

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Monday, the 21st April, 2008

43. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to improve environment in the country during the last three years;*
- (b) the names of cities where environmental projects have been launched during the said period alongwith the cost thereof; and*
- (c) the name and address of the firm which launched those projects?*

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi): (a)
The Ministry of Environment has taken the following steps to improve environment in the country during the last three years:—

- The National Environment Policy got approved by the Cabinet in 2005.
- The National Sanitation Policy got approved by the Cabinet in October, 2006.
- The Bio-Safety Rules notified in 2005.
- The Environmental Monitoring System (EMS) established throughout the country. Under this, Islamabad and four Provincial Capitals are being continuously monitored for Air Quality.
- The Environmental Laboratories of Federal and all Provincial EPAs upgraded.

- The Environmental Protection Tribunals (EPTs) established at Quetta and Peshawar, and all EPTs (4) in four provinces made functional.
- The Self Monitoring and Reporting Tools (SMART) for industry launched Nation wide.
- Vehicular Emission Testing (VET) Unit established at Islamabad and VETS unit for Peshawar strengthened.
- Various standards related to Air, Water, Soil and Noise drafted and presently under consultative process.
- 46 projects have been launched during the last three years. Year-wise detail is as under:—
 - (i) 2005-06 22 projects
with a total cost of Rs. 1709.758 million.
 - (ii) 2006-07 08 projects
with a total cost of Rs. 906.262 million.
 - (iii) 2007-08 16 projects
with a total cost of Rs. 12616.85 million.

Total: Rs. 15,232.87 Million

(b) Details containing names of cities, project costs and duration of 46 projects for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 are attached at Annex-I, II and III.

(c) The projects are being executed through Provincial Governments, Government of AJ and K, Northern Area Administration, Attached Departments of Ministry of Environment and Pak-PWD. Details indicating title of the projects, costs, duration etc. are at Annex-I, II and III.

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

44. ***Mrs. Belum Husnain:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to launch projects for environment in the country with the assistance of World Bank during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09; if so, the details of funds provided by the said bank?

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi): The Government of Pakistan is presently implementing “Protected Areas Management Project” with the grant assistance of US \$ 10.7 million from Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the World Bank. Protected Areas Management Project seeks to improve management of three national parks *viz.* Hingol (Balochistan), Citral Gol (NWFP) and Machiara (AJK). The project was started in 2003 and has been extended upto December, 2009.

Further, the World Bank will provide a grant of US\$ 570,000 under Japan Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) Technical Assistance Program for “Capacity Building for Carbon Finance in Pakistan”. A formal grant agreement has been signed between Government of Pakistan and World Bank and the funds will be provided during the year 2008-2009.

Moreover, the Ministry of Environment has moved a proposal through Economic Affairs Division for the World Bank’s managed Japan Policy and Human Resource Development (PHRD) grant amounting to US \$ 500,000 for development of projects for the implementation of National Environment Policy (NEP). The negotiations are underway with the World Bank and EAD as the proposal is at its initial stages.

45. ***Mufti Ajmal Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Khushal Garh Bridge on Indus River is in dilapidated condition at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken for repair of the said bridge; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal to construct an alternate bridge on the said site; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Communications (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Ownership of the bridge rests with Pakistan Railways, NHA is however maintaining it through resurfacing with Bitmac (Bitmac is material comprised of Bitumen and Aggregated), construction of retaining walls and concrete on shoulders, etc.

(c) Yes, NHA has included this project as a part of its 5 years development plan.

46. ***Mian Abdus Sattar:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct Motorway from Faisalabad to Multan; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Communications (Ch. Nisar Ali Khan): Yes, partly National Highway Authority (NHA) has planned construction of Faisalabad-Khanewal Expressway (E-4) during 2008—12 which will be linked to Multan on the National Highway (N-5).

47. ***Mian Abdus Sattar:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the loss suffered by PIA during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 alongwith the reasons thereof?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): The losses suffered by PIA during the period from 2005 to 2007 are as under:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Loss after Tax</u> (Rupees in Million)
2005	4,412
2006	12,763
2007	13,399

Note: PIA financial year is from January to December,

Reasons for Losses:

- (a) **Competitive market.**
- (b) **Huge increase in fuel prices.**
- (c) **Increasing financial cost on Bank borrowings.**
- (d) **Imposition of operating restrictions by European Union.**

48. ***Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the countries from where oil and petrol have been imported during the year 2007-08; and*

(b) *the method adopted for fixation of oil and petrol prices in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) (i) Import of Crude Oil and petroleum products are totally de-regulated. Refineries import crude oil from the following countries:

- Saudi Arabia.
- Iran.
- Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Qatar.

(ii) Petroleum Products like HSD, Furnace Oil, and Petrol were imported by OMCs and traders during July, 2007 to March, 2008 from the following countries—

- Kuwait.
- Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Saudi Arabi.
- Singapore.
- Bahrain.
- Oman.
- Sudan.

(b) The domestic sale prices are determined by the OGRA based on the average fortnightly published prices of petroleum products in international market (Arab Gulf market).

49. ***Syed Javed Hassnain Shah:**

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

(a) *the total number of applications submitted to the Federal Ombudsman during the period from 1st January, 2004 to 31st December, 2007, year-wise for redressal of grievances;*

- (b) *the total number of applications decided so far alongwith those pending at present;*
- (c) *the names of Divisions where Regional Offices of the Federal Ombudsman have been established; and*
- (d) *the time by which Regional Office will be set up in the remaining Divisions?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights (Mr. Farooq H. Naik): (a) The total number of complaints submitted to the Honourable Wafaqi Mohtasib during the period 1st January, 2004 to 31st December, 2007 is 75,640 . Year-wise break-up is as follows:—

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Complaints</u>
2004	25,327
2005	15,136
2006	11,887
2007	23,290
Total:	75,640

(b) Total number of complaints decided during the period 1st January 2004 to 31st December 2007 is **81,216**. This includes the disposal of compalints carried over from previous years.

The number of complaints pending as of 10th April 2008 is **9,486**.

(c) Presently there are eight regional offices of the Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman)'s Secretariat, as given below:

Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Peshawar, D. I. Khan, Quetta, Karachi and Sukkur.

(d) There is no immediate plan to establish any other regional office, although the opening of an office in Gilgit, to provide access to the Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsdman)'s services to the Northern Areas, is under consideration.

50. ***Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

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

(a) *the number of cases of human rights violations registered throughout the country during the last three years alongwith the places thereof; and*

(b) *the steps taken to curb the said violations?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights (Mr. Farooq H. Naik):

(a) The total number of cases of Human Rights violations registered through out the country during the last 3 years *i.e.* 2005—2007 is **59,962**. Province-wise break-up is as under:—

<u>Province</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
Punjab	18,746
Sindh	5,668
NWFP	34,296
Balochistan	1,252
Total:	59,962

(b) Four province-wise statements are attached at Annex-I to IV.

(c) Human Rights Division being focal entity of the federation on Human Rights keeps a close liaison with provincial Governments, NGOs and International fora to introduce measures for curbing Human Rights violations. Mass awareness and dissemination of information about Human Rights are effectively reducing such violations. Moreover, Masalehati Committees established at Police Stations are playing an important role to resolve petty disputes.

Annex-I

**DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE
PROVINCE OF PUNJAB FOR THE YEAR 2005—2007**

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
1.	Lahore	3605
2.	Sheikhupura	140

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
3.	Nankana Sahib	536
4.	Kasur	668
5.	Okara	1559
6.	Gujranwala	4676
7.	Hafizabad	90
8.	Gujarat	12
9.	Mandi Bahauddin	46
10.	Sialkot	—
11.	Narowal	—
12.	Rawalpindi	770
13.	Jhelum	—
14.	Attock	—
15.	Chakwal	—
16.	Sargodha	15
17.	Khushab	—
18.	Mianwali	141
19.	Faisalabad	350
20.	Toba Tek Singh	19
21.	Bhakkar	130
22.	Jhang	1772
23.	Multan	937
24.	Sahiwal	20
25.	Khanewal	22
26.	Vehari	1767
27.	Lodhran	445
28.	Pakpattan	897
29.	D.G. Khan	—
30.	Muzaffargarh	14

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
31.	Rajanpur	95
32.	Layyah	17
33.	Bahawalpur	03
34.	Bahawalnagar	—
35.	Rahimyar Khan	—
Total:		18,746

Annex-II

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE
PROVINCE OF SINDH FOR THE YEAR 2005—2007

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
1.	Badin	98
2.	Dadu	368
3.	Ghotki	347
4.	Hyderabad	294
5.	Jacobabad	279
6.	Jamshoro	123
7.	Karachi	1311
8.	Kashmore	180
9.	Khairpur	442
10.	Larkana	306
11.	Matairi	91
12.	Mirpurkhas	130

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
13.	Naushahro Feroze	232
14.	Nawabshah	210
15.	Sanghar	280
16.	Sukkur	258
17.	Shikarpur	307
18.	Shahdadkot/Kamber	196
19.	Tando Allahyar	26
20.	Tando Muhammad Khan	41
21.	Thatta	83
22.	Tharparkar	11
23.	Umarkot	55
Total:		5,668

Annex-III

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE
PROVINCE OF NWFP FOR THE YEAR 2005—2007

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
1.	Peshawar	7339
2.	Charsadda	1843
3.	Nowshera	1459
4.	Mardan	2431

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
5.	Swabi	1644
6.	Kohat	1233
7.	Hangu	772
8.	Karak	710
9.	Abbottabad	1684
10.	Haripur	1422
11.	Mansehra	2062
12.	Batagram	361
13.	Kohistan	332
14.	Bannu	1584
15.	Lukky	1253
16.	D. I. Khan	1960
17.	Tank	469
18.	Swat	2053
19.	Shangla	410
20.	Buner	570
21.	Dir Lower	919
22.	Dir Upper	1307
23.	Chitral	479
Total:		34,296

Annex-IVDISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE
PROVINCE OF BALOCHISTAN FOR THE YEAR 2005—2007

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
1.	Awaran	03
2.	Barkhan	—
3.	Chaghi	68
4.	Deara Bughti	14
5.	Gawadar	08
6.	Jaffarabad	114
7.	Jhal Masgi	25
8.	Killa Abadullah	47
9.	Killah Saifullah	04
10.	Kalat	23
11.	Kohlu	02
12.	Khuzdar	83
13.	Kharan	06
14.	Kachi/Bolan	16
15.	Kech at Turbat	04
16.	Loralai	27
17.	Lasbela	30
18.	Mastung	31

S. No.	District	Total Number of Crimes
19.	Musa Khail	02
20.	Nasirabad at D. M. Jamali	99
21.	Noshki	03
22.	Pishin	17
23.	Panjgoor	10
24.	Quetta	576
25.	Sibi	22
26.	Sherani	—
27.	Washuk	—
28.	Zhob	16
29.	Ziarat	02
Total:		1,252

51. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken to improve the supply of gas and oil in the country during the years from 2003 to 2007 alongwith the achievements accrued thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to decrease the prices of petrol and diesel; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) In order to enhance supply of oil and gas in the country, the Government besides taking other steps, has placed high priority on local exploration

of oil and gas in Pakistan to ensure security of supply and also to reduce burden on foreign exchange being spent on import of energy. For enhancing local supplies of oil and gas, following steps have been taken:—

- (i) The Government has granted 96 exploration licenses to various E and P companies from 2003—2007. At present 124 exploration licences are active.
- (ii) The Government has started target marketing to attract multi-national companies for investment. As a result major companies like Shell Petrobras, BP Niko Resources ENI MOL, OMV, have acquired blocks for exploration of hydrocarbons.
- (iii) A “Basin Study” is near to completion to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of different sedimentary basins of the country for further enhancing interest of new investors.
- (iv) A new Petroleum Policy 2007 has been introduced to attract foreign and local investment.
- (v) As a result of continued efforts, current oil and gas production in the country has reached at 73,000 barrels of oil per day and 4 billion cubic of feet gas per day respectively, as compared to the year 2002-03 when oil production was 64,268 BOPD and gas production was 2,719 Billion Cubic Ft. per day.

Besides, aforesaid steps the Government is exploring possibilities of import of gas from Iran and Turkmenistan. The Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline project for import of gas from Iran is also at final stages. Option of import of LNG is also under active consideration. Besides, establishment of an oil refinery project has also been initiated at Khalifa point, which is expected to be completed by the year 2012.

(b) No. The government is already providing a huge subsidy on POL prices to the consumers.

52. ***Chaudhry Muhammad Barjees Tahir:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Military Personnels who have been decorated with medals during the last ten years; and*
- (b) *the performance for which those medals were awarded?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) Number of military medals awarded during the last ten years *i.e.* from 1998 to 2007 are as under:—

(i) Operational Medals	78
(ii) Non-operational Medals	3595
(iii) Tamgha-i-Khidmat for JCOs, NCOs and Ors	21299
(iv) One time medal of Tamgha-i-Baqa	7,35,000
(v) One time medal of Tamgha-i-Istaqlal	4,24,470

(b) Military Medals are awarded on the basis of acts of valour, courage and meritorious services etc. One time medals were awarded in recognition of particular events.

53. ***Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the reasons of ban imposed by European countries on PIA flights during the last three years; and*
- (b) *the present status of the said ban?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) According to Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) programme, ramp inspections were carried out on PIA aircraft (s) coming into Europe. Based on this inspection, the European Commission (EC) imposed a partial operating ban in March 2007 on PIA's 20 aircraft out of the fleet on 42. The said ban remained imposed on these aircraft for 09 months and not for 03 years as indicated by the honorable member.

(b) Based on PIA corrective measures certified by CAA Pakistan, the ban was lifted in November 2007.

54. ***Dr. Donya Aziz:**

Will the Minister for Environment be pleased to state the number of Hectors of forested land in the country during the years 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2007?

Minister for Environment (Mr. Hameed Ullah Jan Afridi): According to the field survey and satellite based assessment in 1992, total area under forest cover was 4.224 million hectares (or 4.8% of total and area). Another assessment conducted by Ministry of Environment in 2003-2004, has reported that area under forest cover has increased to 4.392 million hectares (5.01% of total land area).

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 20th April, 2008.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Monday, the 21st April, 2008****14. Ch. Anwar Ali Cheema:***Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Sui Gas has not yet been supplied to the residents of street Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Shams Colony, Golra More, Islamabad so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal to supply Sui gas in the said area; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is a fact that gas has not been supplied to the residents of Street Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Shams Colony Golra More, Islamabad so far Gas could not be provided earlier as SNGPL's distribution network did not exist in these streets.

(b) Yes, there is a proposal to supply gas to the residents of Street Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Shams Colony Golra More, Islamabad. SNGPL has already laid 875 meters pipeline in the said streets. This network is under testing for commissioning of gas supply which work is expected to be completed by 30th June, 2008. Thereafter, gas connections shall be provided subject to completion of contractual formalities by the applicants on turn/merit basis.

15. Mufti Ajmal Khan:*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of vehicles hired for all the projects of SNGPL during the financial year 2007-08; and*
- (b) *the names and the address of owners of those vehicles, alongwith the monthly expenses incurred thereon?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The number of vehicles hired for all the projects of SNGPL during the financial year 2007-08 is 211.

(b) The names and the addresses of owners of these vehicles alongwith the monthly expenses incurred thereon are at Annex-A, B & C.

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

16. **Mrs. Yasmeen Rehman:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of persons appointed in the Ministry during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 on permanent and contract basis; and*
- (b) *the total number of staff removed from service during the said period alongwith the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) In all 78 persons on permanent basis and 07 persons on contract basis were appointed in Ministry of Defence, during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07. Year wise breakup is at annexure-I.

(b) Service of 02 employees (BPS 1 and 12) have been terminated during the said period after completion of all codal formalities due to their long unauthorized absence from duty.

Annexure-I

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(Defence Division)

(a) **Detail of persons appointed in Ministry of Defence during last 3 years on permanent basis.**

Year	Number of Persons appointed
2004-05 (01-07-2004—30-06-2005)	13

Year	Number of Persons appointed
2005-06 (01-07-2005—30-06-2006)	21
2006-07 (01-07-2006—30-06-2007)	44
Total:	78

(b) **Detail of persons appointed on contract basis in Ministry of Defence during last 3 years.**

Year	Number of Persons appointed
2004-05	01
2005-06	Nil
2006-07	06
Total:	07

17. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that survey was conducted for the supply of Sui gas in Piplan City, Mianwali-II, NA-72; if so, the date thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which Sui Gas will be supplied in the said area?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is a fact that survey for supply of gas to Piplan City, District Mianwali was carried out in April 2004.

(b) The said locality does not meet the per consumer cost criteria of Rs. 20,000 fixed by the Government for the province of Punjab. As such, the company

has no plan, for the time being, to supply gas to the residents of Piplan City, District Mianwali from its own resources.

18. **Mr. Humair Hayat Rokhri:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to supply Sui Gas to Mohallah Loharan Wala near Mari Railway Station, Kalabagh, District Mianwali; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for supply of gas to Mohallah Loharan Wala near Railway Station, Kalabagh, District Mainwali.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 20th April, 2008.