

**(45th 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*

**Wednesday, the 19th October, 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).

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.

72. **\*Ms. Rubina Irfan:**  
(Deferred during 44th Session)

*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 earmarked 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 Balochistan will be electrified during the year 2022-23?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) Yes, it is fact that the majority of areas of Balochistan do not have electricity. 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 fail under PSDP, SDGs & MDGs Program. After the identification of Energy Department, Government of Balochistan, QESCO (Project Directorate) carries out the survey & prepares PC-1 for un-electrified village and after release of funds, the work is executed. Hence, it depends upon the population covered availability of funds.

(b) Yes, the Government has earmarked funds for the provision of electricity during the year 2022-23. In Federal PSDP, funds amounting to Rs. 8370.979 Million has been allocated (**Annex-I**), which include allocation of Rs. 7500 Million for the project "Khuzdar Gwadar Transmission Line" and Rs. 500 Million for the import of 100 MW of Electricity from Iran to Gwadar. Furthermore, in Provincial PSDP, funds amounting to Rs. 3626.989 (**Annex-II**) has been earmarked for the provision of electricity in different districts of Balochistan.

(c) & (d) The details of Funds received by QESCO during last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of Projects Approved	No. of Schemes / Villages	Funds (Rs.Million)
<b>Federal PSDP</b>			
2020-21	14	523	690.330
2021-22	12	510	644.799
2022-23	14	286	8370.979
<b>SDGs</b>			
2020-21	-	-	-
2021-22	05	76	205.205
2022-23	-	-	-
<b>Provincial PSDP</b>			
2019-20	50	1480	1093.836
2021-22	42	1369	1071.709
2021-22	72	1362	736.346
2022-23	184	3202	3626.989

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

74. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**  
*(Deferred during 44th Session)*

*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.

76. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**  
*(Deferred during 44th Session)*

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

- (a) *details of the duration of load shedding 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.

78. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
(Deferred during 44th Session)

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

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** The detail of Power Plants closed/ de-licensed in the country alongwith reasons for closure is attached at **Annex-I**.

Further, the details of Power Plants under Forced Outage as on 14th July, 2022, due to Fuel Shortage and Technical Reasons is attached at **Annex-II**.

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

79. **\*Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan:**  
(Deferred during 44th Session)

*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?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a)

- Number of over loaded Transformers pointed out = 52.
- Transformers augmented = 21.

- Transformers allocated, drawn and replacement under process = 12.
  - Approved augmentation cases pending for allocation = 15.
  - Cases under preparation — 04.
- (b) • Following steps are being taken to actualize such proposals;
- Due to continuous increase in load & number of consumers, the transformers become overloaded. Augmentations is a continuous process under taken by DISCOs.
  - MEPCO is augmenting these over loaded transformers gradually according to availability of budget, transformers and manpower.
  - Further feeder bifurcation is another method to control overloading. Which is being undertaken across all distribution companies.

83. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
*(Deferred during 44th Session)*

*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?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a), (b), (c) & (d) The compensation has been paid to all affectees in Muzaffarabad and nothing is outstanding as per record. The details are attached at (**Annex-I**).

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

21. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the month-wise total amount collected from the toll taxes from Highways and Motorways during the tenure of present Government?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):** The detail of total month wise amount collected from the toll taxes of Highways and Motorways is as under:

<b>Earned Toll Revenue Collection During Tenure of Present Government (w.e.f. 11th April-2022)</b>	
<b>Rs. in Millions</b>	
<b>Month</b>	<b>Earned Toll Revenue</b>
<i>W.e.f. 11th-April-22</i>	1,949.42
May-22	2,896.22
Jun-22	2,898.57
Jul-22	2,789.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,533.67</b>

22. **\*Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state details of new renewable and non-renewable energy projects, which have been commissioned during the last five years?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** • Alternative Energy Development Board under the administration control of Power Division, has been pursuing the development of renewable energy (RE) based power generation projects on IPP mode through private sector investors. A total of 29 RE projects of 1285.975 MW cumulative capacity have been commissioned in the last five years, details of which are given at **Annex-I**.

- Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) under the auspices of Ministry of Energy (Power Division) has been working to attract and facilitate foreign direct investment (FDI) in Pakistan's power sector. Since August 2017 till-date, eleven (11) non-renewable private power generation projects (including hydropower projects) of 9,882 MW cumulative power generation capacity, have been commissioned through PPIB (**Annex-II**).

- In addition to power generation projects, Pakistan's first private sector Matiari-Lahore Transmission Line Project which is also the first HVDC Transmission Line Project of Pakistan has also been commissioned through PPIB in September 2021.

- List of Renewable and Non-Renewable Power Plants provided by CPPA-G (**Annex-III**).

- It is to be noted that the Letter of Intent (Lol) that initiated the completed projects were issued largely in 2014 and 2015 during the PMLN Government, with a few earlier exceptions.

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

24. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.22 replied on 01-08-2022 and to state:*

*(a) has IESCO Sub-Division Kallar Syedan done house to house survey to know the exact voltage of electricity for consumers in various villages in its jurisdiction especially Village Darkali Sher Shahi;*

- (b) *does replying to the National Assembly beyond facts, not tantamount to breaching privilege of Assembly, especially with regard to low voltage of electricity to every house in the said sub division and especially in the said village;*
- (c) *if so, what steps are being taken by the management of IESCO to hold those accountable who not only failed to redress consumer grievances but also provided incorrect information to the Assembly; if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) A survey of the said locations including village Darkhali Sher Shahi has been done. Electricity voltage of / Distribution Net Work was found to be is within permissible limits.

(b) IESCO has submitted certification to this Division that nothing has been concealed and reply was submitted covering all the technical aspects especially regarding low voltage problem (**Annex-I**).

(c) IESCO has apprised that every effort has been made in accordance with the prevailing SOP in the interest of its valuable customers of the area. A specific complaint, if any, may be lodged at IESCO and copy sent to Power Division for prompt action.

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

25. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

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

- (a) *amount which has been deposited by each company working in petroleum sector in Sindh under the head of social welfare obligation;*
- (b) *amount out of which spent in NA-225; and*
- (c) *out standing amount, required to be paid, at present especially for NA-225?*

**Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division)**  
**(Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) For the period from 01-01-2018 to 22-08- 2022, Rs. 2994.810 Million has been deposited in different districts of Sindh Province under the head of Social Welfare Obligation.

(b) Rs. 63.59 million has been deposited in district Hyderabad (NA-225). Out of which 56.66 million has been spent. Detail of Schemes is enclosed at **Annex-A**.

(c) Nil

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

26. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that electric wires from pole to meters are crossing from the area of Street No.7, Ghausia Chowk, Rawalpindi Cantt which is dangerous for the vicinity and it can cause fatal incident at any time;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that installation of new electric poles in the said area is under consideration of the Government;*
- (c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons for not providing electric poles in the above mentioned street; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken by the Government to install the electric poles in the area to avoid aforementioned untoward situation?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) PVC insulated wires are crossing street No. 7 at Ghausia Chowk Rawalpindi Cantt, whereas the streets' width is 4 Feet and the shades of the houses are also extended, so there is no option to install LT pole at the mentioned location. However, keeping in view danger involved, 4/core 37/0.083 insulated cable is already installed to avoid any untoward incident and low voltage problem. Further, a proposal on new route of line has been initiated.

(b) Installation of electric pole is not under consideration at the said location. However, a proposal on new route of line has been initiated and is under active consideration of IESCO.

(c) Due to Narrow Street the execution of any type of pole is not feasible due to the reasons mentioned at (a).

(d) 4/core 37/0.083 insulated cable is already installed for the tail end consumers to avoid low voltage problem/ untoward incident. Furthermore, a new proposal on new route of line and proposal has been initiated by IESCO for permanent resolution of the issue.

27. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *the names of firms/contractors presently hired on the panel of Peshawar Electric Supply Company, (PESCO) for repair/maintenance of out of order transformers; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the repairing work, being carried out by the said firms/contractors, is substandard and the repaired transformers get repeatedly out of order; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

28. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the country is still facing loadshedding or otherwise?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** During the period 2013-2018, more than 11000 MW new electricity generation projects were completed. This additional capacity bridged the demand-supply gap as of 2018. New cheaper, local Thar-coal based projects of 2640 MW as well as hydel projects were initiated during the same period. During 2018-22, however, CPEC as well as Thar-coal projects were not completed. New alternative-energy projects were also not initiated during 2018-22 to meet demand which kept on

rising, creating a peak demand-supply gap of 6000 MW during summer of 2022. This has caused load management as well as increased electricity prices due to unprecedented rise in international prices of fossil-fuel since beginning of 2022. The current government has: (1) taken a 10,000 MW fast-track solar PV Initiative; (2) facilitated and expedited completion of Thar Coal projects and pending hydel-power projects for sustainable and indigenous generation of electricity that will be cheaper for the Pakistani consumer.

30. **\*Ms. Wajiha Qamar:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *details of line losses incurred in Gujranwala Electricit Power Company (GEPCO);*
- (b) *details of methods of recovery of these losses incurred in GEPCO; and*
- (c) *steps taken by the Government to curtail line losses?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) GEPCO line losses remained at 9.07% in 2021-22 against 9.23% in 2020-21 with reduction of 0.16%.

(b) GEPCO has already achieved the target of line losses set by NEPRA by taking steps mentioned in Point C

(c) The following steps have been taken to reduce the line losses of electricity in GEPCO:

- Task Force teams against theft of electricity / Surveillance teams have been constituted at Circle, Division and Sub Divisions levels for continuous monitoring and Surveillance of the customers.
- Prompt replacement of Defective meters and sluggish Electro Mechanical Meters with Electronic Meters.

- Ensuring proper securing of meters especially Industrial, Tube well and A.C Premises.
- Ensuring prompt billing of new connections.
- Up-gradation of the system *i.e.*, Grid System, and L.T Lines, Augmentation of Transformers to reduce the Technical Loss.

31. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) the quantum of losses, either line losses or otherwise, recorded in each Distribution Companies (DISCOS) due to poor transmission system of electricity;*
- (b) whether or not, such losses are passed to consumers; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that DISCOS have failed to upgrade transmission system at par with international standard; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) what steps are being taken by the Government to force DISCOS to upgrade their transmission system?*

Reply not received.

32. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the value of foreign investment in the field of power generation in the country and quantum and cost of power generation through fuel, water and coal separately?*

Reply not received.

34. **\*Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether Government intends to import oil and gas from Iran and Russia; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the volume of previous agreement of oil from Qatar?*

**Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division)**  
**(Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) At present, no imports of crude oil and petroleum products are made from Iran due to international sanctions. Therefore, in the presence of sanctions, any such activity relating to import from Iran may trigger serious issues, which may not be in Pakistan's interests.

While procurement of Russian crude oil, involves certain issues due to Ukraine war, as well as technical, commercial and transportation viability of Russian crude oil etc., Despite efforts have been made to use Russian crude, however as per preliminary assessment, it has been indicated that different types of crudes are produced in Russia which are heavier than the currently used by the local refineries, therefore its detailed technical, commercial and transporting viability analysis are required to be made subject to availability of various types of Russian crude oil.

Government of Pakistan intends to import natural gas from Iran through Iran Pakistan gas Pipeline Project. Due to international sanctions on Iran the project activities are stalled. Pakistan is still committed with the project and as soon as international sanctions on Iran are resolved, the project activities can be re-instated.

(b) As present, no any G to G agreement is in place on import/supply of oil from Qatar.

37. **\*Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that oil and gas reservoirs have been discovered in Laki Marwat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, recently;*
- (b) *if so, when alongwith the quantity thereof?*

**Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division)**  
**(Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) Oil and gas reservoirs have been discovered in, district Laki Marwart, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, recently by M/s Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL).

(b) The details of above said reservoirs are as under:—

Company	Reservoirs	Date of Discovery	Status of Discovery	Initial Flow Rates	
				(BCPD)	Gas (MMCFD)
OGDCL	Kawagarh	July-2021		945	11.8
	Hangu	Aug-2021	Gas	895	11.36
	Lockhart	Sept-2021	Condensate	1010	13.69

BCPD = Barrels Condensate per Day  
 MMSCFD = Millions Cubic Feet per Day

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

40. **\*Mr. Sikandar Ali Rahoupoto:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the total quantum of electricity included in the National Grid, at present?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** Peak, effective generation capacity – based upon criteria of efficiency and control of cost to consumer – is approximately 25,000 MW.

Excluding Karachi Electric, nominal total installed generation capacity – what a plant or complex has at the time when it was built and commissioned – is 39,849 MW. De-rated capacity-what a plant or complex can produce after years of operation - is 37,325 MW.

Due to low-efficiency of pre-2013 plants and their forced shut-down due to emergency faults; scheduled maintenance; depreciation and degeneration of plant machinery; and seasonal variations, a substantial portion of de-rated capacity is either not available or constitutes a burden on the consumer to operate.

42. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

*Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state how many times rates of electricity have been increased since the present Government took over?*

Reply not received.

43. **\*Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the lands were acquired for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Stations in Darosh, Even, Barooz and Lower in district Chitral during 2016-17;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the time by which the construction will be started thereon practically?*

**Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division)**  
**(Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) SNGPL acquired land at Darosh, Ayun and Chitral Town in 2019 for installation of LPG Air Mix Plants.

(b) Due to substantial subsidy and cross subsidy involved in operations of LPG Air Mix Plants, ECC of the Cabinet in its meeting dated 24th December, 2020 decided to abandon the projects (Drosh, Ayun and Chitral Town), and dispose of the land and equipment with minimal loss possible through an open transparent process.

45. **\*Ms. Aliya Kamran:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *the number of transformers and electricity poles installed under ELR/chain augmentation in District Mansehra during last four years;*

- (b) *village, Union Council and tehsil-wise details thereof alongwith the number of poles and capacity of transformers; and*
- (c) *the number of pending cases regarding installation of electricity poles and up-gradation of transformers under ELR/chain augmentation in said District and Union Council-wise with complete details and the time by which said work will be completed?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) The The number of transformers and electricity poles installed under PESCO's ELR (Energy Loss Reduction) / DoP (Distribution of Power) & Chain Augmentation heads in District Mansehra during last four (04) years is depicted below;

Head	FY	Work (Nos.)	HT Pole	LT Pole	50-KVA	100-KVA	200-KVA
ELR / DOP	2018-19	80	187	147	32	44	4
	2019-20	19	81	30	11	8	-
	2020-21	4	7	2	1	3	-
	2021-22	1	-	4	-	1	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>
Chain Augmentation	2018-19	20	-	5	-	2	20
	2019-20	27	-	2	-	0	27
	2020-21	29	-	2	-	3	29
	2021-22	36	-	2	-	3	36
	<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>G. Total</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>116</b>

(b) The Village, Union council & Tehsil wise details thereof along-with the number of poles and capacity of transformers installed under PESCO's ELR/DOP & Chain Augmentation heads is at **Annex-A**.

(c) The Number of pending cases under PESCO's ELR/DOP & Chain Augmentation head in the said district is at **Annex-B**. However, pending works will be completed by 02/2023 subject to the availability of material(s) and No Right of Way problem during execution.

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

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

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the total number of persons recruited in Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) from the year of 2018 to 2021?*

Reply not received.

136. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the names of the personalities and institutes which are currently exempted from toll tax on Motorways and National Highways?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):** As per NHA's approved Tolling Policy only following vehicle are exempted from toll:

(I) **On National Highways**

- a. Armed Forces of Pakistan (bearing broad arrow Number plates).
- b. Ambulances.
- c. Fire Brigades.
- d. Provincial Police.
- e. Vehicles having High Court Flags/ Insignia Plates.
- f. National Highways and Motorways Police.

(II) **On Motorways**

- a. National Highways and Motorways Police.

(III) **BOT Roads [M-2, M-9, M-11 & Pattoki Toll Plaza (N-5)]**

- a. Provincial and National Highways & Motorways Police.
- b. Fire Brigades.
- c. Ambulances.
- d. Armed Forces of Pakistan vehicles bearing broad arrow Number plates).
- e. Vehicles having Supreme Court / High Court Flags/ Insignia Plates.
- f. Members of Senate & National Assembly.

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

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

- (a) the number of bridges as well as the roads (length in Kilometers) of National Highway Authority (NHA) which have been destroyed partially or completely during flash flood in the month of July and August 2022; and*
- (b) the steps taken and being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):** (a) Detail reply is placed at **(Annex-A)**.

(b) Detail reply is placed at **(Annex-A)**.

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

138. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the residents of “Baja Line”, Railway Power House, Mughal Pura Road, Lahore (front of Munshi Hotel) and its adjacent areas are facing acute problem of low voltage of electricity;*
- (b) if so, whether the responsible authority/department has taken notice of it;*
- (c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the transmission system of electricity in the said areas?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) “Baja Line”, Railway Power House Mughal Pura Road and its adjacent areas are being fed through a distribution System, which is owned and operated by Railway’s Authority. LESCO has stated that the low voltage problem in the above areas is because of Railway’s own distribution System. However Power supply to this distribution

system of Railways is being fed through 03 Nos. 11kV feeders *i.e.* RPH-I, RPH-II and RPH-III emanating from LESCO's 132kV PWR Grid Station having minor tripping 0,03 and 10 respectively during the month of July, 2022.

(b) Appropriate action/ improvement of the internal distribution system has to be under taken by Pakistan Railway.

(c) As at Serial No (b).

(d) As at Serial No (b).

139. **\*Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) *details of the total Hemp cultivation, so far, at Government land alongwith the locations thereof; and*

(b) *where the said Hemp is used?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Agha Hassan Baloch):**

(a) As per the approval of Federal Cabinet, a PC-I regarding "Cultivation and Processing of Industrial Hemp and Medicinal Cannabis on Experimental basis in 03 sites of PCSIR at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and 02 sites of PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi were proposed by PCSIR.

**Hemp Cultivated so far**

- Hemp cultivated at a land area measuring 0.75 acres at Greenhouse Environment Research Facility, Rawat PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi.
- 4500 plants have been cultivated in greenhouse on 06 kanals land at PCSIR Labs Complex, Lahore.
- Greenhouse with an area of 6 kanals for cultivation in controlled environment conditions has been constructed at PCSIR Labs Complex, Peshawar.

(b) PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi sent 73.3 kg of cannabis leaves, seeds and flowers of four different varieties to PCSIR Labs Complex, Lahore for medicinal exploitation. Extraction, method optimization and validation/ standardization have been completed at PCSIR Labs Complex, Lahore.

National Textile University, Faisalabad has prepared hemp fibre from the stems of hemp plant provided by the PMAS Arid Agriculture University.

140. **\*Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the present Government at the international level to resolve the Kashmir dispute according to UN resolutions?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari):**

The Jammu and Kashmir dispute remains one of the oldest unresolved disputes on the agenda of the UN Security Council. India has unleashed ruthless oppression and has committed grave human rights violations with impunity in the IIOJK. The human rights situation in IIOJK has deteriorated alarmingly since 5 August, 2019. The UN leadership has repeatedly expressed its concerns “over reports of restrictions on the Indian-side of Kashmir, which could exacerbate the human rights situation in the region.” Several UN Special Rapporteurs have termed the overall human rights situation in IIOJK in a “free fall” and categorized the military siege as “a form of collective punishment of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, without even a pretext of a precipitating offence”.

India is pursuing a treacherous agenda to alter the demographic composition of IIOJK as part of its sinister strategy to disenfranchise the Kashmiri Muslim majority and reduce it to a minority so that it can implant a Hindu Chief Minister in the region through sham elections. At the same time, Indian occupation forces have drastically stepped up their brutality to muzzle the voice of the Kashmiris.

Pakistan’s full spectrum response to India’s illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August, 2019 is geared through a well-coordinated national effort involving all state institutions and segments of the society, media and all political parties in the Parliament. Actions taken by Pakistan to counter Indian moves in the IIOJK post-5 August 2019 are as follows:

- Our extensive diplomatic, political and media campaign continues to highlight the legal, human rights, and peace & security dimensions of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute, globally.
- Internal and international criticism of Indian actions in IIOJK has grown. International human rights organizations including Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and Genocide Watch have expressed serious reservations over the egregious human rights violations and war crimes being perpetrated by Indian occupation forces.
- On 12 September, 2021 Pakistan unveiled a comprehensive Dossier documenting gross human rights violations, war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Indian Occupation Forces in the IIOJK. The Dossier was widely circulated among the UN and global human rights machinery and detailed briefings were held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to brief the resident Ambassadors in Islamabad. Pakistan Missions abroad have vigorously highlighted to their host governments and interlocutors India's growing atrocities in the IIOJK.
- In his response to the Indian Prime Minister's felicitation message on assumption of office, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif emphasized the need to resolve the Kashmir dispute in order to bring lasting peace in South Asia.
- In the Prime Minister's address at the UN General Assembly session on 24 September, 2022 in New York, he stated that sustainable peace and stability in South Asia remains contingent upon a just and lasting solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.
- The Prime Minister highlighted the Kashmir issue during his remarks at the CICA Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan on 13 October, 2022. He said that Pakistan desired peace with all its neighbours but India must first end its atrocities in Kashmir.
- Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has been raising the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in his bilateral and multilateral

engagements. Under his directions, the Foreign Office and its Missions abroad are making and will continue to make concerted efforts to internationalize the Kashmir cause.

- On 19 May, 2022, Foreign Minister Bilawal met UN Secretary General and President of the UN General Assembly in New York and informed them of Pakistan's concerns over India's illegal occupation and strong-armed attempts at subjugating the Kashmiris.
- Since assuming office, Foreign Minister has addressed a number of letters to the United Nations, including to the UN Secretary General, President of the UN General Assembly, President of the UN Security Council and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in order to apprise them of India's blatant human rights violations in IIOJK, Indian attempts to alter demographic mix of IIOJK through the so-called Delimitation Commission, and its inhuman incarceration and fallacious implication of Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik and other Kashmiri political leaders, in motivated cases.
- The Joint Session of the Parliament of Pakistan adopted a unanimous resolution condemning the life imprisonment of Kashmiri Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik on fake charges.
- The Foreign Office has consistently issued press releases and statements to express Pakistan's concern, rejection, or condemnation of various illegal and unilateral steps taken by India to perpetuate its occupation of IIOJK and to trample upon the fundamental rights of the innocent Kashmiri people.
- The Indian Charged' Affaires in Islamabad is frequently summoned to the Foreign Office to convey strong demarches to the Indian government on its continued intransigence on the Kashmir dispute.
- On August 5, 2022 Youm-e-Istehsal was observed to mark the third year of India's illegal and unilateral actions of revoking Article 370 and 35 A. The President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister Bilawal as well as Pakistan's diplomatic Missions

around the world have made strenuous efforts to draw world attention to the plight of Kashmiris.

- Foreign Minister has also addressed a letter to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights calling on her to urge and counsel India to end its atrocities in the IIOJK and to constitute a Commission of Inquiry to independently investigate allegations of human rights abuses in Kashmir. Foreign Minister also invited the High Commissioner to visit Kashmir and take stock of the ground situation herself.
- In his bilateral and multilateral engagements on the margins of the UN General Assembly session in New York, Foreign Minister emphatically raised the Kashmir issue and exposed India's desperate attempts to create a facade of normalcy in the IIOJK.
- Foreign Minister also utilized the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session as well as other bilateral and multilateral diplomatic engagements to raise the Kashmir dispute and the precarious situation in the occupied territory.
- In addition to the UN, Foreign Minister Bilawal has also kept the OIC abreast of the developments in the IIOJK. In addition to his telephone call to the Secretary General OIC on 12 June, 2022, Foreign Minister also wrote a letter to the Secretary General on 5 August, 2022 regarding the Kashmir dispute and thanked the OIC for its consistent support to Pakistan.
- During Foreign Minister's recent visit to Germany on 7 October 2022, the German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said that Germany and the international community had a role to play in Kashmir and called for an intensive engagement of the United Nations in finding a peaceful resolution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.
- On October, 2022, Foreign Minister wrote another letter to the President of the UN Security Council to alert him about Pakistan's concerns over the alarming situation in IIOJK.

Pakistan's comprehensive and unrelenting diplomatic efforts have resulted in a number of important developments which include the following:

- There is a discernible uptick in the India's international scrutiny and censure for its violations of human rights in the IIOJK.
- Three deliberations on Kashmir by UN Security Council since 5 August, 2019 have been held.
- Statements have been made by the UN leadership reaffirming UN position on the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.
- Debates in world Parliaments including those of EU, US, UK, Sweden and Portugal have been held. Reports and statements by human rights organizations and international media have been issued/ published on gross and widespread human rights violations in IIOJK.
- Regular statements and resolutions have emanated from the OIC reaffirming its consistent support for the just struggle of the Kashmiris, including the resolutions adopted at the 48th Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Islamabad on 23 March, 2022.
- US Ambassador to Pakistan David Blome visited Azad Jammu & Kashmir in September 2022. India has protested against US Ambassador's visit and his meetings in Azad Jammu & Kashmir.

141. **\*Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether national bhang policy is being formulated by the Government in the country; if so, the time by which it will be formulated?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Agha Hassan Baloch):**

As per the directions of Prime Minister's Office dated 04-11-2021, draft National Industrial Hemp and Medicinal Cannabis Policy was formulated

after thorough consultation with relevant stakeholders. Draft National Industrial Hemp and Medicinal Cannabis Policy was then submitted for approval of the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 06-12-2021.

After approval of the Prime Minister's Office dated 02-03-2022, draft National Industrial Hemp and Medicinal Cannabis Policy was submitted to the Federal Cabinet on 04-03-2022 for its approval. The summary was returned by the Cabinet Division with the direction to re-submit, after the approval of new Federal Minister dated 06-04-2022.

The Summary was then re-submitted to Federal, Cabinet for its consideration on 05-08-2022.

### **Current Status**

Cabinet Division in its recent letter has returned the summary with the advice that it may be routed through Ministry of Narcotics Control, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of National Food Security & Research and Cabinet Division for further placement before the Cabinet.

In light of the instructions given by Cabinet Division, Ministry of Narcotics Control, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of National Food Security & Research (MNFS&R) have been requested for views / comments dated 24-08-2022.

#### 142. \***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the time by which the construction work on Garam Chashma Road, Chitral will be started practically?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):** The work on stated project is delayed due to under-process PC-I, mainly revised for inclusion of cost of land acquisition.

The PC-I (Revised) has been admitted to M/o PD&SI after processing from MoC and is expected to be approved soon.

Work will commence without delay after the approval of PC-I (Revised) and availability of funds for land acquisition.

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

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

- (a) *whether contract has been awarded to construct the Motorway from Kharian to Rawalpindi; and*
- (b) *the time by which the construction will be started thereon?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Asad Mahmood):** (a) National Highway Authority intends to extend Lahore-Sialkot Motorway by building Sialkot — Kharian and Kharian — Rawalpindi Motorways on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis under PPP arrangement.

a) The contract has not yet been awarded. The current status of the project is as under:

- Bids received for the project have been opened on 13th July, 2022.
- After the detailed evaluation, Letter of Intent (LoI) has been issued to the successful bidder/consortium of M/s Techno-Matracon (JV) in Association with M/s Powerchina Chengdu Engineering Corporation Ltd. (as lead constructor) and M/s ACC (as Design & Supervision Consultant) on 15th August, 2022.
- Subsequent to that, a Letter of Support (LoS) will be issued followed by contract negotiations.
- Thereafter, the contract shall be signed/ awarded.

(b) It is anticipated that the concession will be awarded after taking necessary approvals by December, 2022. Thereafter, the concessionaire has to achieve financial close (arrange funds for equity & debt) within six months.

Construction activities are expected to start **by June, 2023.**

The construction period of the project is 24-months.

144. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

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

- (a) *the number of cases of violence against women registered in the country during the last three year;*
- (b) *the number of rape cases registered in the country during the said period; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to control the said crimes in the country?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** (a)

The human rights violations are reported/ registered with Federal and Provincial Police Departments, in terms of criminal offences. Accordingly, the action is taken by them against the persons involved in such cases. In this regard, all the Inspectors General of Police and National Police Bureau were requested to provide the number of cases of violence against women registered in the country during the last three years. As per information received from the National Police Bureau, total **63,367** cases of violence against women have been registered in the country during the last three years. The detail is as under:

S #	Category	2019	2020	2021
i	Murder	1578	1569	840
ii	Beating	2018	2019	1134
iii	Honor Killing	391	397	237
iv	Acid Burning	51	31	21
v	Stove Burning	04	02	32
vi	Vani	08	15	00
vii	Rape	4377	3887	2253
viii	Gang Rape	260	246	137
ix	Custodial violence	01	02	05
x	Incest	18	30	29
xi	Physical Harassment	67	66	39
xii	Sexual Harassment	28	45	17
xiii	Kidnapping	13916	12809	7651
xiv	Abduction	2672	2671	1794
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,389</b>	<b>23,789</b>	<b>14,189</b>

(b) As per information received from the National Police Bureau, the total number of rape/gang rape cases registered in the country during the last three years, is **11,160**. The detail is as under:

<b>S #</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
i	Rape	4377	3887	2253
ii	Gang Rape	260	246	137
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,637</b>	<b>4,133</b>	<b>2,390</b>

(c) 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 steps taken/ being taken by the Ministry of Human Rights to control violence against women are as under:

The Ministry of Human Rights has launched a PSDP Project, titled “Human Rights Awareness Program” which is currently working to create awareness among public with special focus on Rights of Women & Children. Besides 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 the promotion and protection of the rights of women, in accordance with the law.

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

- i. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Anti Women-Practices) Act, 2011;
- ii. The Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 (for acid control and acid crimes);
- iii. The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2012;
- iv. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences Relating to Rape) Act, 2016;

- v. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences in the name or pretext of Honour) Act, 2016;
- vi. The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016;
- vii. The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018;
- viii. The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018;
- ix. The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Act, 2020;
- x. Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020.
- xi. The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2021 (to effectually tackle the pervading instances of rape & sexual abuse in respect of women & children).
- xii. Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021;
- xiii. Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Act, 2021;
- xiv. Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace (Amendment) Act, 2022.

The Ministry of Human Rights and the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) have close coordination with the law enforcement agencies at the national level for effective implementation of the above-mentioned pro-women laws. Besides the celebration of International Women's Day on 8th March, as a regular feature, 16 Days of Activism, an Advocacy Campaign on Women's 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's 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 the violation of their rights can easily approach this Helpline free of cost for redressal of their grievances, as per law.

The Ministry of Human Rights is in the process of finalizing a comprehensive “National Policy on Violence against Women”. The Policy would address all forms of violence which women face during their daily life.

MoHR is implementing the Action Plan for Hum Rights (revised in 2020) through a Public Sector Development Project. The Action Plan under Thematic Area II enumerates four actions to protect the rights of women and to ensure the elimination of gender-based violence.

145. **\*Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Plant has developed a fault and consequently it has become dysfunctional; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) if so, has the fault been detected; and*
- (c) what steps are being taken to make the plant functional?*

Transferred to Water Resources Division for answer on Next Rota day.

146. **\*Ms. Shams Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) the amount allocated for free legal assistance to the needy and poor litigants during the last year alongwith province-wise break-up; and*
- (b) the number of children who have been provided legal assistance in the country during the said period with province-wise break up?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada):**

(a) During the last financial year an amount of **Rs. 11.312 million** was allocated to Legal Aid and Justice Authority (LAJA). However, no separate funds under regular budget head were allocated to LAJA for the

said purpose. Accordingly, the provision of legal aid to the deprived segments of the society during the said period was arranged through collaborations with pro bono lawyers and donations arranged through philanthropists.

(b) During the said period, the legal assistance was provided to 54 individuals out of which 3 were children (**Annex-I**). All three of them were incarcerated in the various Juvenile Prisons in Karachi due to the non-payment of the fines.

**Annex-I**

**List of Children Released from Jail**

S. NO.	Name	Fathers Name	Adult / Child	Penalty / Bail Amount	Status	City
1.	Mairaj	Mairaj Rahim Bux	Child	20000	Fine-Bailed	Karachi
2.	Qasim	Sher Dii Khan	Child	40000	Fine-Bailed	Karachi
3.	Rais	Sajid	Child	30000	Fine-Bailed	Karachi

147. **\*Ms. Wajiha Qamar:**

*Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state steps taken for implementation of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018?*

**Minister for Human Rights (Mian Riaz Hussain Pirzada):** The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 was enacted on May 2018 with the intention to promote inclusion of transgender community into the mainstream society. The Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR) was actively engaged in the consultative process concerning drafting of the said Act and has been entrusted with the responsibility to implement it.

Accordingly, following steps have been taken by this Ministry to implement the Act Ibid:

- i. A number of workshops and consultative meetings have been conducted with the aim to sensitize and create awareness concerning the said Act. The targeted audience included Government representatives from Federal and Provincial Governments, concerned Ministries/ Divisions/ Departments, members from civil society and transgender community.

- ii. To facilitate the implementation of the said Act, the National implementation Committee comprising of 12 members under chairmanship of Secretary MoHR has been constituted on 23rd November, 2021.
- iii. A Transgender Rights Expert, who also belongs to the transgender community, has been working with MoHR and is assisting this Ministry in implementation of the said Act.
- iv. Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 have been notified on 19th January, 2021 for effective implementation of the Act Ibid.
- v. Under Section 6 (a) of the Transgender Persons Act, 2018, MoHR has established Pakistan's first Transgender Protection Center in Islamabad to provide temporary shelter, rehabilitation and other medical and psychological care to the members of the transgender community at ICT level.
- vi. The guidelines for police and health care providers concerning how to deal with individuals belonging to transgender community respect fully have also been developed by this Ministry
- vii. MoHR assisted the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination to distribute Health Cards to the members of transgender community.
- viii. Separate wards have been allocated at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) to cater to the medical needs of the transgender community.

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

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

- (a) *the number of coal-fired power generation projects on which work is in progress alongwith the number of projects under consideration; and*

- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to use local coal instead of imported coal for the production of electricity and cement?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) under the administrative control of Power Division is processing (9) coal-fired private power generation projects of 7,560 MW out of which five (5) projects of 5,280 MW have been commissioned while work on four (4) projects of 2,280 MW is in progress.

1,320 MW Thar coal-fired power generation project at Thar Block-VI has been categorized as a candidate project in the IGCEP portfolio and it will be processed by PPIB under CPEC framework subject to the approvals of the IGCEP and all other competent forums while no new imported coal based private power generation project is under consideration at PPIB.

(b) In order to promote indigenous fuels such as Thar coal and reduce dependence on imported fuels for power generation, in 2016, Government of Pakistan (GoP)/PPIB Board has placed moratorium on further processing of new imported fuel-based power generation projects except those projects which had already been approved by the Board at that time.

Furthermore, a bankable feasibility study for conversion of three (3) commissioned imported coal based IPPs of 3,960 MW to Thar coal is being carried out by an independent international consultant and it is being monitored by PPIB's appointed Panel of Experts (POE). This initiative, if declared feasible, will help in reducing the generation cost, lowering tariff and saving valuable foreign exchange being spent on import of coal for power generation.

Similarly, 300 MW imported coal-fired power generation project at Gwadar which is currently being processed by PPIB has also been advised to shift on local/ Thar Coal.

149. **\*Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar:**

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

- (a) the total MW production of electricity in the country;*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to address electricity shortfall and procure fuel in time to end load shedding; and*
- (c) timeline for ending load shedding throughout the country completely?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 18th October, 2022.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Wednesday, the 19th October, 2022**

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.

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.

23. **Begum Tahira Bukhari:**  
(Deferred during 44th Session)

*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?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) No, it is not a fact. It is apprised that electric poles are not installed in new abadies/area of Village Chakri Wakeelan, Tehsil Gujar Khan, as well as no IESCO distribution system is available/exists in the said new abadies/ area.

(b) It is a fact that IESCO office Guliana works under the jurisdiction of Xen Gujar Khan, but Mr. Gufran Babar has not applied for new connection/poles up till now.

(c) In this regard, the applicant may apply for new connection/ poles on cost deposit basis and get the connections as per SOP/ NEPRA prescribed time frame.

9. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the XEN Dudial and SDO Doultala have not installed the electric meter against the Demand Notice No.202203782718 dated 08-03-2022, even after depositing the amounts of demand notice;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to install the meter against above mentioned demand notice?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) It is reported that meter was installed on 17-05-2022 in the Name of Naseeb Akhter resident of Village Kanait Pir Bakhsh

Tehsil Gujjar Khan against Demand Notice No. 202208782718 dated 08-03-2022. The details in this respect are as under:

- i. Date of registration of application No. 14554005228 is 16-02-2022.
- ii. Date of issuance of D/Notice No 202208782718 is 08-03-2022.
- iii. Date of Payment made by the applicant is 01-04-2022
- iv. Date of installation of connection is 17-05-2022.
- v. The connection is on Reference No. 07145641020003R.

(b) Meter has already been installed on applicant's premises and billing also been started (**Annex-I**).

(c) All 10 DISCOs have been directed to install meters of all types in minimum possible time as per timeline indicated in the NEPRA consumer Service Manual 2021 for each Category (**Annex-II**).

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

10. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

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

- (a) *has the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) taken notice of the fact that in the recent by-elections of PP-7, the voters of various villages such as Darkali Sher Shahi, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi, in particular and others that come under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Committee Kallar Syedan in general, were assigned polling stations at far-flung villages instead of their own villages against the spirit of section 59(2) of the Election Act, 2017; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *is it not tantamount to keeping the citizens away from the polling process;*
- (c) *did the Returning Officer of the said constituency personally verify the establishment of such polling stations to ascertain*

*whether they are in compliance with section 59 of the Election Act, 2017 or not; if so, when was such verification made; and*

- (d) what steps are being taken by the ECP to ensure establishment of polling stations in the said constituency as per true spirit of the said Act for upcoming elections?*

Reply not received.

11. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
*(Deferred on 10-10-2022)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that electric poles were broken long ago and the people of the area are facing low voltage problem in village Bachal Chandio Morjher, Tehsil and District Badin;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a number of complaints were lodged by the said area residents but no action taken therefor; and*
- (c) the time by which said poles will be replaced at said area?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) Yes, it is true that at present 02 number of poles are in broken state due to heavy Storm/Rain in the village. The fact is that the supply of the said village is disconnected since long due to non-payment of electricity bills by the consumers / residents of the area. It is apprised that a 25kVA transformer was installed at the said site with 06 number of connections in the said village. All the consumers are defaulters having HESCO Arears amounting to Rs. 629,023/- for which the concerned SDO of Golarchi, Sub Division repeatedly has visited / met the consumers of the village to clear their outstanding dues so that supply could be restored but their payment is still awaited.

(b) HESCO has apprised that as per office record of Sub Division HESCO Golarchi, no complaint has been received in this respect.

(c) 02 number of broken poles will be replaced and electric supply will be restored only after the clearance of long outstanding HESCO Areas amounting to Rs. 629,023/.

12. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the 50 KV transformer installed at Thatthi Mian Ranjha, Post Office Gondal, FESCO's Sub-Division Sahiwal, Feeder Vijn, District Sargodha, despite being overloaded due to over-connections, the concerned authorities have failed to replace and upgrade it; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether concerned authorities have conducted a survey in order to determine the exact magnitude of such overloaded transformers in said village; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *time by which such overloaded transformers in aforesaid village will be upgraded and replaced?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) The 50 kVA overloaded transformer has been upgraded to 100kVA transformer on 25-08-2022.

(b) FESCO regularly conducts the required surveys of the areas, where the complaint of low voltage / overloading of transformer is received, and prepares the LT proposals / chain proposals to rectify the problem of low voltage / overloading of transformers in that particular area.

(c) The installation of the upgraded transformer (100 KV) has been carried out on 25-08-2022 by FESCO.

13. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Government of Pakistan imposed ban only on issuance of new demand notice of SNGPL but the demand notices already issued by SNGPL are bound to provide SNGPL connection at the earliest;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notices by the residents of Rawalpindi, the SNGPL authorities have not installed meters against demand notices particularly account ID 45044580327 dated billing month May, 2021, account ID 48736855775 billing month May, 2018, account ID 1528938658 dated 10-01-2020;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the SNGPL to install meters against above the mentioned (a) demand notices?*

**Minister of State for Energy (Petroleum Division)**  
**(Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) Currently, there is ban on expansion in domestic network (including issuance of demand notices and installation of new gas meters/connections) due to shortage of gas and the same shall be reviewed upon improvement in gas supplies and lifting of ban.

(b)

ID No. 45044580327	The contractual formalities have been completed by the both applicants. However, gas meter shall be installed after lifting of ban and as per Company's policy.
ID No. 48736855775	
ID No. 1528938658	Currently issuance of demand notice/ installation of gas connection has been halted. However, application shall to consider after lifting of ban and as per Company's policy.

(c) As stated above.

(d) As stated above.

15. **Begum Tahira Bukhari:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that applications for shifting of dangerous electric poles from houses to streets and up-gradation of transformer from 50 KVA to 100 KVA have been submitted again and again by the residents of village Mohra Gorya, Tehsil Gujjar Khan to IESCO, SDO, Doultala, under the purview of XEN Dudial;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that LV proposal for up-gradation of transformer from 50 KVA to 100 KVA was prepared and sent to the concerned quarter but shifting of electric poles is still delayed;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reasons for delay of the work; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken by the Government for up-gradation of transformer and shifting of electric poles on urgent basis?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) Yes, it is a fact that applications for shifting of hazardous LT Line/poles & up gradation of transformers from 50KVA to 100KVA have been submitted in the office SDO (E) IESCO Operation Sub Division Daultala by the residents of village Mohra Gorya, Tehsil Gujjar Khan, District Rawalpindi.

(b) Yes, it is also a fact that 01 No. LV Proposal under Energy Loss Reduction (ELR) head for up-gradation of existing 50KVA to 100KVA transformer as well as the removal of safety hazards in respect of Village Mohra Gorya, Tehsil Gujjar Khan District Rawalpindi has been approved *vide* Dy. Director (Ren)(P&E) IESCO Islamabad *vide* letter No. 8596-8603 dated 31-08-2022 against work order No. 2k23-456-04-09 and the said work is awarded by Project Director (Construction) IESCO Islamabad for execution.

- (c) Presently the work is under process.

(d) IESCO has reported that the work is likely to be completed by 20-10-2022 subject to no Right of Way problem.

16. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**  
(Deferred on 10-10-2022)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electric poles have not been installed so far in new Aabadi Raniyal of Union Council Raniyal adjacent to Pir Mahar Ali Shah Town, Tehsil and District Rawalpindi (Sub-Division Raniyal) despite submitting the application and amount by the concerned MNA;*
- (b) *if so, the requisite electric poles will be installed alongwith the expected date thereof?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) Electrification work of Nai Abadi Raniyal of U/C Raniyal Tehsil and District Rawalpindi has neither been submitted by the Deputy, Commissioner Rawalpindi nor yet approved by IESCO under the SAP Program. The electrification work of aforesaid Nai abadi will be taken in hand after receipt of amount from any sponsoring agency/ District Administration.

(b) The reply of part (a) may be treated as reply of part (b).

40. **Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

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

- (a) *whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to shift the additional 420 plus ampere load of Dargai and Sardheri feeders of District Charsadda into Manga feeder; if so, the details alongwith the reasons for non-implementation of said proposal so far;*
- (b) *the capacity and load of Manga feeder alongwith the amount allocated for the said purpose in the budget of current financial year;*

- (c) *whether any hurdle created by the officers and local people of Manga in said work; if so, the steps being taken by the District administration to address the said issue along with the time by which the said issue will be addressed; and*
- (d) *the action taken so far against those officers and local people of Manga area who created the hurdle in said work; if not, the time by which action will be taken against them?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) The proposal for bifurcation of only 11 kV Dargai feeder was approved by PESCO. According to the said proposal, 190 Amps load / out of total 400 Amps load of Dargai feeder was to be shifted to Manga feeder as Manga feeder was under load. However shifting of 420 plus ampere load of Dargai and Sardheri feeders of District Charsadda into Manga Feeder is not technically viable.

(b) Capacity of Manga feeder is 400 Amps while peak load recorded on the said feeder is 110 Amps. The amount allocated for above mentioned shifting of load of Dargai feeder was Rs. 16, 932,687/-.

(c) At is appraised that hurdles were created by the locals of Manga area in shifting of the approved load to the 11kV Manga Feeder. After execution of the work by PD (C&O) PESCO, the people of Manga area pleaded that this is a dedicated feeder for Manga only and they will not allow load of other areas, *e.g.*, Dargai to be on this feeder. The XEN (Op) Charsada and other field officers held talks with the people of the area, but to no avail. Resultantly, two feeders namely, 11 KV Dargai and 11 KV Sardheri were overloaded. PESCO has taken up the matter with the district administration of Charsadda and Mardan but the issue could not be resolved as yet.

(d) The action is awaited on the part of the district administration but due to involvement of two district administrations the progress is slow and no fruitful results have been achieved as yet.

**41. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.21 replied on 22-09-2021 and to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that during the recruitment process of Election Commission Office, Peshawar those ten candidates were appointed who were the children or relatives of Election Commission Officers and employees;*
- (b) *if so, who were involved in said illegal recruitment process alongwith the names, designations and other details of each officer;*
- (c) *the names and designations of those officers and employees whose children have been appointed the action taken, so far, against them; if not, the reasons; and*
- (d) *whether any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw the appointment powers from provincial officers to ensure transparency in recruitment process; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

42. **Ms. Shamim Ara Panhwar:**

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

- (a) *the number of inquiries of fraud in the Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society G-15/4, Islamabad completed by NAB, the money recovered, the number of accused arrested;*
- (b) *the number of affectees to whom either payment has been returned or allotment and possession of plot has been given alongwith name and other details of each affected member?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar):** (a) Inquiry against Management of Jammu & Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, F-15 Islamabad & Zone-5 and others was authorized on 12-01-2016 on the allegations that no LOP was issued by CDA even after 10 years and society initiated development work without any LOP approval from CDA. However, the same was closed at NAB's end *vide* RBM dated 26-12-2016.

Another Inquiry against management of Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad was authorized on 10-10-2017 and the same was converted into investigation on 02-11-2020.

After completion of investigation, Reference titled “State Vs Qaisar Riaz Cheema” (10/2021) has been filed on 13-09-2021 in Accountability Court-II Islamabad which is pending adjudication. The reference has been filed on allegation of corruption and corrupt practices by Management of Society in purchase of land and extending illegal benefits and causing loss of Rs. 785 million to the Society. No arrest was made so far as 3 x accused persons are on bail in the case.

(b) 52 x complaints of individual nature regarding non possession/ non development of plot have so far been submitted. In complaint no. 5593/18 possession of plot has been handed over to the complainant.

43. **Ms. Saira Bano:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that graduate officers of BS-17 and above of LESCO have been granted special allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per month with effect from 1st September, 2009;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that some employees including Mr. Arif Nadeem Addl. Deputy Manager (MIS) who retired from service in the year 2017 despite being eligible and submitting applications to the CEO, LESCO in recent times has not been granted such allowance;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether the denial of such special allowance to the said employees is tantamount to deprivation of the legitimate right of the said employees;*
- (e) *if so, what corrective measure are being taken to compensate such employees and pay all their dues as soon as possible?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Mr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):** (a) It is a fact that Graduate officers of BPS-17 & above of LESCO have been granted special allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per month w.e.f. 01-09-2009 issued vide LESCO’s Office Order dated 10- 03-2020.

(b) Mr. Arif Nadeem, Ex Addl. Deputy Manager (MIS), LESCO has submitted applications for grant of the said allowance on 08-2-2012 and 23-08-2022, which has been processed by LESCO Management and has been granted *w.e.f* 01-09-2009 to 10-03-2017 (till date of his retirement) @ Rs. 10,000/- per month.

(c) As at (b) above.

(d) As at (b) above.

(e) As at (b) above.

44. **Ms. Saira Bano:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that post of Chairman, Federal Service Tribunal has been lying vacant for the past several months and the Government has failed to fill the post; if so, the reasons thereof;*

(b) *how long it will take to fill the vacancy as per prevailing law; and*

(c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to fill the post as soon as possible?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar):** (a) Yes, it is a fact that the post of Chairman is vacant since 22-04-2022 on completion of non-extendable term of three years of Qazi Khalid Ali, *ex*-Chairman, FST under Sub-section 4 of section 3 of the Service Tribunal Act, 1973. However, Rana Zahid Mehmood, Member (MP-I), has been entrusted additional duties as Acting Chairman as a stop-gap arrangement Further, the present dispensation is not affecting the provisions of justice to the public and quick disposal of the cases.

Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan *vide* Judgment titled "*Sh. Riaz ul Haq and another vs Federation of Pakistan*" reported as PLD 2013 SC 501 has observed that the selection of Chairman and Members of Federal Service Tribunal is to be made in consultation with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan. In pursuance of the aforesaid

rulings of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, a reference is under consideration, soliciting consultation thereon with Hon'ble Chief Justice of Pakistan regarding appointment of a suitable and experienced person as Chairman of the Federal Service Tribunal.

(b) The needful appointment will be effected as and when the prescribed consultation process is completed.

(c) In pursuance of the Apex Court directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan, a reference is already is under consideration in consultation with the apex court.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 18th October, 2022.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary.*