cost basis. The intended electrification work is yet to be completed by the Society on self-execution basis as per IESCO design and standards.

(b) Project Director (Construction) IESCO Islamabad reported that work regarding 11 KV interim supply of Cabinet Division Cooperative Housing Society Sector E-16 & E-17 Islamabad emanating from 132KV Sangjani-II (MPCHS B-17) grid station will be completed upto 30th November, 2022 subject to availability of material and approval of Shut downs. After execution of 11KV feeder, the voltage profile in the areas will be improved. To meet the immediate load requirement of Society, IESCO has sanctioned 1316 KW load through IESCO existing system. Further on the request of Management of Society, the interim load has been enhanced from 1316 KW to 3000 KW through independent 11KV feeder on 22-02-2022 on cost deposit basis.

30. **Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**
(*Deferred during 41st Session)*

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) has not regularized its employees particularly LS-1 and SOS-1, recruited under direct and employees son quota for the year 2015-16 despite regularizing employees of different cadres advertised under the same advertisement against aforesaid employees recruitments; if so, reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is also a that Distribution Companies (DISCOs) have regularized their employees having more than three years of service on contract basis as per regularization policy; if so, details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken by Government in terms of revising its policy for regularization of poor employees of DISCOs, specifically aforementioned employees in FESCO, hired prior to Power Division's recent implemented policy regarding regularization, in the best interests of employees of DISCOs?

Reply not received.

24. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

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

(a) the physical and financial progress for construction of new 220-KV Grid Station by NTDC at Mirpur Khas;

(b) conversion of 66-KV Grid Station Kunri in to 132-KV by HESCO;

(c) construction of new 132-KV Grid Station at Mirpur Khas by HESCO; and

(d) construction of new Grid Stations at Chorr and Dhoro Naro by HESCO?

Reply not received.

47. **Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**
(Deferred during 42nd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.29 replied on 10-11-2021 and to state:

(a) despite submitting formal applications by the residents of the Al-Qasmia Colony, UC-Kolachi Tehsil Mehar, District Dadu before the local and higher concerned/suggested authorities, they have failed to electrify the said colony within the stipulated period so far;

(b) whether the deposited demand notices have been issued against the applicants/CINC's numbers for those who applied for the provision of electricity; and

(c) time by which electricity will be provided to the aforesaid residents, since the neighbouring colonies have such facility?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) As of now, no application for new electricity connection has been received from residents of said area.

(b) No demand Notice has been issued against the applicants CNIC Nos. because no one has applied yet (*i.e.*, dated 20-05-2022).

(c) As and when consumers will apply, their connections will be energized as per time frame given in NEPRA's Consumer Service Manual.

18. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that postman deputed in Sector I-16, Islamabad does not deliver the docks at their door steps and dump the docks at one place instead of distribution at the proper place;

(b) if yes, any action taken against the responsible; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to open a branch Post Office in above said sector?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood): (a) The sector I-16 is served by Extra Departmental Sub Office Noon, As per Departmental rules the mail of EDSO is delivered on window by EDSPM. The EDSPM is serving Sector I-16 since last three (03) years. Being attachment for I-16 sector with Noon EDSO, there is no Postman delivery for the area of Sector I-16.

(b) There has been no written complaint received against EDSO Noon in office of Divisional Superintendent Postal Service nor circle office, Islamabad from the residents of sector I-16, Islamabad.

(c) Proposal from the residents of sector I-16 was receive on 06-09-2016. But traffic at that point in time of incoming and outgoing Mail did not meet to the extent to open a post office. A postman was deputed in sector I-16 on 06-09-2016, but due to acute shortage of delivery postman and less volume of work it was withdrawned. Nevertheless, now keeping in mind the growing population needs and extension of settlements in that area, Pakistan Post can open one sub-office in I-16 with establishment of one Clerk, one Postman and one peon with available strength. However, community / residents of I-16 may apply in this regards along-with provision of space / building and FCR guarantee so that experimental Sub-Office may be opened initially for six months as per PPOD Rules.

19. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two electricity meters have been allowed to be installed at residential houses in CDA Sectors, Islamabad;

(b) whether third electric meter installation notification has been issued;

(c) if so, the details it; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install third electric meter in residential houses, Islamabad?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) Yes, but subject to certain conditions mentioned against reply at serial (c).

(b) Yes, but subject to certain conditions mentioned against reply at serial (c).

(c) As per NEPRA revised CSM 2021 clause 282 section (a,b,c) regarding installation of more than one residential connection at the same premises in compliance of following criteria.

Section (a)

i. Separate Portion.
ii. Separate electric circuits.
iii. Separate Kitchen.
iv. Separate entrance / access.
v. An affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper worth Rs. 50/- submitted to the effect that separate family resides in separate portion of the premises.

Section (b).

The above conditions are not applicable where the applicant requests for a separate connection under Time of Use (TOU) tariff (5Kw and above) for the separate portion of the premises provided that separate electric circuits exit. In such a case no request for reduction of load shall be entertained, in order to maintain applicability of Time of Use (TOU) tariff.

Section (c)

In both the above cases, IESCO shall provide connections from the same transformer /feeder to avoid use of dual supply of the same premises.

(d) It is already in practice as per departmental SOP.

20. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile numbers and telephone numbers of the area SDO and XEN were mentioned on the IESCO bill, now all the mobile numbers of the senior offices have been removed from the IESCO bills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the IESCO officials failed to attend the PTCL telephonic complaints particularly in the sub office of IESCO Kamalabad as the residents of Mohallah Muslimabad, Dhock Syaddan, Rawalpindi;

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) above is in affirmative, the reasons thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the IESCO for the maintenance of the Transformer and action taken against the telephone operator for not attending the telephonic calls?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) IESCO has shifted its cellular network from JAZZ to ZONG. New mobile numbers of SDO's and XEN's are being printed on electricity bills from Billing Cycle July, 2022.

(b) & (c) No, all the telephonic calls are received by the complaint staff of Kamalabad in time and when any complaint received against power failure of electricity the staff of IESCO Kamalabad Sub Division attends the same as per prevailing SOP with in minimum possible time.

(d) All out efforts are being made to provide un-interrupted power supply to the valuable consumer in the jurisdiction of IESCO Islamabad, However steps taken for maintenance of transformers are as under:

- Proper installation of Fuses.
- Proper earthing of body and neutral.
- Balancing of load on Transformers.
- LV proposals (addition, augmentation, relocation of transformers etc.)

- LV Proposals are being generated to avoid damage of transformer due to over loading.

Moreover, the line staff of IESCO is working round the clock to rectify the consumer's complaints timely. As and when complaint against IESCO staff is found and act of omission/commission is established, required proceedings are initiated against the delinquent staff invariably.

21. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

(a) whether total amount has been released to SNGPL by the CDA for laying remaining gas pipelines in Sector I-16, Islamabad;

(b) if yes, the time by which the above said work will be started and completed?

Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik): (a) SNGPL has not received any request/funds from CDA till date for laying of remaining pipelines in Sector I-16 Islamabad.

(b) Further to above, currently, there is ban on expansion in domestic network due to shortage of gas and the same shall be reviewed upon improvement in gas supplies and removal of pricing distortion.

22. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the electricity load of many villages of IESCO's Sagri Feeder Kahuta, Rawalpindi has been shifted on Kambeli Sadiq Feeder, which not only overload the users of Kambeli Sadiq Feeder but also the poor management of IESCO;

(b) if so, the justification of shifting aforesaid Sagri Feeder to Kambeli Sadiq Feeder;

(c) has any feasibility was made regarding the problems faced by the users of Kambeli Sadiq Feeder before shifting the said load from one feeder to another; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) what corrective measures are being taken by the Government to restore the said unreasonable load of electricity on Kambeli Sadiq Feeder; and hold accountable those who shifted unnecessary load of electricity from one feeder to another?

Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurrum Dastagir Khan): (a) Yes, it is fact that the electricity load of some area of IESCO's 11KV Sagri Feeder Kahuta Rawalpindi has been shifted to Kambeli Sadiq Feeder, but Kambeli Sadiq Feeder was not overloaded before and after shifting of the load.

(b) It is apprised that 11KV Sagri Feeder from 132 KV old Rawat Grid Station was heavily overloaded. Maximum load was recorded as 405 Amp on 15.06.2022 which resulted in feeder shut down and loss of Supply to the area. To avert the crisis, some areas of Sagri Feeder were shifted to Kambeli Sadiq Feeder.

(c) Proper measures were taken before shifting of the load and it is apprised that the Kambeli Feeder has not been overloaded after shifting of the load.

(d) Currently 11KV Kambeli Sadiq Feeder is running on 185Amp (under load) & 11KV Sagri Feeder is also running on 170Amp (under load) and at present there is no voltage problem in the area falling under Kambeli Sadiq Feeder.

23. **Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that electric poles have been installed for the houses in new abadis, village Chakri Wakeelan, Tehsil Gujar Khan but people are deprived of blessing of electricity in this modern society and they are waiting when will IESCO install poles and supply electricity in said abadis;

(b) whether it is also fact that IESCO office Gulyana works under the jurisdiction of XEN, Gujar Khan and Gufran Babar has submitted an application for new poles on June 13, 2022 and no action has been taken in this regard, so far;

(c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the time by which new poles will be installed and electricity will be provided to said abadis?

Reply not received.

24. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity voltages are extremely low in Chack No.224/TDA, Tehsil Karor, District Layyah due to low KV transformer;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to resolve the serious issues and replace electricity transformer with new one high KV; and

(c) whether single phase wire also upgraded with three phase wire in the said Chack?

Reply not received.

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