

**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 4th September, 2024**

84. **\*Nawabzada Iftikhar Ahmed Khan Babar:**  
*(Deferred during 5th Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that an approved Grid Station to be set up in Shahjamal, Muzaffargarh; but the same has not yet been completed so far;*
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) the total budget earmarked, released and utilized for the aforesaid project; and*
- (d) the time by which the aforesaid Grid Stations will be constructed?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Yes, the grid station in Shah Jamal, Muzaffargarh is included in Electricity Distribution Efficiency Improvement Project under World Bank loan # 9318 which is under execution.

(b) The construction of boundary wall has already been completed. The tendering for construction of Grid Station along-with Transmission Line on turnkey basis is under progress.

(c) The funds amounting to **Rs. 12.50 Million** has been released and utilized for construction of boundary wall under MEPCO's own resources. The estimated cost for construction of Grid Station along-with the associated 132 kV Transmission Line is **Rs. 895.459 Million** which will be covered under World Bank loan.

(d) The said grid station along-with its feeding Transmission Line will be completed by June-2026.

16. **\*Mr. Shahram Khan:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) how to determine a time limit for loadshedding of each feeders of Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) in District Swabi; and
- (b) the year-wise funds has allocated to PESCO and spent since 2013 for the development and upgrading of the power system infrastructure in the District Swabi?

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Load management on 11 kv feeder is carried out on the basis of Aggregate Technical & Commercial (A T & C) losses in PESCO jurisdiction including District Swabi, as per following schedule:

AT& C Loss	Category of feeders	Load Management (Hours)
Below 10%	I	0
10.1% ~ 20%	II	0
20.1% ~ 30%	III	6
30.1% ~ 40%	IV	7
40.1% ~ 60%	V	12
60.1% ~ 80%	VI	16
Above 80.1%	VII	Up to 19

- (b) Significant progress has been made in the development and up-gradation of the power system infrastructure at District Swabi. The year wise funds allocated and spent for the up-gradation of power system in District Swabi is as below:

S. No	Name of Project with scope	Year	Source of funding	Funds allocated (Rs. In million)	Amount utilized (Rs. In Million)	Completed or to be completed
1	132 kv Grid Station Dhobian (New)	2014	PSDP	254.18	252.24	30-12-2015
2	132 kv Grid Station Swabi(Addition of 01 No line Bay	2015	PSDP	10.61	10.3	05-02-2015
3	132 kv Grid Station Swabi (Addition of 4 <sup>th</sup> T/F Bay	2015	ADB Tranche-II	69.13	72.28	09-03-2015
4	132 kv Grid Station Swabi (Addition of 02- No Line Bay	2015	PSDP	23.90	20.1	04-6-2015
5	132 kv Grid Station Swabi (Augmentation of 20/26 MVA Power T/F with 31.5/40 MVA Power T/F	2016	Adb Tranche-III	92.32	90.6	29-03-2016

6	132 kV Grid Station Right Bank Tarbela (Augmentation of 10/13 MVA Power T/F with 20/26 MVA Power T/F)	2016	ADB Tranche-IV	35.90	32.86	06/09/2016
7	132 kV Grid Station Swabi (Shunt Capacitor Bay)	2018	ADB Tranche-II	29.01	28.3	04/04/2018
8	132 kV Grid Station Dhobian (Augmentation of 10/13 MVA Power T/F with 20/26 MVA Power T/F)	2019	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	51.96	41.3	23/05/2022
9	132 kV Grid Station Swabi (Addition of 7.2 MVAR Capacitor Bank)	2021	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	5.30	5.10	18/07/2022
10	132 kV Grid Station Swabi (Augmentation of 20/26 MVA Power T/F with 31.5/40 MVA Power T/F)	2021	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	89.90	83.50	02/07/2022
11	132 kV Grid Station Right Bank Tarbela (Augmentation of 20/26 MVA Power T/F with 31.5/40 MVA Power T/F)	2021	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	74.09	74.00	03/04/2021
12	132 kV Grid Station Dhobian (7.2 MVAR Capacitor Bank added)	2021	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	5.18	5.00	19/04/2021
13	132 kV Grid Station Dhobian (Additional T/F Bay T-3 added)	2021	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	76.94	70.30	23.05.2022
14	132 kV Grid Station Right Bank Tarbela (Augmentation of 10/13 MVA Power T/F with 20/26 MVA Power T/F)	2022	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	35.77	33.89	16/03/2022
15	132 kV GS Karnal Sher Kalay (New Grid Station)	2023	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	300.00	342.99	16/03/2023
16	132 kV feed for Nawa Kally (In-Out Dobian- Swabi)	2023	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	150.00	102.58	16/03/2023
17	132 kV GS Chota Lahore (New Grid Station)	2024	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	320.00	325.00	To be energized up to Sep-2024

18	132 kV GS Baja Bam Khel (New Grid Station)	2024	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	350.00	340.76	To be energized up to Dec-2024
19	132 kV TL feed for Chota Lahore (Nowshera Ind.- Burhan In/Out)	2024	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	170.00	155.41	To be energized up to Sep-2024
20	132 kV TL feed for Bam Khel (In/Out from Gadoon-Sawabi Line)	2024	7th STG. (PESCO Own Resources)	10.00	8.51	To be energized up to Dec-2024
<b>Total</b>				<b>2154.82</b>	<b>2095.02</b>	

18. **\*Syeda Shehla Raza:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a huge potential of Wind Energy in the Coastal Belt and Solar Energy in the entire province of Sindh;*
- (b) *the details of Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) projects related to renewable energy that started in Sindh during the last three years alongwith district-wise details thereof; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to seek investors in such projects in terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) also; if so, details thereof?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The coastal area of Sindh province are blessed with huge potential of wind power in addition to huge solar energy potential. For the same reason, the development of wind power projects have so far been concentrated in the Gharo wind corridor.

Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) is actively pursuing the promotion and development of Alternative and Renewable Energy (ARE) technologies for power generation in line with the Government's vision to diversify its energy mix. Currently, a total of fifty-eight (58)

ARE-based projects of 3837 MW cumulative capacity are operational that include;

- Thirty-six (36) wind power projects 1845 MW.
- Ten (10) solar projects of 680 MW.
- Four (04) hydel projects of 1053 MW.
- Eight sugar mill-based bagasse co-generation projects of 259 MW

Out of above, all the thirty-six (36) wind power projects of 1845 MW and three (03) solar PV projects of 150 MW cumulative capacity, are located in Sindh province.

(b) It is appraised that the development of renewable energy projects is being carried out through private sector investment in IPP mode under the applicable policies. No renewable energy project has so far been developed through PSDP funding.

(c) All wind and solar power projects have been developed through private sector investment including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Sindh province. Any new projects will be developed as per the requirements of additional capacity under Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) after NEPRA's approval.

19. **\*Mr. Shahram Khan:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *the annual average contribution of electricity units contributed by Tarbela Dam to the national grid at present;*
- (b) *details of the per unit price of the aforementioned electricity;*
- (c) *the price at which the electricity is sold to consumers, particularly for the consumers of Swabi, taking into account the fact that Tarbela Dam is located on their land; and*

(d) *the sacrifices made by them to build the Dam?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The annual average electricity units generated by Tarbela Dam are **(18,019,079,000 KWH)** in the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024

(b)

TARBELA		
Capacity	kWh	3 470.000
Monthly Generation	kWh	1,034 268,559
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Component	Unit	Tariff
Variable Charges	Rs /kWh	0.0397
Fixed Charges	Rs /kW/M	509.9101
Revenue Gap	Rs /kW/M	27.0234
<b>Total</b>	Rs /kWh	0.8978

(c) National average rate charged across Pakistan is Rs. 31.70/unit (base rate in August 2024).

(d) Uniform tariff is applicable across Pakistan irrespective of location of generation.

22. **\*Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- details of the rate of electricity and the rate of each chargeable charge under different heads for a consumer who consumes 200 units and separately for a consumer who uses 201 units;*
- whether it is a fact that the amount of the bill substantially increases for the consumer who uses 201 units compared to 200 or less;*
- whether it is also a fact that if a consumer consumes 201 units or more in a single month, they are not entitled to the benefits of the rate for less than 200 units for the next six months, even if they use less than 200 units in those months;*
- if so, what is the rationale behind this approach to charging electricity bills in this pattern and is not it unjust to consumers;*

- (e) if so, what corrective measures are being taken to end this injustice and formulate a policy to give maximum benefit to those consumers who consume less than 200 units of electricity in a particular month?

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari): (a)**

Tariff Categories		GOP Applicable charges July to September 2024	GOP Applicable charges October 2024 onwards
For sanctioned load less than 5KW		Rs /KWh	Rs /KWh
Protected	Up to 50 Units life line	3.95	3.95
	01-100 Units life line	7.74	7.74
	001-100 units	7.74	11.69
	101-200 units	10.06	14.16
Un Protected	001-100 units	16.48	22.59
	101-200 units	22.95	30.07
	201-300 units	34.26	34.26

“Life Line Consumer” means those residential consumers having single phase electric connection with a sanctioned load up to 1 kW.

The lifeline consumers to include residential Non-Time of Use (Non-ToU) consumers having maximum of last twelve months and current month’s consumption  $\leq 100$  units.

“Protected consumers” mean non-ToU residential consumers consuming  $\leq 200$  units per month consistently for the past 6 months.

Residential Non-ToU) consumers not falling under the protected category would be categorized under “Un-protected consumer category”.

Different Heads	LEGENDS	Rate (Rs)
Variable Charges	(Determined by NEPRA)	
Base Rate		
QTR	Quarter Tariff Rate (Determined by NEPRA)	
ED	Electricity Duty	1.5%
FC Surcharge	Financial Cost Surcharge	Protected=0.43 Non-Protected=0.25
TV Fee	Pakistan Television Fee	Rs 35
GST	General Sales Tax	18%
FCA	Fuel Cost Adjustment (Determined by NEPRA)	

(b) The table shown in part (a) related to tariff categories increase in rates based on various levels of consumptions.

(c) The definition of protected and unprotected consumers has been given in part “a” of the reply.

(d) The definitions are provided in NEPRA’s decision dated: 23-09-2021 in pursuant to Section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997.

(e) Federal Government has recently approved waiver of the rebasing impact for Protected and Non-Protected non-ToU domestic consumers, using upto 200 units for three months *i.e.*, July to September 2024 and reallocated Rs. 50 billion from PSDP to fund the additional tariff differential subsidy requirement to provide immediate relief to consumers.

26. **\*Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(*Deferred during 8th Session*)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that several institutions of the Federal and Provincial Governments are insolvent to the DISCOs;*

(b) *if so, DISCO-wise details with arrears against each;*

(c) *whether such matter has been taken up with the concerned governments to ensure recovery of such arrears in the shortest possible time; and*

(d) *how does uncollected money affect the common man?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The details of the receivables against the departments of federal and provincial governments for the ending June 2024 are as;

**Federal Government:** Rs. 47,811 Million. AJ&K: Rs. 56,771 Million

**Provincial Govt:** Rs. 151,763 Million

(b) The DISCO-wise detail of receivables ending June-2024 is attached as **Annex A**.

(c) Following steps are taken by DISCOs to ensure recovery of outstanding arrears from the Federal & Provincial government institutions:

- Monthly reconciliations are conducted at the company level, and regular meetings are convened to facilitate the payment of outstanding dues.
- Correspondence is also undertaken with relevant departments to facilitate the recovery of outstanding payments from Government departments.
- In case where departments fail to fulfil their payment obligations, disconnections are implemented as a final recourse, following established SOP.
- Due to sensitivity of some connections, DISCOs are not in a position to disconnect the power supply of these departments. However, disconnection notices are issued for payment. The Prime Minister vide directions during meeting dated 11-06-2024 has asked all Federal Government Ministries / Agencies / Institutions shall pay their outstanding arrears to the respective DISCOs immediately (**Annex-B**). Power Division directed DISCOs to ensure payment from defaulty department / agencies (**Annex-C**).

(d) NEPRA, being independent regulator in the country, is responsible for safeguarding consumer interest and it does not allow impact of under recoveries in consumer tariff.

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

27. **\*Ms. Aniq Mehdi:**  
*(Deferred during 8th Session)*

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

*(a) whether it is a fact that the transmission system of electricity of district Hafizabad is mostly defective and the transformers*

*are also overloaded and the concerned authorities have not taken any step despite drawing attention towards this issue;*

- (b) *if so, whether any sub division-wise survey has been conducted in aforesaid district to identify overloaded transformers alongwith location of the transmission system; if so, the detail thereof; and*
- (c) *what the corrective steps are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) No, it is not fact that the transformers of district Hafizabad are mostly defective. Maintenance and repair of transformers is ongoing process. Following works have been completed during the Financial Year 2023-2024 to improve the electrical system in District Hafizabad:

- No. of H.T Proposals Completed = 06
- No. of L.T Proposals & Chain Augmentation works Completed = 127
- No. of Over loaded Transformers Augmented and added with existing transformers = 87
- No. of damaged / defective Transformers replaced = 649
- No. of Defective Meters Replaced = 15660
- No. AMI Meters Installed for online billing = 18076

(b) Yes, survey has been conducted in aforesaid district to identify overloaded transformers along with location of the transmission system.

Augmentation and addition of over loaded transformers in district Hafizabad is attached as **Annex-A**.

Similarly, list of damaged / defective distribution transformers replaced in district Hafizabad is attached as **Annex-B**.

(c) In addition to what has been stated above, in, case of any deficiency regarding damaging of transformers, defective meters and inefficiency in distribution system is observed at Sub Division level, same is rectified accordingly well in time to improve the system.

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

28. **\*Mr. Usama Ahmed Mela:**  
*(Deferred during 8th Session)*

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has extended the control of IPP “Alternate Energy” on 01-04-2024 for a period of ten years;*
- (b) what is the tenure of this contract particularly with respect of an Integrated Development Environment (IDLE) Capacity Charges;*
- (c) what is the source of power generation by “Alternate Energy” and how many IPP plants do they operate;*
- (d) the total number of MWs generated (year-wise break-down) by Alternate Energy during their previous contract of seventeen years;*
- (e) the year-wise details of the amount paid lieu of IDLE Capacity Charges to Alternate Energy throughout their previous contract of seventeen years;*
- (f) how was this renewal justified the given international issues of circular debt and capacity payments playing Pakistan’s energy sector;*
- (g) the charges, if any, were made to the contract when it was renewed?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) NEPRA has extended the Generation License of Altern Energy Ltd till 05-06-2031 as the previous Generation License

expired on 21-09-21, Whereas, the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) b/w CPPA and Altern Energy is valid till 05-06-2031.

(b) The PPA between Altern Energy Limited and CPPA was signed on 18-09-1995 and later Amended on 22-06-2006. The PPA of AEL is on Take-and-Pay Basis therefore there is no concept of Idle capacity.

The Total Term of the Implementation Agreement (IA) & Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) is Thirty (30) Years from the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the Project i.e. upto 5th June, 2031. It is pertinent to mention that the project of Altern Energy/the Company has a Tariff on Take and Pay basis meaning thereby that the Power Purchaser/CPPA-G does not have to pay idle capacity charges during the period it is not generating electric power. In view of the said, there is no IDLE capacity charge during the tenure of the contract.

(c) The source of power generation is RLNG.

Initially the plant was operated using the flare Gas of the OGDCL operated at Bhal Syedan Gas field. Later on the said field got dried and since the year 2017 SNGPL is providing 6.00 MMSCFD of RLNG to the plant/generation facility/project. According to the available information in the record, Altern Energy only operates this plant.

(d)

<b>Energy Dispatched (MWh)</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Energy Dispatched (MWh)</b>	<b>Year</b>
205,399	2013-14	27,262	2003-04
173,397	2014-15	9,380	2004-05
175,023	2015-16	-	2005-06
187,848	2016-17	-	2006-07
145,087	2017-18	-	2007-08
22,010	2018-19	135,534	2008-09
3,728	2019-20	148,195	2009-10
12403	2020-21	179,325	2010-11
-	2021-22	182,066	2011-12
-	2022-23	193,794	2012-13
-	2023-24		

(e) There is no payment of idle Capacity Charges to Altern Energy in previous seventeen years.

PPA governs the terms of payment and the same is based on Take and Pay arrangement meaning thereby the company/Altern Energy is only paid for energy delivered and no separate fixed capacity charge paid. In view of the said no IDLE capacity charge was paid to the company/Altern Energy, in its Contract for seventeen (17) years. The details of the payments made to Altern Energy for the energy delivered to the National Grid can be obtained from CPPA-G. Also it is clarified that there is no change in the terms and conditions of the contract for project remain unchanged.

(f) There is no impact on circular debt as this plant is on take-and-pay basis so no capacity payment is involved if plant is not despatched. It is pertinent to mention that had the Authority not allowed the extension, it would have resulted in a "Lapse of Consent" under the IA, which would turn into a Pakistan Political Force Majeure Event, the GoP will have to pay compensation to the company/AEL as stipulated in Schedule-2 of the IA.

(g) The terms & conditions contract remained unchanged.

No payment made to the AEL on renewal of Generation License.

29. **\*Ms. Shazia Marri:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *the details of potential of Wind Power Corridor working in the country;*
- (b) *how much quantum of electricity being produced through Wind Power Corridor in the country; and*
- (c) *the region-wise details of Wind Power Corridor working in the country?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Pakistan is blessed with significant wind energy potential. As per the study conducted by National Renewable Energy

Laboratories (NREL), USA in 2005, the theoretical wind power potential of Pakistan is around 132,000 MW with maximum wind energy potential located in Sindh and Balochistan. However, the actual exploitable wind power potential would be lower depending on various factors namely the availability of land and feasibility of the construction of the transmission line.

(b) At present, thirty-six (36) wind power projects of 1845 MW are operational in the Gharo Wind Corridor in Sindh and providing electricity to the national grid.

(c) At present, wind power projects are only operational in the Gharo wind corridor of Sindh province.

31. **\*Ms. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**  
(*Deferred during 8th Session*)

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

- (a) *how many times have electricity prices increased during the last five years;*
- (b) *the average amount, which the consumer had to pay for consumption of 100, 200, 300 and 400 units by the end of each financial year for the last five years;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the phenomenal rise in electricity prices in recent years has made the utility of electricity unaffordable for the common man;*
- (d) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to make the price of electricity affordable for the common man?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Federal Government has notified the tariff on 12th February, 2021, 1st October, 2021, 25th July, 2022, 26th July, 2023 and 12th July, 2024. However, Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) Quarterly Tariff Adjustments is determined/notified by NEPRA on monthly/Quarterly basis.

(b) The average amount which the consumer has to pay for consumption of 100, 200, 300 and 400 units, respectively by the end of each financial year for the last five years is given as under: -

Bill month	Bill Amount without FPA of Tariff A1(01)				
	100 Units Protected	100 Units	200 Units	300 Units	400 Units
Jun-20	783	783	1,806	3,354	6,784
Jun-21	1,005	1,005	2,250	4,018	7,652
Jun-22	999	1,200	2,660	4,737	8,574
Jun-23	1,070	1,756	4,788	8,310	14,294
Jun-24	1,394	2,741	7,202	12,226	19,073

(c) The Government of Pakistan is adopting policy measures in the form of provision of electricity subsidy and tariff rationalization, in order to make utility of electricity affordable by all segments of society especially under-privileged ones.

(d) The Federal Govt is providing subsidy for different categories of consumers to make electricity affordable for common man. For the FY 2024-25, Federal Govt has allocated Rs. 1229 billion for the Power sector. Federal Government has also recently approved waiver of rebasing impact for Protected and Non-Protected non-ToU domestic consumers, using upto 200 units for three months i.e. July to September 2024 by allocation of Rs. 50 billion from PSDP to fund the additional tariff differential subsidy requirement.

33. **\*Ms. Shazia Marri:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *the current percentage of electricity generated through net metering arrangements;*
- (b) *the details of rates at which such electricity is being purchased from producers through the aforesaid metering arrangements as well as the detail of rate on which it is being sold to consumers;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that the Government is going to reduce the rate at which such electricity is purchased; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that revision in rate of such electricity is not detrimental to encouraging people to install solar system and get rid of from electricity buying through expensive resources; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *what steps are being taken by the Government to establish more sustainable energy resources of net metering and to set the purchase rate on fair basis?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) the current percentage of electricity generated through net metering arrangements;

Percentage of DISCO-wise electricity generated through net metering arrangements during FY 2023-24 is as shown below.

PERCENTAGE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED THROUGH NET METERING DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24											
CATAGEORY	LESCO	GEPKO	FESCO	IESCO	MEPCO	PESCO	HESCO	SEPCO	QESCO	TESCO	ALL DISCOs
Electricity (MkWh) at CDP (CPPA)	25,093.63	11,815.31	15,632.88	11,978.20	19,699.71	14,146.00	5,047.00	3,848.50	5,844.42	1,406.90	114,512.550
Electricity (MkWh) Through Net Metering	321.11	99.76	103.58	247.47	220.35	62.89	6.37	3.42	1.17	0.04	1066.14
% age of Net Metering	1.28	0.84	0.66	2.07	1.12	0.44	0.13	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.93

As of May, 2024, the total capacity of net metering based installations reached up to 2187 MW.

(b) the details of the rates at which such electricity is being purchased from producers through the aforesaid metering arrangements as well as the details of rate on which it is being sold to consumers;

As per NEPRA (Alternative and Renewable energy) Distributed Generation and Net Metering Regulation, 2015 (the "Regulations") 3 phase 400V or 11 kV domestic, commercial, industrial, agricultural,

general services consumers or single point bulk supply consumers are allowed for net metering arrangements.

As per Regulations, the units provided by DISCO to the consumer (producer) are netted-off by units produced and supplied to DISCO by the consumer (producer) for off-peak hours and peak hours separately. The current applicable tariffs (fixed & variable, peak & off-peak) for each of the eligible categories are as under:

TARIFF CATEGORIES			Fixed Charges Rs/Con/ M	Fixed Charges Rs/kW/ M	Variable Charges Rs/kWh (Jul-24 to Sep-24)	Variable Charges Rs/kWh (Oct-24 to June-25)
A1(b)	Domestic	Time of Use (TOU) - Peak	1000		48.00	48.00
		Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak	1000		41.68	41.68
A2 (b)	Commercial	Sanctioned load 5 kw and above		1250	40.49	40.49
A2 (c)		Time of Use (TOU) - Peak (A-2)		1250	44.97	44.97
		Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak		1250	36.30	36.30
B1(b)	Industrial	B1- TOU (Peak)	1000		37.89	37.89
		B1 - TOU (Off-peak)			31.20	31.20
B2 (a)			1250	31.88	31.88	
B2 (b)		B2 - TOU (Peak)		1250	37.83	37.83
		B2 - TOU (Off-peak)		1250	28.56	28.56
B3		B3 - TOU (Peak)		1250	37.83	37.83
		B3 - TOU (Off-peak)		1250	29.39	29.39
D2 (b)		Time of Use (TOU) - Peak		400	30.69	30.69
		Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak		400	29.85	29.85
A3		General Service		1000		43.64
C1 (a)	Single Point Bulk Supply	C1(a) up to 5 kW	2000		44.6	44.6
C1 (b)		C1(b) exceeding 5 kW		1250	41.8	41.8
C1 (c)		Time of Use (TOU) - Peak		1250	47.5	47.5
		Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak		1250	38.7	38.7
C2 (a)		C2 Supply at 11 kV		1250	41.7	41.7
		Time of Use (TOU) - Peak		1250	47.5	47.5
C2 (b)		Time of Use (TOU) - Off-Peak		1250	37.2	37.2

In case of extra units supplied by the consumer (producer), such surplus units are carried forward to the next month for adjustment, if any. At the end of each quarter (March, June, September, December) if any consumer (producer) has balance of surplus units at his credit, such units are purchased at the rate of National Average Power Purchase Price (NAPPP) as determined by NEPRA for the relevant year. The NAPPP for the year 2023-24 was Rs. 22.42/unit, whereas the NAPPP determined for current FY 2024-25 is Rs.27.00/unit.

There is no such proposal under discussion instantly. Government carries out analysis of various policies in field in the best interest of the consumers on regular basis. Currently an evaluation is in process to review overall net metering regime. Evaluation also includes various sensitivities

to rationalize payback period and to protect non-net-metered consumers from tariff escalations.

There is no such proposal under discussion. Government carries out analysis of various policies in field in the best interest of the consumers on regular basis. Currently an evaluation is in process to review overall net metering regime. Evaluation also includes various sensitivities to rationalize payback period and to protect non-net-metered consumers from tariff escalations. Government has no plans to discourage solar net metering.

(e) Currently an evaluation is in process to review overall net metering regime. Evaluation also includes various sensitivities to rationalize payback period and to protect non-net-metered consumers from tariff escalations. Further, possibility of best possible payback period is also being evaluated while keeping techno commercial considerations in view to avoid challenges for future net meter additions in the system.

36. **\*Ms. Farah Naz Akbar:**  
(*Deferred during 8th Session*)

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

- (a) *the DISCO-wise details of theft of electricity of each last five years alongwith change of its volume either positive or negative in aforesaid years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that DISCOs including Provincial Government have failed to eliminate such theft of electricity and consequently thereupon general consumers have to pay excessive bills;*
- (c) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to formulate a well thought out policy to stop such theft?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) DISCO-wise detail of T&D losses against NEPRA target for the last five years is attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) To address the issue of electricity theft, an anti-theft campaign has been in progress within DISCOs since September 2023, with the help

of Provincial Governments. To optimize the campaign's effectiveness and successful implementation, antitheft units have been established within DISCOs and progress is being monitored through the Ministry of Energy (Power Division) on daily basis.

Achievements made during Anti-Theft campaign (Sep 2023-June 2024) are as under:

- 171,334 Nos. FIRs are registered against electricity Stealers
- 84,060 Nos. persons are arrested
- The detection bills of 334 MkWh unit amounting to Rs. 12,663 Million charged to consumers and Rs. 7,018 Million of detection bills recovered.

(c) In addition to the above, following measures are being taken in DISCOs for theft control and to reduce administrative losses:

- Replacement of old/sluggish and defective meters.
- Installation of AMI meters on all potential consumers like big commercial, industrial & tube wells.
- Installation of ABC cable.
- Mobile Meter Reading (MMR) is being implemented in DISCOs to ascertain the accurate reading for consumer's satisfaction to pay the genuine bills.
- Installation of Asset Performance Management System (APMS) on distribution transformers.
- Performance Contracts are being signed with BODs and management of DISCOs to ensure continuous improvement through achievement of the agreed targets of T&D losses besides other parameters.

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

86. **\*Ms. Shaista Khan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the last date for payment of the electricity bill is fixed on 28th, 29th and 30th of each month which creates difficulties for the salaried class to pay their bills on the above said dates;*
- (b) whether the Government intends to make a policy to bind all Distribution Companies (DISCOs) regarding the payment of said bills on 1st and 2nd dates of every month;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that there are long queues of the public for payment of their bills under the open sun outside the banks;*
- (d) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bind all the respective banks to accommodate these customers inside the banks?*

Reply not received.

87. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the year-2022, Prime Minister approved the establishment of a new Feeder in Sardheri, District Charsada;*
- (b) whether the work was stopped during the caretaker Government;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Local Government paid the estimated 12, 48, 296 rupees for the said project;*
- (d) whether the affectees had approached the Federal Ombudsman due to non completion of the said project and with reference No.WMS-PSH/4147/2023 dated 22-12-2023, in the verdict of Federal Ombudsman, concerned institutes were directed for the completion of project within 60 days;*

- (e) *whether it is also a fact that the concerned officers of the departments are responsible for the incomplete work and they are openly violating the law;*
- (f) *if so, the action taken against the responsible so far;*
- (g) *if not, the time by which action will be taken against said responsible; and*
- (h) *the time by which said work will be completed?*

Reply not received.

88. **\*Ms. Sehar Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the position of Chairman, Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) has been vacant since October, 2022; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *is there any proposal under consideration by the Government to reconstitute SSGCL Board;*
- (c) *if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *what steps have already been taken or are being taken by the Government to fulfill the said post?*

**Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):**

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) Board Nomination Committee (BNC) for the Petroleum Division has already been constituted in terms of section 10 of the SOEs Act, 2023. On finalization of recommendations of BNC, case will be placed for approval of Federal Cabinet through CCoSOE with reference to Section 23(a) of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs), Ownership and Management Policy, 2023.

89. **\*Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether the Government has taken cognizance of the ongoing deprivation of electricity in significant parts of Balochistan, despite the passage of decades and the failure of previous Government to develop the required infrastructure;*
- (b) *if so, is there any plan being considered by the Government to launch specialized initiatives for the large-scale generation of electricity through solar energy systems, such as the establishment of solar parks, with a particular focus on providing electricity to the inhabitants of Balochistan, who have historically been without this essential service;*
- (c) *if so, what specific measures are being taken to execute these projects and how does the Government intend to ensure that these measures yield tangible outcomes alongwith the anticipated timeline for observing substantial improvements in electricity accessibility for the people of Balochistan?*

Reply not received.

90. **\*Shahzada Muhammad Gushtasap Khan:**

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

- (a) *the detail of province-wise income accrued from the National Highways Authority, Motorways and other toll plazas;*
- (b) *the increase made in the said taxes during the last five years;  
and*
- (c) *whether the Government intends to reduce the said taxes?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan):** (a) Province wise toll revenue (earned) on National Highways for last 5 years and Motorways is given as under:

Rs. in Millions						
Province	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Punjab	11,501	10,711	11,056	12,146	11,571	10,665
Sindh	7,296	6,848	6,943	7,622	6,491	5,250
KPK	1,087	1,273	1,367	1,435	1,316	1,244
Balochistan	444	535	553	573	564	600
<b>Total Highways</b>	<b>20,327</b>	<b>19,368</b>	<b>19,919</b>	<b>21,776</b>	<b>19,943</b>	<b>17,759</b>
<b>Total Motorways</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>6,302</b>	<b>9,738</b>	<b>13,287</b>	<b>13,457</b>	<b>14,310</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23,052</b>	<b>25,670</b>	<b>29,657</b>	<b>35,064</b>	<b>33,399</b>	<b>32,069</b>

(b) The last rationalization (increase in the instant case) in toll rates was made in 2018, recently, rationalization in toll rates is made effective from July-2024. *“The Toll rate escalation, should be on three years periodic basis or as the need arises”* as per NHA Tolling Policy 2010.

(c) Given the constant increase in inflation, CPI and construction costs reduction in toll rates seems unlikely to decrease in future.

91. **\*Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) are putting a heavy burden on consumers;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;*
- (c) *the dates on which agreements with IPPs were reviewed; and*
- (d) *the payments to be made to each plant under the head of capacity charges as per agreement?*

Reply not received.

92. **\*Mr. Khurram Munawar Manj:**

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state what is the criterion to appoint Judges for Election Tribunal in Punjab?*

**Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar):**

The criteria for appointment of Election Tribunal is provided in Article 219(c) of the Constitution read with Section 140 of the Elections Act, 2017. Text of Section 140 is reproduced below for the reference:-

**140. Appointment of Election Tribunals.—**

(1) For the trial of election petitions under this Act, the Commission shall appoint as many Election Tribunals as may be necessary for swift disposal of election petitions.

(2) An Election Tribunal shall comprise—

- (a) in the case of an election to an Assembly or the Senate, a person who is or has been a Judge of a High Court; and
- (b) In the case of an election to a local government, a District and Sessions Judge or an Additional District and Sessions Judge.

(3) In case of appointment of a sitting judge as the Election Tribunal, the Commission shall consult with the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned.

The Election Commission has notified Election Tribunals in respect of Punjab Province. However, the matter is subjudice before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has suspended all the notifications of appointment of Election Tribunals in the province of Punjab.

93. **\*Ms. Aasia Ishaque Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) *what is the current ownership structure of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) operating in the country alongwith details*

*of major stakeholders and their respective shares in these IPPs;*

- (b) the current policies and practices regarding capacity payments to IPPs;*
- (c) how these payments are calculated and mechanism for meeting the timelines alongwith details of accuracy of these payments;*
- (d) is there a plan to renegotiate the terms and conditions of agreements with IPPs;*
- (e) if so, whether specific aspects of the agreements are being considered for renegotiation?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The current ownership structure of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) at **(Annex-A)**.

(b) Capacity payments to IPPs can be classified on the basis of following:-

- i. Pre 1994 -HUBCO & KAPCO (PPA of KAPCO has been expired on 24-10-2022)
- ii. 1994 Power Policy
- iii. 2002 Power Policy
- iv. 2006 Power Policy
- v. 2015 Power Policy
- vi. Strategic (Nuclear and Hydel)
- vii. Govt Owned GENCOs

(c) Capacity Payments are made on the basis of availability of plants. Simply quoting, the Capacity payments are calculated as per following formula:

Declared Available Capacity of power plant is multiplied with Capacity Charges Rate.

Normally, Capacity Payment invoices become due after 25 days of its submission by the companies. A complete system of Pre-Audit exists for checking accuracy of these payments.

(d) Yes. The Government has formed “Task Force on Implementing Structural Reform in Power Sector” with following TORs.

- I. Recommending measures for making power sector financially and operationally sustainable.
- II. Overseeing the development of an efficient and liquid power market design along with its implementation
- III. Recommending utilization of excess capacity by industries/ SEZs for stimulating growth
- IV. Reviewing and recommending measures to reduce capacity payments, including but not limited to shutting down certain plants and taking any other necessary measures as deemed appropriate
- V. Reviewing matters pertaining to the set-up costs of various IPPs in the country and identifying malpractices procedural weaknesses and regulatory gaps with a view to recommend the way forward to rectify these
- VI. Reviewing compliance of IPPs with parameters/ terms and conditions of various agreements signed with relevant Government agencies/ institutions and
- VII. Recommending measures to resolve the issue of Circular Debt stock in the energy sector.

(e) As above

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

94. **\*Mirza Ikhtiar Baig:**

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

- (a) what is the Ministry's course of action regarding the stance of the entire business community and masses of Pakistan who are asking for the review of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) agreements to stop un-sustainable payment of capacity charges to IPPs; and*
- (b) how does the report dated 16-03-2020 of the former caretaker Minister on IPPs support renegotiation with IPPs?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The Government has formed "Task Force on Implementing Structural Reform in Power Sector" with following TORs. Point No. iii is related to Business community.

- i. Recommending measures for making power sector financially and operationally sustainable.
- ii. Overseeing the development of an efficient and liquid power market design along with its implementation
- iii. Recommending utilization of excess capacity by industries/ SEZs for stimulating growth
- iv. Reviewing and recommending measures to reduce capacity payments, including but not limited to shutting down certain plants and taking any other necessary measures as deemed appropriate
- v. Reviewing matters pertaining to the set-up costs of various IPPs in the country and identifying malpractices procedural weaknesses and regulatory gaps with a view to recommend the way forward to rectify these
- vi. Reviewing compliance of IPPs with parameters/ terms and conditions of various agreements signed with relevant Government agencies/ institutions and

- vii. Recommending measures to resolve the issue of Circular Debt stock in the energy sector

(b) Agreements with many IPPs were renegotiated in February-2021 after this report.

Further as mentioned at S(v) above, the task force is analyzing various aspects related to IPPs.

95. **\*Rai Hassan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *the existing amount of the principal circular debt of the petroleum sector, indicating also the amount of interest on the circular debt of petroleum sector at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government at present to pay off the principal as well as interest amount over the said debt?*

**Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) The existing amount of Circular Debt of Petroleum Sector is Rs. 2,897 billion which includes interest of Rs. 814 billion.

(b) The major part of above Circular Debt is related to gas sector which includes tariff differential due to non increase of consumer gas prices during FY 2013 to 2023, diversion of RLNG from FY 2019 to FY 2023, taxation claims, recoveries pending in courts etc. In order to stop the flow of circular debt in gas sector mainly tariff differential and diversion of RLNG to domestic, government has revised the gas prices encompassing recovery of RLNG diversion. To handle the stock of circular debt prior to FY 2024, Government is working as various option of cash/non cash settlement.

96. **\*Ms. Rana Ansar:**

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

- (a) *the total number of losses of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) and K-Electric in industrial, commercial*

*and domestic level during the last three years; and*

- (b) the details of cases of electricity theft in said areas alongwith the steps being taken by the government against such theft?*

Reply not received.

97. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) how much foreign exchange is being lost due to import of coal in the country;*
- (b) the detail on the number of projects that are currently running on imported coal;*
- (c) whether these plants are currently operational; and*
- (d) what are the details of capacity payments being paid to aforesaid plants?*

Reply not received.

98. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Arif:**

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

- (a) how many electricity connections and accompanying transformers have been disconnected in the previous three years at the request of Metropolitan/Municipal Corporation by the Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO);*
- (b) whether it is a common practice to remove the supplementary transformers when disconnecting said connections;*
- (c) how many transformers have been removed alongside meter disconnections during last three years;*

- (d) *whether it is also a common practice to also disconnect neighbouring unrelated connections and remove their transformers also;*
- (e) *whether the WAPDA officer In-charge of such an operation is bound by court orders prohibiting him from interfering in the matter till the next date of hearing;*
- (f) *if so, then what is the internal departmental procedure for penalizing such an act?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Electricity connections pertaining to Allah Tawakkal Mills situated at Sialkot Bye Pass Road Gujranwala were disconnected on the request of Chief Officer, Municipal Corporation Gujranwala vide his letter No. CO/MCG2024/232/CO dated 20-05-2024 due to illegal constructions over there. Whereas, the same have been restored while keeping in view Honorable Court orders duly conveyed by Chief Officer, Municipal Corporation Gujranwala vide his letter No. CM/MCG-2024/269 dated 04-06-2024. Moreover, no other request was made by the Municipal Corporation Gujranwala in the past three years. Copies of above referred letters are enclosed for kind perusal.

(b) If supply is disconnected, then all material is removed from site, including transformer.

(c) 217 transformers along with allied metering equipment have been removed due to non-payment of electricity dues during last three years.

(d) If it is observed that the neighborhood has shared electricity supply into disconnected / defaulter premises, then unauthorized extension is removed accordingly. If neighborhood again facilitates to disconnected / defaulter premises, their own connection can also be disconnected.

(e) Yes, WAPDA Officer In-charge is bound to obey court orders.

(f) If court passes an order against any responsible officer / official in case of non-compliance of court orders then disciplinary action is initiated as per relevant rules.

99. **\*Malik Muhammad Iqbal:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that all bridges on roads of National Highways Authority (NHA) including Motorways from Bahawalpur via Faisalabad to Islamabad are in a dilapidated conditioned;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NHA fails to repair them despite collecting billion of rupees of toll tax annually;*
- (c) if so, whether the concerned department has examined the above mentioned matter; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for the repair of above said bridges?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan):** (a)

**Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2)**

NHA has entered into a concession agreement with M/s Motorway Operations and Rehabilitation Engineering Private Limited (M/s MORE) (a subsidiary owned by M/s FWO) for “Overlay & Modernization of Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2) along with operation, management and maintenance (OM&M) on 23rd April, 2014 for a period of twenty (20) years. The maintenance, operation, including repair of bridges, carriageway, road furniture, fence etc. rests with the Concessionaire on the M-2.

Under the aforesaid agreement, the Concessionaire has been consistently requested for the repair of bridges, including asphaltic work and protection of abutments, stone pitching, etc. and the Concessionaire accordingly executed the asphaltic work and partially, the allied works of the bridges.

**Multan-Pindi Bhattian Motorway (M4)**

All the bridges at Multan Pindi Bhattian Motorway (M-4) are in good condition.

**Punjab-South (N-5)**

The Bridges/flyovers between Bahawalpur to Khanewal are in good condition.

**(b) Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2)**

NHA is pursuing the repair/maintenance of the bridges on the on M-2 through the Concessionaire.

**Multan Pindi Bhattian Motorway (M-4)**

Repair/maintenance works of bridges, approaches & structures are undertaken promptly according to NHA's approved mechanism through routine maintenance and special maintenance contracts.

**Punjab-South (N-5)**

Repair/Maintenance of bridges falling on NHA Punjab-South area of jurisdiction are undertaken promptly according to NHA's approved mechanism Routine Special Maintenance Contracts.

**(c) Lahore-Islamahad Motorway (M-2)**

NHA, is well aware regarding the repair/ Maintenance of the bridges on the M-2 and accordingly, the Concessionaire is sensitized through MIA field formation under his obligations stipulated in the concession agreement.

**Multan-Pindi Bhattian Motorway (M-4)**

All the structures on M-4 are been examined periodically by the field formation as well as NHA Structural Expert on requirement basis and the same are in good condition.

**Punjab-South (N-5)**

All the structures at N-5 (Bahawalpur to Khanewal) & N-5(A) (Lodhran-Khanewal) & M-5 (Zahirpir to Multan) have been examined by

the field formation as well as Structural Expert on requirement basis and the same are in good condition.

(d) **Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2)**

The Concession Agreement between NHA and M/s MORE is a binding document for the repair/ maintenance of the bridges along with other Concessionaire's obligations mentioned therein.

**Multan-Pindi Bhattian Motorway (M-4)**

Inspection of existing structures on M-4 is periodically undertaken through field formation & Structure Expert, before carrying out necessary repair/ maintenance (if required).

**Punjab-south (N-5)**

Inspection of existing structures on N-5, N-5A & M-5 is periodically undertaken through field formation & Structure Expert, before carrying out necessary repair/maintenance (if required).

100. **\*Mr. Ali Muhammad:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government to review laws in particular Civil Procedure Code (CPC) and Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) in order to ensure inexpensive and speedy justice;*

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

**Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Azam Nazeer Tarar):** (a) Ministry of Law and Justice is reviewing various laws under the aegis of law reforms especially the Civil Procedure Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and Pakistan Penal Code, etc. to ensure inexpensive and speedy justice to public. In this regards Prime Minister of Pakistan has constituted a Legal Reform Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister for law and justice.

- (b) The TORs of said Committee are as under:-
- (a) to identify the procedural difficulties which are causing undue delays in the conclusion of criminal and civil trials;
  - (b) to Develop a robust road map for legal reforms, with a special focus on the amendments in civil, criminal and fiscal statutes;
  - (c) to suggest a phased approach for implementation, prioritizing urgent areas for intervention while ensuring a sustainable and inclusive transition to the reformed legal framework;
  - (d) to propose amendments in order to eliminate various appellate forums provided under various enactments;
  - (e) to propose a strict time line for conclusion of appeals filed in the fiscal matters; and
  - (f) to propose appropriate amendments in the Constitution of Pakistan for effective functioning of judicial system.”

Furthermore, Minister for Law and Justice has constituted an internal committee of Ministry of Law and Justice to discuss said laws clause by clause. Various, meetings of the Committee have been held so far and it meets almost on daily basis. A concrete proposal will be placed before the Parliament after approval of the Cabinet.

101. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the total number of LNG Power Plants in the country at present;*
- (b) *the capacity at which they are working in the country at present; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that there is a circular debt related to petroleum agreements with other countries?*

Reply not received.

102. **\*Ms. Sehar Kamran:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise number of citizenship cards and Passports issued by each Pakistani mission abroad during the last ten years;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Afghan nationals have been issued citizenship cards and Passports by Pakistani missions abroad during the last ten years; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the criteria adopted for issuance of citizenship cards and Passports to Afghan nationals alongwith number of Afghan nationals holding Pakistani citizenship cards and Passports?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

103. **\*Mr. Mohammad Ilyas Choudhary:**

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

- (a) *whether Government intends to review its agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs) with regard to purchase of expensive electricity;*
- (b) *if so, what is the current status and situation of above?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) & (b) The Government has formed “**Task Force on Implementing Structural Reform in Power Sector**”.

It shall give its recommendations on IPPs which once approved, will be implemented.

104. **\*Mr. Khurram Shahzad Virk:**

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

- (a) *how many staff members of COMSATS (category-wise) are on Extraordinary Leave (EOL) and working in other organizations;*

- (b) *how many staff members of organizations are on EOL and working in COMSATS;*
- (c) *the details of the extra ordinary leave granted and length of these contracts in other organizations; and*
- (d) *the details of the contracts between COMSATS and the organizations where COMSATS staff is working including the terms and conditions of issuance of NOCs as per COMSATS Rules?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui):** (a) 35 employees (category wise) are working in other organizations (In/Outside Pakistan). Category-wise details are placed across.

<b>CUI Faculty/Officers/Staff on EOL and working in other organization</b>						
	<b>Total Number of Faculty</b>		<b>Total Number of Officers</b>		<b>Total Number of Staff</b>	
	<b>In Pakistan</b>	<b>Out Side Pakistan</b>	<b>In Pakistan</b>	<b>Out Side Pakistan</b>	<b>In Pakistan</b>	<b>Out Side Pakistan</b>
<b>Total</b>	4	17	7	1	4	2
<b>G.Total</b>	35					

(b) Nil.

(c) EOL granted to employees for Job in other organizations as per CUI rules (**Annex-I**).

(d) CUI has no contract with other organizations to accommodate its employees. EOL as per permissible duration is granted to the employees who seek NOC to apply to the other organizations for job purpose. However, being EOL without pay, their service at other organizations is not counted for calculation of end service benefits.

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

105. **\*Malik Muhammad Iqbal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the most of the areas of Bahawalpur, NA-168 are deprived of natural Gas;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken for the provision of sui gas in the Constituency NA-168?*

**Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) Areas in Constituency NA-168 District Bahawalpur consist of Bahawalpur City where 77,007 domestic gas connections have already been provided. However, any leftover area (s) shall be considered for gasification after lifting of moratorium by the Government.

(b) As stated above.

(c) Presently, a moratorium imposed by the Government is in place on provision of new indigenous gas-based connections to domestic consumers. Any leftover area (s) (if any) shall be considered for gasification after lifting of moratorium by the Government.

106. **\*Mr. Khurram Munawar Manj:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the project of Farooqabad Interchange on M-2 Motorway has been approved;*
- (b) *if so, the current status of the aforesaid project at present?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan):** (a) NHA has entered into a concession agreement with M/s Motorway Operations and Rehabilitation Engineering Private Limited (M/s MORE) (a subsidiary owned by M/s FWO) for "Overlay & Modernization of Lahore-Islamabad Motorway (M-2) along with operation management and maintenance (OM&M) on 23rd April, 2014 for a period of twenty (20) years. The maintenance, operation, including the construction of any amenity within the concession area (like interchanges, etc.) rests with the Concessionaire on Lahore - Islamabad Motorway M-2.

The PC-1 of the project was approved by ECNEC for construction of Farooqabad Interchange at KM 66-67 on M-2 at a cost of Rs. 794.950 Million in its meeting held on 19th September, 2017. The administrative approval of same was conveyed by GM (Planning) NHA HQ dated 19th October, 2017.

(b) Procurement of works and construction activities were not commenced due to non-allocation of funds in F.Y 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22. Status of allocation of funds against subject project in PSDPs is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>PSDP Allocation</b>
2016-2017	Rs, 50 million
2017-2018	Rs. 790 million
2018-2019	Nil
2019-2020	Nil
2020-2021	Nil
2021-2022	Nil
2022-2023	Rs. 400 Million
2023-2024	Rs. 680 Million
2024-2025	Nil

In PSDP 2022-23, an amount of Rs. 400 Million was allocated for subject project. Accordingly, funds amounting to Rs. 119,456,000/- were released to AC/LAC, Shcikhupura on 13th June, 2023 *vide* Cheque No. EB336801 dated 7th June, 2023 against land acquisition of subject project. Now, the price bid, submitted by the Concessionaire amounting to Rs.1,457,688,599 is more than 15% of approved PC-1 cost, thereby requiring revision of the PC-I. The consultant M/s NESPAK has been asked for the preparation of the revised PC-I, which is under preparation and shall be processed for approval of Competent Authority.

107. **\*Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari:**

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

- (a) *the reasons for unannounced power outages in the country;*  
*and*
- (b) *why are people suffering due to long hours of loadshedding despite claims of having surplus electricity?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) At present, no load shedding is being carried out in the country on account of generation shortfall.

However, DISCOs are carrying out load management in their area on the basis of high Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses of feeders, as per the following schedule:

**Detail of Category-Wise Load Management:**

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 (Hrs)	Zero	02 Hrs	02 Hrs	04 Hrs	06 Hrs	08 Hrs	12 Hrs

(b) The available generation is sufficient to meet the country's electricity demand and no-load shedding is being carried out in the country on account of generation shortfall. However, sometimes feeders become faulty due to overloading, short-circuits or other faults because of which consumers have to face un-announced power outages till rectification of fault / restoration of supply.

108. **\*Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Arif:**

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

- (a) the details of Independent Power Producers (IPPs) with active agreements, including commissioning dates and agreement durations of each;*
- (b) the terms and conditions of agreements with each IPP, encompassing pricing mechanisms for electricity, performance standards, benchmarks, penalties and incentives;*
- (c) the average annual electricity production capacity and average electricity produced per annum by each IPP since inception;*

- (d) *the total amount disbursed per year to each IPP under capacity charges, excluding production costs since the inception of each;*
- (e) *whether there are some propositions to review or renegotiate agreements that may be detrimental to end-users; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (f) *whether such propositions are being considered; if not, the rationale behind maintaining the existing agreements as they currently stand?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) The Statement at (**Annex-B**)

(b) As per stipulations of different Power Policies, tariff benchmarks and relevant Power Purchase Agreements.

(c) The Statement at (**Annex-C**)

(d) CPP data for last 10 years is at (**Annex-D**).

(e) The Government has formed “Task Force on Implementing Structural Reform in Power Sector”

These shall give its recommendations on IPPs, which once approved, will be implemented.

(f) As above

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

109. **\*Ms. Aseefa Bhutto Zardari:**

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

(a) *the reason for severe shortage of Gas in the country; and*

(b) *what steps are being taken by the Government to address the aforementioned shortage?*

**Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) With every passing year, the demand of natural gas is

increasing across the country while the indigenous gas supplies are depleting rapidly, thus widening the demand supply gap. During last five years substantial decline in the indigenous gas supply has been noticed *i.e.* from 2378 MMCFD in FY 2018-19 to 1714 MMCFD in FY 2023-24. Despite various new gas discoveries during same period, supply stand at 1714 MMCFD in FY 2023-24 as these new fields have had nominal volumes and have not been able to offset the shortfall.

(b) On supply side, Government is taking several measures to improve supplies which include award of new blocks for oil and gas exploration and import of LNG. On the demand side, steps including ban on expansion in domestic network on indigenous gas, tariff rationalization to conserve and optimize use of gas. Media campaigns for awareness are also being done to sensitize the customers about conservation.

110. \***Malik Shakir Bashir Awan:**

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

- (a) *the names of National Highways where project work is underway at present;*
- (b) *the time by which these projects will be completed; and*
- (c) *when the bridge over Golra Mor, under construction will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan):** (a) List attached at **Annex-A.**

(b) List attached at **Annex-B.**

(c) There is no Bridge at Golra Morr. However, an underpass on main carriageway at Golra Morr is substantially completed and opened to traffic.

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ISLAMABAD:  
The 3rd September, 2024.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary General.

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Wednesday, the 4th September, 2024**

19. **Syed Shah Ahad Ali Shah:**  
(Deferred during 5th Session)

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

- (a) *the detail of the electricity demand, supply and shortfall, if any in District Nowshera at present;*
- (b) *feeder-wise details of losses and recovery of District Nowshera;*
- (c) *feeder-wise details of loadshedding announced (hours) of district Nowshera and reason for unannounced loadshedding thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to eliminate theft and line losses during the last two years in the said district?*

Reply not received.

6. **Mr. Usama Hamza:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *list of the years in which agreements with the IPPs were concluded since its inception;*
- (b) *whether there is scope/space to renegotiate the agreements with th IPPs; if not, the reasons thereof; and*

(c) *the names of the owners and companies of the IPPs in the country?*

Reply not received.

7. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

(a) *whether the work of laying and replacement of electric lines for St. No.15, Mohallah Muslimabad, Dhok Sydan, Rawalpindi has been completed;*

(b) *how much fund was allocated and utilized for aforesaid areas;*

(c) *if not, who is responsible for this negligence; and*

(d) *what action has been taken against responsible persons?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Yes, the work of laying and replacement of electric lines for St. No. 15, Mohallah Muslimabad, Dhoke Sydan, Rawalpindi has been completed under Safety Hazard in all respects. Scope of work is as under:

- Wasp Insulated Conductor      2480 Meter.
- LT Structure                              01 No.

The work was executed by SDO ELR Sub Division City Construction Rawalpindi and handed over to Operation Division Kamalabad as per SOP

(b) For the said work, an amount of Rs. 1,625,083/- was allocated and utilized.

(c) There is no delay, as the work has been completed as per SOP / SDI.

(d) The work stand completed as per approved scope of work and nothing is pending on the part of any IESCO employee, hence, no action is required to be taken against any officer/official.

11. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there are no separate transformers installed for streets lights in Sector I-11/1 and I-11/2, Islamabad as per policy;*
- (b) *if so, when such transformers will be installed in the said sectors for streets lights?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) CDA has not applied to IESCO for provision of separate transformer for street light connections with dedicated transformer in Sector I-11/1 Islamabad. However, 02 X 63 KVA transformers for street light connections at Street No. 6 and 10, Main Double Road, Sector I-11/2 Islamabad were sanctioned on cost deposit basis after fulfilling all codal formalities.

(b) IESCO has confirmed that the above work has been completed.

12. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCOs) Kamali Sadiq feeder in district Rawalpindi is overloaded, with a length stretched to 80 kilometer, connecting different areas to the feeder without any rational planning and as a result, consumers connected to the feeder are facing great difficulties due to low voltage;*
- (b) *if so, the details and reasons thereof; and*

- (c) *what corrective measures are being taken to rationalize the power load on all feeders at the concerned grid station and rationalize the power load of the aforementioned feeder?*

**Minister for Energy (Power Division) (Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari):** (a) Maximum load recorded load on 11kV Kambeli Sadiq Feeder is 175 Amps (during August 2022), which shows that the loading is well within permissible limits. Since 2020-21, partial load of 11kV Sagri Feeder was shifted temporarily on 11 kV Kambeli feeder to meet with the emergency & ensure continuity of supply. But, even after the shifting of this load of 11kV Sagri Feeder, 11kV Kambeli Sadiq Feeder still remains under load. The detail of loading position is as under:

<b>Months</b>	<b>Maximum Load Recorded (in Amps)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
May-22	105	Excluding Sagri Feeder load
Jul-22	160	Including Sagri Feeder load
Aug-22	175	Including Sagri Feeder load
Dec-22	95	Excluding Sagri Feeder load
Jan-23	140	Including Sagri Feeder load
Aug-23	170	Including Sagri Feeder load
Jun-24	165	Including Sagri Feeder load
Jul-24	160	Including Sagri Feeder load

The total length of 11 kV Kambeli Sadiq Feeder is 42.76 km instead of 80 km. The voltage on 11 kV Kambeli Sadiq Feeder at various locations on consumers' meters was checked on 18-07-2024 at night and found within permissible limits *i.e.* 240V, 235V, 235V, 240V, 235V, 233V, 240V, which shows there is no low voltage problem in the said area.

- (b) The above position does not require to mention reason.

(c) Corrective measures are not required as position on the aforementioned feeder is under load.

**37. Mr. Sohail Sultan:**

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

- (a) the details of electricity demand, supply, shortfall and line losses, if any in District Swat particularly in Kabal and Matta Tehsil;*
- (b) feeder-wise details of losses and recovery for aforesaid areas;*
- (c) feeder-wise details of loadshedding scheduled (hours) of aforesaid areas and reason for un-announced loadshedding despite 100 percent recovery of bills; and*
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for reduction of line losses in aforesaid areas?*

Reply not received.

**38. Mr. Sohail Sultan:**

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

- (a) when Kala Kalai (Grid Station) Swat will be completed;*
- (b) why construction of Kala Kalai (Grid Station) Swat has been delayed, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which the constructions of the aforementioned Grid Station will be completed?*

Reply not received.

**39. Syed Waseem Hussain:**

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

- (a) *the details of the Board of Directors of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company(HESCO) and Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC), their names, qualifications, age, domicile; and*
- (b) *decisions of the Board of Directors during the last six months?*

Reply not received.

40. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

*Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state whether it is a fact that action is being taken against the higher responsible functionaries of Pakistan Missions abroad on the failure in performance of their duties during the last two years?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar):**

Foreign Ministry regularly keeps monitoring and reviewing performance of the Head of Missions posted abroad. It is a regular practice. Heads of Missions are provided Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to comply with in every quarter of the year.

41. **Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

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

- (a) *whether electricity's wires have been passing over the houses constructed on main road Shohal Najif Khan, Tehsil Balakot, Mansehra for many years and affecting a number of general public therefrom;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to remove the said wires;*
- (c) *if so, when it will be implemented; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

42. **Syed Rafiullah:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to the Un-Starred Question No.8 replied on 05-08-2024 and to state:*

- (a) the principal amount that was actually obtained through the loan and who was lender;*
- (b) the deadline for the repayment of the principal amount and the amount that has been repaid to date;*
- (c) the separate amount that has been paid, specifically under the category of interest to date;*
- (d) the expected time frame in which the entire amount (Principal and interest) will be fully repaid; and*
- (e) details of the specific digitization initiatives or projects were founded through this loan?*

**Minister for Communications (Mr. Abdul Aleem Khan):** (a) As per signed agreement between the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) and the Exim Bank of South Korea USD 20,635 million will be obtained through the loan The lender of this loan is Exim Bank, South Korea.

(b) The period for repayment of principal amount is 40 years. In addition, there is a grace period of 10 years. No amount has been repaid to the lender so far.

(c) No amount has yet been paid in the category of interest to date.

(d) As per agreement the principal amount and interest will be fully repaid to the lender in 50 years.

(e) To improve access to financial and public services by expanding the geographic reach of ICT infrastructure across the nation including rural regions.

To increase efficiency and the quality of financial and public services by computerizing and modernizing Post Office.

43. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) the details about mine workers who have lost their lives in deadly incidents in those mines;*
- (b) details regarding progress in the implementation of safety and health standards of the workers; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to control deadly mine incidents?*

Reply not received.

44. **Ms. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) the details of the country and crime-wise breakdown of Pakistanis imprisoned abroad;*
- (b) details of Pakistanis on death row abroad alongwith nature of their crimes. gender and age; and*
- (c) what consular assistance has been provided to these prisoners?*

**Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar):** (a) According to data obtained from **88** Pakistan Missions abroad, a total of **19,997** Pakistanis are imprisoned in foreign jails. The details are attached as **Annex-A**.

(b) According to data obtained from our Missions abroad, **68** Pakistani nationals are currently on death row in 10 countries on charges of terrorism, murder and drug trafficking. Among them only two are female and other are males.

(c) The details of Consular assistance provided to the above prisoners are attached as **Annex-B**.

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

45. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the residents of Hareer (Zaireen) and Mathkhawani of Union Council Nikka Pani and its surrounding areas of Tehsil Darband, District Mansehra are deprived from the facility of electricity due to non-installation of LTV poles; and*
- (b) *the time by which chain augmentation or poles will be installed from the funds of Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)?*

Reply not received.

46. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 100 KV transformer could not install up till now in Kajla area of Union Council of Nika Pani, Tehsil Darband, District Mansehra despite the case regarding 50 KV transformer to include in chain augmentation/ELR repeatedly;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which the said case will be dealt alongwith expected date thereof?*

Reply not received.

47. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

*Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the time by which Gas connections of domestic consumers which are lying disconnected for the four years, will be restarted likely?*

**Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** The reconnection process of domestic disconnected consumers has not been halted at any stage till date. Sui Companies

restores all disconnected domestic consumers after clearance of outstanding dues and completion of codal formalities as per approved policy. The consumers which are disconnected for a period more than one year is reconnected after carrying out of survey of the premises and completion of formalities including approval by the concern internal department/committee.

48. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that new Gas connections are not being provided to domestic consumers of Sectors I-11, I-14 and I-16, Islamabad; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which new gas connections will be provided to above said sectors?*

**Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) (Mr. Musadik Masood Malik):** (a) Yes, it is a fact that new indigenous gas connections are not being provided to domestic consumers of Sectors I-11, I-14 and I-16, Islamabad due to moratorium imposed on new domestic connections on indigenous gas by the Government. However, RLNG based connections are being offered in I-11/2 and I-11/3 where network is being commissioned on RLNG.

(b) The applications for new connections by the residents of Sectors I-14 and I-16, Islamabad will be processed as per prevailing policy at that time upon lifting of moratorium by the Government.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 3rd September, 2024.*

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
*Secretary General.*