

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 2nd January, 2012

(Originally Starred Question Nos. 34 and 35 were set down for answer on 19-12-2011)

34. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to make the Pakistan Post as corporation; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) whether there is also any proposal under consideration to merge SME Bank into the Pakistan Post to make a Post Bank; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij): (a) At present, no proposal to make the Pakistan Post as corporation is under consideration.

(b) A proposal for Establishment of Post Bank with merger of Finance services of Pakistan Post and SME Bank was received from Privatization Commission. The proposal was not found feasible by Pakistan Post and a reply was accordingly given.

35. ***Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of departments functioning under the Ministry at present; and*
- (b) *the services rendered by those departments for the maintenance and protection of national heritage in the country?*

Minister for National Heritage and Integration (Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) The details of Departments functioning under the Ministry at present are:

- National Council of the Arts, Islamabad.
- Department of Archaeology & Museums, Islamabad.
- Lok Virsa, Islamabad.
- Academy of Letters, Islamabad.
- Federal Land Commission. Islamabad.
- National Language Authority, Islamabad.
- National & Other languages, Islamabad.
- Quaid-e-Azam Papers Wing, Islamabad.
- Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore.
- Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore.
- Quaid-e-Azam Academy, Karachi.
- Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board, Karachi.

(b) The Federal Department of Archaeology and Museums is the continuation of the “Archaeological Survey of India” which was created in 1861 during the Colonial Period for archaeological survey, archaeological researches including excavations, protection, preservation and conservation of the moveable and immovable antiquities of the British India. After creation of Pakistan we inherited the same department by changing its nomenclature as the “Department of Archaeology & Museums”.

Since then the Department of Archaeology and Museums rendered following services for the maintenance and protection of national heritage in the country:

1. The Department protected 403 archaeological sites and historical monuments under Antiquities Act, 1975, throughout the country.
2. Due to efforts of the Department the UNESCO has inscribed six archaeological sites and monuments of Pakistan on the World Heritage List.
3. Besides the Department has submitted a list of 10 archaeological sites and monuments of Pakistan to include in “Tentative List” of UNESCO. The same have been accepted by the UNESCO for inscription on World Heritage List in future.
4. The Department took all possible measures for preservation and upkeep of the sites and monuments under its control.
5. The Department has taken extensive archaeological surveys and research in the country which has pushed back the history of mankind in Pakistan from 2500 BC. to two million years.
6. The Department has provided training facilities to the professionals and students of its sisterly organization and universities.
7. The department successfully collaborate and cooperate with international and national agencies for preventing the smuggling of the cultural heritage of the nation.
8. The Department established four conservation laboratories for preservation and conservation of the cultural heritage artifacts.
9. The department has arranged 50 international exhibitions of the cultural artifacts in different countries to promote cultural heritage of Pakistan at international level.
10. The Department has established 13 museums in Pakistan since 1947 for preservation, and display of the cultural heritage artifacts for the public.

Under 18th constitutional amendment the archaeological sites and monuments, which were placed at concurrent list were devolved to the respective provinces. The museums under the administrative control of the Department were also devolved to the provinces despite of their existence on Federal Legislative List (Part-I).

@86. ***Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

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

- (a) *the number of times OGRA was approached for increase in the prices of POL products since March, 2008 till date alongwith details thereof;*
- (b) *the aspects observed in determining the price of POL products; and*
- (c) *whether OGRA conducted public hearing for obtaining opinion regarding increase in the price of POL products; if so, whether the opinion of general public was incorporated in the price of petroleum products; if so, the criteria adopted therein?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) During the period March-2008 till May-2011, OGRA computed the POL products prices on a fortnightly/monthly basis as per the Federal Government approved formula and the same were sent to Federal Government and were accordingly notified after the receipt of F.G. advice. Since June 01, 2011, POL prices, except SKO, have been deregulated and are being notified by OMCs themselves. Prices of Petrol & Diesel have been increased 21 and 24 times respectively since March 2008 on the advice of Federal Government (details attached).

(b) The Federal Government has linked the local fuel prices with the international Arab Gulf oil market. Accordingly, the local oil prices depend on the below mentioned cost elements:

- i. FOB Arab Gulf price
- ii. Exchange Rate

- iii. Sea Freight
- iv. Premium
- v. Import Incidentals (Insurance, L.C charges etc.)
- vi. Custom/Deemed Duty
- vii. Inland Freight Equalization Margin
- viii. OMC and Dealer Margins
- ix. Petroleum Levy
- x. 16% Sales Tax

(c) It is the Federal Government that decides to pass on the increase/decrease in the petroleum prices owing to international prices trend by adjusting petroleum levy, OGRA's role is restricted to the extent of price computation only. OGRA therefore does not conduct any public hearing in this regard.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

129. ***Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) the details of nature of work assigned to NAB; and*
- (b) the year-wise performance made by NAB during the last three years till date?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio): (a) National Accountability Bureau, (NAB) being an anti-corruption Organization is charged with the responsibility of elimination of corruption through holistic approach of awareness, prevention and enforcement. NAB operates under the National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999. The enforcement operations of the Bureau reflect significant progress during the period 2009 till November 2011.

The Bureau's operational functions are enumerated in section 9 of the NAO which covers the offences of corruption and corrupt practices punishable under Section 10 of the Ordinance.

(b) During the last three years, this Bureau has authorized 871 inquiries while completed 578 inquiries. Out of the completed inquiries 278 investigations were authorized while completed 335 investigations including backlog of the previous years. From the completed investigations 253 references have been filed in the courts. During the period 164 references have been resulted into convictions of the accused persons while 125 references end up with the acquittal of the accused persons.

The provisions of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) allowed NAB to recover the embezzled / looted / defaulted amount or illegal gains from the accused persons through Voluntary Return and Plea Bargain. During the period NAB has recovered an amount of Rs.9528 millions from the accused persons.

130. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether it is a fact that delay in arrival and departure of PIA flights during Hajj has become a routine; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): PIA's Post-Hajj Operation had started *w.e.f.* 10th November, 2011 and due to development of congestion at Jeddah, consequential delays did occur.

It is worth mentioning that Pre-Hajj Operation *ex-Pakistan* was concluded smoothly as the agencies were geared up to facilitate Hujjaj. Where as during Post-Hajj Operation, the process was reversed whereby all Hajj flights were dispatched from one terminal *i.e.* Jeddah Hajj terminal from where approximately 100000 Hujjaj traveled back to Pakistan in one day which naturally created huge congestion at airport. That congestion proved to be the first hurdle in ensuring on time departure.

Transportation of Hujjaj from Macca / Madina to Jeddah Hajj terminal by Moulims/Moassassas, passenger check in and baggage acceptance, Immigration / Security checks and boarding were few reasons that contributed in Post-Hajj flight delays.

131. ***Ms. Shaheen Ishfaq:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 96 replied on 23-11-2011 and to state:

- (a) *the quantity of oil being produced daily in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the oil exploration projects launched in Gilgit-Baltistan during the last three years till date alongwith the locations thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

- (a) Currently 64811 barrels of crude oil per day is being produced in the country.
- (b) Nil.

132. ***Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise percentage of increase made in the prices of petrol since 1-1-2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the number of times the prices of petrol were decreased in the country proportionate to decrease in international market during the said period?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

- (a) The year-wise percentage of increase made in the prices of petrol since 1-1-2008 till date are as under:—

<u>Year</u> <u>Date w.e.f</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>increas / decreas</u>
1-1-2007	57.70	
1-1-2008	53.70	-6.9%
1-1-2009	57.66	7.4%
1-1-2010	65.11	12.9%
1-1-2011	79.67	22.4%
1-12-2011	87.89	10.3%

(b) The detail is as under:—

Number of times the prices of petrol decreased in the country: 20

Number of times the prices of petrol decreased in International Market: 27

133. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

(a) *the year-wise total quantity of oil refined by oil refineries in the country during the period from 1-1-2008 till date; and*

(b) *the reasons of the shortage of oil supply in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) The year-wise quantity of crude oil refined / processed by oil refineries from 1-1-2008 to 30-6-2011 is as under:—

Year/period	Quantity Million Tons
Jan-June 2008	5.78
July, 2008—June 2009	10.74
July, 2009—June 2010	9.98
July, 2010—June, 2011	9.77
July, 2011—Sept., 2011	2.20
Total	38.47

(b) At present there is no shortage of Oil in the country.

134. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the entire fleet of drilling rigs of the OGDCL has completed its normal lifespan;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that OGDCL hired rigs from the local and foreign companies for the development of oil and gas fields in the country during the recent past; if so, the amount paid as rent to those companies during the fiscal years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11;*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that average production of the OGDCL has decreased considerably; if so, the year-wise production of OGDCL during the said period;*
- (d) the reasons not to purchase new rigs so far alongwith the action taken against the responsables; and*
- (e) the steps being taken to purchase new rigs at the earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) No, the entire fleet of OGDCL rigs has not completed its normal lifespan. All the rigs are operational.

(b) Yes, rigs have been hired from foreign drilling companies only- OGEC-CRACOW rigs (Polish) and SPA and GWDC and CNPC rigs (Chinese). The number of rigs hired is determined by the number of wells to be drilled each year, as specified in the Company's Business Plan.

Details of payment made to Rig Contractors during the period 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 is given below:

Sr. No.	Contractor Name	Amount Paid (Rs. In Million)		
		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
1.	Oil & Gas Engineering Company, SPA China	1,369.423	815.106	Nil
2.	Great Wall Drilling Company, China	3,964.613	3,183.903	Nil
3.	Oil & Gas Exploration Company, Cracow Poland	546.458	589.362	614.905
4.	CNPC Chuanqing Drilling Engineering Company, China	Nil	493.701	3,943.407
	Total	5,880.494	5,082.072	4,558.312

(c) Yes, it is a fact that average production (oil and gas) of OGDCL has decreased in the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 as compared to 2008-09. Year-wise production is given below:

Production	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Oil (BBLs)	14,791,344	13,109,222	13,305,163
Gas (MMSCF)	339,797	312,201	313,992

(d) OGDCL intends to procure two rigs to enhance the drilling capabilities. Previous rig procurement case was annulled due to non responsiveness of the prospective bidders. The revised 02 drilling rigs procurement case is in process.

(e) A fresh case is under preparation to invite quotations for purchase of rigs. OGDCL intends to procure two new rigs to enhance its drilling capabilities. The process of procurement has been set in motion.

135. ***Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the licences have been issued by the government for setting up terminals and import of LNG during the last five years; if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted therein;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that some companies whom such licences have been issued failed to accomplish the task of setting up terminals and import of LNG; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to investigate the failure of aforesaid companies in order to take appropriate action against responsables?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) Yes, three licenses have been issued for setting up LNG terminals (offshore) in the vicinity of Port Qasim, Karachi by OGRA in accordance with provisions of OGRA Ordinance, LNG Policy and OGRA LNG Rules 2007. Detail of these licenses is given as under please:—

Sr. No.	Name of LNG Developer	Provisional License issuance dated	Filing date of application by the Project Proponent for the License	Public Hearing Conducted By OGRA	License Issuance date	Type of license issued	Expected RLNG volume
i.	Pakistan Gas Port Limited	May 14, 2009	June 08, 2010	Jan 04, 2011	Oct 03, 2011	Construction License of LNG Receiving Terminal. operation. sales and marketing of RLNG/LNG	400

Sr. No.	Name of LNG Developer	Provisional License issuance dated	Filing date of application by the Project Proponent for the License	Public Hearing Conducted By OGRA	License Issuance date	Type of license issued	Expected RLNG volume
ii.	Global Energy Infrastructure Limited	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2011	Sept. 12, 2011	Oct 03, 2011	Construction License of LNG Receiving Terminal. operation. sales and marketing of RLNG/LNG	500
iii.	Engro Corporation Limited	December 30, 2011	February 03, 2011	Sept. 13, 2011	Oct 03, 2011	Construction License of LNG Receiving Terminal. operation. sales and marketing of RLNG/LNG	500

A Provisional License has also been issued by OGRA to DSME ENR, Korea on June 29, 2011. In pursuance of LNG Policy, there is no obligation for a private project developer to obtain a license for import of LNG.

(b) No, As mentioned in the reply of (a) above, all the LNG Developers who have been granted licenses are at the various stages of project development /implementation.

(c) The reply is already given against para (b) above.

136. ***Ms. Imrana Saeed Jamil:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the production of oil and gas by making old and non-functioning fields operational;*
- (b) *if so, steps taken so far in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

- (a) Yes, OGDCL is working on its various non-functional fields to increase its oil & gas production.
- (b) The steps taken so far in this regard are elaborated at Annex-A.

Annex-A

The OGDCL has taken following steps to increase oil/gas production from its non functional fields.

NUR & Bagla Gas Condensate Field

- Nur Gas Condensate fields is located in Thatta Exploration License, and is 15 K.M. from SSGCL pipeline and UEP (Pakistan) Golarchi Field.
- The field was discovered in 1991.
- Bagla was discovered by M/s Philips Petroleum in 1989 and is located in the same vicinity.
- The on-going development phase is expected to be completed in April 2012.
- Expected production of Condensate & Gas is 100 BPD and 11 MMSCFD respectively. The Gas would be supplied to SSGCL.

SARA WEST Gas Field

- Sara West Development & Production Lease was granted to Tullow (Development) Ltd. (60%) and OGDCL (40%) in June 2001.

- Field is located in Ghotki district of Sindh province.
- The Sara West Field was acquired by OGDCL (100%) in 2006.
- The low BTU Gas of Sara West will be processed to 300 BTU/SCF. The Gas processing would reduce the gas volume from raw gas of 120 MMSCFD to processed gas 40 MMSCFD.
- The gas would be supplied to M/S Engro after drilling of additional wells and installation of processing facilities within 02 years after allocation of Sara Gas to M/S Engro.

JAKHRO Gas Condensate Field

- Jakhro field is located in district Sanghar of Sindh Province. Field was discovered in 1998.
- Development & Production Lease over this area was granted to the joint venture of OGDCL (77.50%) & Government Holdings Private Ltd (GHPL) (22.50%).
- The expected production of Condensate & Gas is 238 BPD and 6 MMSCFD respectively. The produced Gas would be supplied to SSGCL after dehydration.

JANDRAN Gas Field

- Jandran Exploration License was granted to OGDCL on 20th September 1989. It is located in Loralai, Barkhan Districts and Kohlu Agency of Balochistan Province.
- The Security situation in Jandran remained deteriorated and consequently Force Majeure was declared.
- Efforts were again made to mobilize OGDCL's seismic party in the area with the help of security agencies but the party was attacked and Force Majeure could not be lifted. The expected Gas production from Jandran is 6 MMSCFD.

137. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.96 replied on 23-11-2011 and to state the advantages obtained by the steps taken since March, 2008 till date to increase the daily production of oil?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

As a result of steps taken by the Government during the reported period, the following advantages were obtained;

- (i) 21434.78 L Kms 2D seismic and 11885,8 Sq. Kms 3D seismic have been acquired.
- (ii) 85 Exploratory and 171 Appraisal/Development wells have been supplied.
- (iii) 32 Discoveries have been made.
- (iv) 35.17 Million Barrels of anticipated recoverable oil reserves and 582.48 Billion Cubic Feet (BCF) anticipated recoverable gas reserves from 15 discoveries have been added in the national hydrocarbon reserves, whereas the rest of discoveries are under evaluation/ appraisal.

138. ***Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.97 replied on 23-11-2011 and to state:

- (a) *the names of the companies preparing mineral water in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the said mineral water is being prepared as per hygienic standards; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Science and Technology (Mir Changez Khan Jamali):

(a) There are 04 companies in the PSQCA network producing Natural mineral water as per PS:. 2102 and 264 companies are producing Bottle Drinking Water as per PS: 4639 / 2004(R). List is Annexed A.

(b) The Bottled Drinking water and Natural mineral water is prepared as per above noted. Pakistan Standards including hygienic condition. The same is verified during the quarterly inspection and random inspection from open market. If any company does not maintain the hygienic condition as required in Pakistan Standards as mentioned above, its license is cancelled

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

139. ***Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:**

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

- (a) *the country and price-wise total quantity of petroleum products imported during the financial year 2010-11; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that huge amount of foreign exchange was incurred on the import of petroleum products during the last years; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) PSO arranges about 3 million tons of diesel annually from Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), Kuwait under term contract while the balance quantities of diesel and other products are procured through open tenders by PSO and other OMCs, whosoever offers lowest price.

The quantity and average price of imported petroleum products during the financial year 2010-11 are given as under:

(Quantity in 000 M.tons, Price in \$US/MT)

Product	Quantity	Price
Diesel	3,777.50	810.95
Furnace Oil	6,660.73	574.17
Jet Fuel	800.69	898.13
Petrol	1,129.69	859.52

(b) Yes. Details are given at Annexure.

Annex**Import Bill for Petroleum Products during the last Three Years**

(Qty in 000 M.Tonnes, Value in Million Dollars)

Item	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
HSD	4,395	2,862	4,395	2,725	3,778	3,063
FO	5,077	2,022	6,799	3,184	6,661	3,749
JP-1	250	156	603	414	801	719
MS	249	151	577	422	1,130	971
Total	9,971	5,191	12,374	6,745	12,369	8,502

140. *Ms. Shahnaz Saleem:*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to ensure the delivery of mail within 24 hours in the country; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to take steps for the improvement in administrative affairs; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Mohammad Umar Gorgeij): (a) Yes. In this regard, the entire mail arrangement has already been reviewed thoroughly and in the first phase measurers have been introduced for overnight delivery in Provincial Capitals. This, later on, will be replicated in other cities as well. Since it is a continuous process, Pakistan Post has to cover far flung areas where courier services are not functioning, time frame cannot be given.

(b) Improvement in administrative affairs with regards to delivery of mail is a continuous process and necessary steps are taken as and when changes in the mail arrangements are required.

141. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

(a) *the total number of Oil Refineries functioning in the country at present alongwith the locations thereof; and*

(b) *the refining capacity of those refineries at present?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) Six oil refineries are operating in the country.

Locations are as under:—

S. No.	Name of Refinery and location
1.	Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO), Mahrnood Kot, Muzafargarh.
2.	National Refinery Limited (NRL), Karachi
3.	Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL), Karachi
4.	Attock Refinery Limited (ARL), Rawalpindi
5.	Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BYCO), Hub, Baluchistan
6.	Enar Petrotech Refining Facility, Karachi

(b) Refining capacity of above refineries are as under:—

S. No.	Name of Refinery	Capacity (Barrels per Day)
1.	Pak-Arab Refinery Limited	100,000
2.	National Refinery Limited	62,050
3.	Pakistan Refinery Limited	47,110
4.	Attock Refinery Limited	42,000
5.	Byco Petroleum Pakistan Ltd	35,000
6.	Enar Petrotech Services Ltd	2,500

142. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total number of Sui gas pipelines damaged through blasts in Balochistan and Khuber Pakhtunkhwa during the last two years alongwith the locations thereof;*
- (b) *the steps being taken to control such incidents; and*
- (c) *the year-wise total expenditures incurred on the repairing of above Sui gas pipelines?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) Year-wise number of blasts, which damaged the natural gas pipelines, in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last two years is as under:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Blasts</u>
2009-10	19
2010-11	101
Total	120

The locations of the said blasts are mentioned at **Annex-I**.

(b) The steps being taken to control such incidents at present are at **Annex-II**.

(c) Year-wise total expenditure, incurred on the repairing of above said gas pipelines is as under:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Expenditure</u> <u>(Rs. In millions)</u>
2009-10	1410.77
2010-11	1037.02
Total	2447.79

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

143. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Hajj Operation-2011 has not been completed within the stipulated time due to shortage of aircrafts of PIA; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to remove the said shortage; if so, when it will be implemented?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that the Hajj operation has not been completed within the stipulated time. In fact it commenced on 30th September, 2011 and completed on 10th December, 2011 as planned.

144. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the number of PIA flights are being delayed in the arrival due to the shortage of aeroplanes with PIA;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken to combat the said situation?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) and (b)

- Consequent upon CAA Pakistan requirement for complete shake down inspection and rectification of entire PIA fleet, number of aircraft were under checks during 1st to 15th December, 2011. As a result number of schedule interruptions took place.
- However, shake down inspections of aircraft have now been completed and all aircraft are in operation. Some aircraft are undergoing checks in Engineering Department as per routine maintenance schedule.
- Please note that aircraft maintenance checks are a regulatory requirement and are required to be carried out at regular intervals on all aircraft.

145. ***Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) the total reservoirs of gas in the country at present alongwith the locations thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to explore more reservoirs of gas in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) The requisite informations are at Annexure-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

(b) The Government has taken the following steps to enhance oil and gas production/activities in the country:

- (i) Exploration licenses over 30 blocks were signed during the last calendar year *i.e.*, 2010.
- (ii) The Petroleum Exploration and Production Policy 2011 is in the offering to provide additional incentives to the investors for exploration of oil & gas in Pakistan. These additional incentives would take care of extra risk taken by E&P companies for doing business under the present security/law and order problems.
- (iii) Presently 133 exploration licenses have been granted for exploration of oil & gas in the country.
- (iv) Presently, 130 D&P Leases are operative for the enhancement of production of oil/gas in the country and 127 fields are producing oil/gas at the rate of 63451 Barrels of Oil per day and 4148 Million Cubic Feet Gas per day respectively.
- (v) Efforts are being made to put newly made discoveries on production during 2011-2013.

- (vi) Enhance exploration in all areas of Pakistan to add new oil/gas reserves by improving law & order and providing conducive environment to local and foreign E&P companies.
- (vii) Concentrating on more exploration in deeper prospects and under explored geological frontiers to add new reserves.
- (viii) Tight gas policy has been notified which will offer 40-50 percent higher prices than petroleum policy 2009 gas price to attract exploration companies to invest in tight gas fields. The country has estimated recoverable tight gas reserves of 24 Tcf. Initially 100-150 mmcf/d would be added depending on its success rate.
- (ix) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources is working on “Low Btu Gas Policy and Shale Gas Policy” to encourage the investors to exploit these reservoirs.

146. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the PIA has increased the fare on international routes; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the details of fare on international and local routes after the said increase at present; and*
- (b) *whether the standard of services of PIA is deteriorating day by day; if so, the steps being take to improve the said services?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) Yes, it is a fact that in order to mitigate the impact of the fuel price increment that took place globally, PIA has increased the fare on International routes with effect from 5th November, 2011. PIA has decided that on International routes, maximum fuel surcharge should be passed on to the customers while keeping in view the competition and elasticity of demand. There are four classes in economy and two classes in business on International routes with variable fares. The amount being collected on account of Fuel Surcharge is as follows:—

Regions (EX/TO)	One Way	Round Trip
(All domestic Flights)	Economy PKR 2,000/- Economy Plus PKR 3,000/- Club PKR 6,000/-	Economy PKR 4,000/- Economy Plus PKR 6,000/- Club PKR 12,000/-
KSA	USD 28	USD 56
Gulf & ME	USD 20	USD 40
South Asia & Regional	USD 20	USD 40
North America	USD 60	USD 120
UK	GBP 28	USD 56
Europe	EUR 25	USD 50

(b) Standard of Services

Flight Services:

- PIA Flight Services has about 2260 cabin crew members to provide in-flight service on board PIA international and domestic flights.
- Despite shortage, full complement of cabin crew are detailed on most of the flights, including Hajj flights, to look after the comforts of passengers.
- Recently 170 young and energetic female cabin crew have been inducted which will help us to overcome the problem of shortage of cabin crew. Another batch of 270 Female Cabin Crew is under recruitment process.

Food Services:

- PIA has taken back the Management control of Karachi Flight Kitchen from SATS in April 2011 and running the entire catering network with internal resources emanating a saving of Rs. 113.52 million per annum, the amount PIA had to pay to SATS as Management Fee during the contract period.

147. ***Mr. Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to impose ban on the installation of CNG Kit in heavy transports; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that substandard CNG Kits are being manufactured in the country; if so, the steps being taken to control the manufacturing of such kits?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) Modalities are being worked out, but no definitive time frame could be indicated.

(b) The following CNG kits are being manufactured in the country with the permission of the Authority under the approved standards:—

- I. M/s LR Pak Private Limited, Karachi.
- II. M/s Tesla Industries, Islamabad.

Nevertheless, the whole issue is being revisited to ensure foolproof safety of the kits.

148. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Human Resources Development be pleased to state the subject assigned to the Ministry and its attached departments alongwith the achievements gained since the establishment of the said Ministry?

Reply not received.

149. ***Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the steps taken to enhance the coordination of Pakistan Metrological Department with the Ministry of Disaster Management?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): Pakistan Meteorological Department has taken following steps for the close coordination with Ministry of Disaster Management:—

- “Daily Coordination Meeting” of all stake holders including Ministry of Disaster Management / NDMA during Monsoon / Flood season for reviewing the prevailing weather / Flood situation with a view to coordinate rescue, relief operations / assistance in case of any hydro-meteorological disaster in the country.
- The dissemination of earthquake information and reports through SMS to the concerned officials in Ministry of Disaster Management / NDMA and other emergency and relief departments within (3 to 5) minutes.
- PMD has its specialized Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore for the provision of hydrological services to all the stakeholders and disaster management authority.

150. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) *the percentage of domestic need being fulfilled by the present reservoirs of oil and gas in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to increase the said percentage?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

- (a) Currently, crude oil and gas contributes 4.90% and 47.48% respectively in total domestic energy consumption.
- (b) The Government has taken the following steps to enhance oil and gas production/activities in the country:
 - (i) Exploration licenses over 30 blocks were signed during the last calendar year *i.e.*, 2010.

- (ii) The Petroleum Exploration and Production Policy 2011 is in the offering to provide additional incentives to the investors for exploration of oil & gas in Pakistan. These additional incentives would take care of extra risk taken by E&P companies for doing business under the present security/law and order problems.
- (iii) Presently 133 exploration licenses have been granted for exploration of oil & gas in the country.
- (iv) Presently, 130 D&P Leases are operative for the enhancement of production of oil/gas in the country and 127 fields are producing oil/gas at the rate 63451 Barrels of Oil per day and 4148 Million Cubic Feet Gas per day respectively.
- (v) Efforts are being made to put newly made discoveries on production during 2011-2013.
- (vi) Enhance exploration in all areas of Pakistan to add new oil/gas reserves by improving law & order and providing conducive environment to local and foreign E&P companies.
- (vii) Concentrating on more exploration in deeper prospects and under explored geological frontiers to add new reserves.
- (viii) Tight gas policy has been notified which will offer 40-50 percent higher prices than petroleum policy 2009 gas price to attract exploration companies to invest in tight gas fields. The country has estimated recoverable tight gas reserves of 24 Tcf. Initially 100-150 mmcf/d would be added depending on its success rate.
- (ix) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources is working on ‘Low Btu Gas Policy and Shale Gas Policy’ to encourage the investors to exploit these reservoirs.

151. ***Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of new private airlines that launched their operations in the country since 15th March, 2008; and*

(b) *whether any of the airline has applied to the government for the said purpose; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) Since 15th March 2008, no airline in the private sector launched its operation.

(b) (i) M/s Air Indus had applied for grant of Regular Public Transport (RPT) licence on 6th January, 2010. CAA Pakistan, after analyzing their request recommended to this Ministry to issue on RPT licence to the company which was granted to them on 4th March, 2011, after meeting the required formalities. The airline is in the process to obtain Air Operator Certificate, to be issued by DG CAA to start their operation.

(ii) M/s Vision Air has also applied for grant of Regular Public Transport (RPT) Licence on 4th July, 2011. As a procedure, their case has been sent to the security agencies on 12th September, 2011 for clearance of the credentials of the Directors of the Company. The same is under process.

ISLAMABAD:
The 1st January, 2012.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”****For Monday, the 2nd January, 2012**

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 2, 31, 32, 36, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 were set down for answer on 19-12-2011)

2. Ms. Qudsia Arshad:

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the total number of un-serviceable aeroplanes with PIA at present alongwith the reasons thereof?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):

- As of 14th December, 2011, 05 aircraft are undergoing major maintenance checks, 03 aircraft are under routine maintenance and 04 aircraft are grounded for shake down inspection as per requirement of regulatory body.
- 07 aircraft will be rolled-out by 22nd December, 2011, whereas the remaining aircraft will be rolled-out by February 2012.
- Please note that aircraft maintenance checks are a regulatory requirement and are required to be carried out at regular intervals on all aircraft. After rollout of presently grounded aircraft the next aircraft requiring maintenance checks will be grounded as per maintenance schedule.

@19. Ms. Qudsia Arshad:

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

- (a) the names of Judges in District Courts, Islamabad at present alongwith the total numbers of sanctioned posts thereof; and*

(b) *the total number (of cases pending in each Court alongwith the total number of cases being fixed for hearing in each Court and number of cases disposed off by each Judge of the above Courts during the period from 1st January to 1st February, 2011?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio): (a) the name of Judges in District Courts, Islamabad at present along-with the total numbers of sanctioned post thereof is given in **Annex-I**.

(b) the total number of cases pending in each Court along-with total cases disposed off by each Judge of the above Court during the period from 1st January to 1 February 2011 given in **Annex-II**.

Annex-I

Sr. No.	Names of Judges in District Court, Islamabad	Designation
1.	Raja Jawad Abbas Hassan	District and Sessions Judge
2.	Mr. Kamran Basharat Mufti	Addl. District and Sessions Judge
3.	Mr. Muhammad Yar Gondal	Addl. District and Sessions Judge
4.	Syed Wajahat Hassan	Addl. District and Sessions Judge
5.	Mr. Mehmood Haroon Khan	Senior Civil Judge/Magistrate Section 30
6.	Ch. Naveed Akhtar	Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30
7.	Mr. Nadeem Anjum Mian	Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30
8.	Mr. Mazhar Abbas	Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30
9.	Mr Raza Ullah Khan	Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30
10.	Mr. Usman Ali Awan	Civil Judge/Judicial Magistrate
11.	Miss Samia Asad	Civil Judge 1st Class/ Judicial Magistrate Section 30
12.	Mr. Kashif Qayyum	Civil Judge 1st Class/Judicial Magistrate Section 30
13	Mr. Liaqat Ali	Civil Judge 1st Class/Judicial Magistrate Section 30
14	Malik Naeem Shoukat	Civil Judge 1st Class/Judicial Magistrate Section 30

TOTAL NUMBER OF SANCTIONED POSTS

Sr. No.	Post held	Sanctioned post	working	Deficiency
1	District and Session Judge	1	1	NIL
2	Addl. District and Session Judge	3	3	NIL
3	Senior Civil Judge	1	1	NIL
4	Civil Judge-cum-Magistrate	9	9	NIL
		14	14	

Annex-II

Sr. No.	Names of Judges in District Court, Islamabad	Total No. of Cases	Total No. of Cases being fixed	Total No. of Cases disposed of from 1st Jan to 1st Feb, 2011
1	Raja Jawad Abbas Hassan, District and Session Judge, ICT	318	38-50	96
2	Mr. Kamran Basharat Mufti., Addl. District and Sessions Judge, ICT	927	80-100	220
3	Mr. Muhammad Yar Gondal, Addl. District and Sessions Judge, ICT	1033	60-120	222
4	Syed Wajahat Hassan, Addl. District and Sessions Judge, ICT	1042	75-110	231
5	Mr. Mehmood Haroon Khan, Senior Civil Judge/ Magistrate Section 30, ICT	902	100-170	190
6	Ch. Naveed Akhtar, Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30, ICT	2727	110-170	245
7	Mr. Nadeem Anjum Mian, Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30, ICT	3440	100-170	143
8	Mr. Mazhar Abbas, Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30, ICT	2668	100-170	260
9	Mr Raza Ullah Khan, Civil Judge /Magistrate Section 30, ICT	2285	100-170	82
10	Mr. Usman Ali Awan, Civil Judge/Judicial Magistrate, ICT	2797	100-170	206
11	Miss Samia Asad, Civil Judge 1st Class/ Judicial Magistrate Section 30, ICT	1909	100-170	197
12	Mr. Kashif Qayyum, Civil Judge 1st Class/ Judicial Magistrate Section 30, ICT	1368	100-170	151
13	Mr. Liaqat Ali, Civil Judge 1st Class/Judicial Magistrate Section 30, ICT	1676	100-170	210
14	Malik Naeem Shoukat, Civil Judge 1st Class/ Judicial Magistrate Section 30, ICT	2011	100-170	137
Total:		25103		2590

31. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the airport-wise international flights of PIA operating from the country at present alongwith the destination thereof?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): The desired information on the same is as follows:—

COUNTRY	DEPARTURE STATION	ARRIVAL STATION	NUMBER OF DEPARTURES
Afghanistan	Peshawar	Kabul	1
Afghanistan	Islamabad	Kabul	4
Bahrain	Lahore	Bahrain	1
Bahrain	Karachi	Bahrain/Doha	1
Bangladesh	Karachi	Dhaka	5
Canada	Lahore	Toronto	1
Canada	Karachi	Toronto	1
Canada	Islamabad	Toronto	1
China/Japan	Islamabad	Beijing/Tokyo	2
Denmark/Norway	<u>Islamabad</u>	<u>Copenhagen/Oslo</u>	2
	Lahore	Oslo/Copenhagen	
France/Germany	Islamabad	Paris/Frankfurt	1
Italy/France	Lahore	Milan/Paris	2
	Islamabad	Milan/Paris	
India	Karachi	Bombay	2
India	Lahore	Delhi	2
India	Karachi	Delhi	2
Iran	Quetta	Zahidan	2
Kuwait	Sialkot	Kuwait	2
Kuwait	Peshawar	Kuwait	1
Kuwait	Lahore	Kuwait	2
Kuwait	Karachi	Kuwait	1
Malaysia	Peshawar	Kualalampur	1
Malaysia	Lahore ,	Kualalampur	1
Malaysia	Karachi	Kualalampur	2
Nepal	Karachi	Kathmandu	2
Netherland/Germany	Lahore	Amsterdam/Frankfurt	2
	Islamabad	Frankfurt/Amsterdam	
Oman	Turbat	Muscat	1
Oman	Sialkot	Muscat	2
Oman	Peshawar	Muscat	1
Oman	Lahore	Muscat	2
Oman	Karachi	Muscat	3
Oman	Islamabad	Muscat	1

COUNTRY	DEPARTURE STATION	ARRIVAL STATION	NUMBER OF DEPARTURES
Oman	Gawadar	Muscat	1
Qatar	Karachi	Doha	1
Saudi Arabia	Lahore	Dammam	2
Saudi Arabia	Karachi	Dammam	4
Saudi Arabia	Islamabad	Dammam	2
Saudi Arabia	Sialkot	Jeddah	1
Saudi Arabia	Peshawar	Jeddah	1
Saudi Arabia	Lahore	Jeddah	4
Saudi Arabia	Karachi	Jeddah	5
Saudi Arabia	Islamabad	Jeddah	3
Saudi Arabia	Karachi	Medinah	2
Saudi Arabia	Sialkot	Riyadh	1
Saudi Arabia	Peshawar	Riyadh	3
Saudi Arabia	Lahore	Riyadh	1
Saudi Arabia	Karachi	Riyadh	3
Saudi Arabia	Islamabad	Riyadh	1
Spain	Islamabad	Barcelona	1
Srilanka	Karachi	Colombo	2
Thailand/Hong Kong	<u>Lahore</u>	<u>Bangkok/Hong Kong</u>	1
	Islamabad	Bangkok/Hong Kong	1
UAE	Peshawar	<u>Al Ain</u>	2
UAE	Rahimyar Khan	Abu Dhabi	1
UAE	Peshawar	Abu Dhabi	2
UAE	Lahore	Abu Dhabi	3
UAE	Karachi	Abu Dhabi	7
UAE	Islamabad	Abu Dhabi	3
UAE	Quetta	Dubai	2
UAE	Peshawar	Dubai	7
UAE	Multan ,	Dubai	1
UAE	Faisalabad	Dubai	2
UAE	Lahore	Dubai	7
UAE	Karachi	Dubai	11
UAE	Islamabad	Dubai	7
UAE	Dera Ghazi Khan	Dubai	2
UAE	Turbat	Sharjah	4
UAE	Sialkot	Sharjah	3
UK	Islamabad	Birmingham	4
UK	Islamabad	Bradford	2
UK	Lahore	London	3
UK	Karachi	London	3
UK	Islamabad	London	4
UK	Lahore	Manchester	2
UK	Islamabad	Manchester	5
USA/Spain	<u>Lahore</u>	<u>Barcelona/Chicago</u>	1
	Karachi	Barcelona/Chicago	1
USA	Lahore	New York	3
		Total	187

32. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Air Hostesses working in PIA at present; and*
- (b) *the required number of Air Hostesses by PIA at present?*

Reply not received.

36. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *the names of advocates/representatives who represented the Federal Government before Supreme Court and High Courts since April 15, 2011 till date alongwith the amount of fee paid to each of them; and*
- (b) *the head from which such payment was made?*

Reply not received.

39. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the cleaning, decoration and renovation work has been made in the aeroplanes of PIAC during the years 2009-10 and 2010-11; if so, the total number thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of international flights being operated from the country at present alongwith the names of the countries for which number of PIA flights have been reduced/discontinued during the said period?*

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): (a) It may be noted that renovation and decoration of the aircraft can only be done during longer grounding

of aircraft for heavy maintenance checks (Check-D). During 'D' check in base maintenance aircraft interior is completely removed, after detailed inspection as per task card and rectification of the all defects, cleaning, repainting and other esthetic uplift is accomplished.

Check-D on aircraft is carried out as per maintenance schedule of aircraft. Following is details of check-Ds performed on aircraft during 2009-2011.

Year	Type of Aircraft	Registration
2009	B737	AP-BEH
2010	B747	AP-BFY
	B737	AP-BCA (In progress)
2011	B747	AP-BFU, AP-BGG, AP-BFV (In progress)
	A310	AP-BDZ, AP-BEB, AP-BEC (In progress)

(b) This requisite information is placed at Annex-A.

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

40. **Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state:

- (a) *the details of sites/items declared as National Heritage in the country; and*
- (b) *the institutions/departments working under the Ministry at present?*

Minister for National Heritage and Integration (Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki): (a) and (b) The department of archaeology & museums since its establishment has declared 402 sites and monuments as protected national heritage as per detail given below:—

a.	Balochistan:	030
b.	KPK:	093
c.	Sindh:	129
d.	Punjab:	148
e.	Islamabad (ICT)	<u>003</u>
	Total	<u>403</u>

41. **Ms. Kishwar Zehra:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that some employees of PIA were found involved in smuggling during the year 2010-11 till date;*
- (b) *if so, the names of those employees alongwith the details of smuggling; and*
- (c) *the action taken in each case against the responsables during the said period?*

Reply not received.

43. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state the year-wise total amount received from abroad for preservation, maintenance and renovation of National Heritage and Archives in the country during the last four years?

Minister for National Heritage and Integration (Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki):

DOAM

During the last 4 years a grant amounting to US\$850, 000 was approved by the Embassy of the United States of America in Pakistan against a proposal submitted by the Department of Archaeology and Museums Government of Pakistan for the preservation and restoration of Sheikhpura fort District Sheikhpura Punjab in August, 2010. Out of the above mentioned approved grant the US Embassy released amounting to US \$ 175500 (Rs.15,061,410) as Ist installment to the Department of Archaeology and Museums Islamabad on 3-2-2011. However, due to 18th Constitutional amendment the Sheikhpura fort was transferred to the Punjab Province and with reference to the US Embassy's letter dated May, 19, 2011. The same amount Rs. 15061410/ was return back on 5-7-2011 through National Bank of Pakistan Cross cheque No 6612347, as such the project work could not be initiated by the Federal Department of Archaeology and Museums.

LOK VIRSA

Lok-Virsa received Rs.154.069 million against Joint Institutional Cooperation Programmes from Norway over last five (5) years for the following:—

- Music Exchange Programmes
- Institutional Strengthening and Competence Building
- Documentation, Preservation and Promotion of Traditional Culture through holding different innovative activities.

<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>
Rs. 40.847	Rs. 47.983	—	Rs. 43.598	Rs. 21.641

44. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for National Heritage and Integration be pleased to state the subjects assigned to the Ministry and its attached departments alongwith the achievements gained since the establishment of the said Ministry?

Minister for National Heritage and Integration (Ms. Samina Khalid Ghurki): The creation of Ministry of National Heritage & Integration was notified on 26th October, 2011 by the Cabinet Division. However, no budget or personnel have so far been put in place, which is now being finalized. However, the attached Departments namely Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA), Department of Archaeology & Museums (DOAM), Lok Virsa etc. have been performing requisite functions as follows:

PNCA:

- Advise the Federal Government on matters of policy on artistic activity and their implementation.
- Improve knowledge, understanding and practice of the arts and advise the Federal Government in order to increase regional activity through systematic planning and coordination at all levels;

- Coordinate, evaluate and supervise activities of cultural organizations and individuals engaged in cultural activities;
- Advise and assist the Provincial Governments in setting up of Provincial Arts Councils to serve as Liaison between the local cultural bodies and the Council with regard to their activities and financial assistance;
- Plan establish and run art academies, folk museums, exhibition halls, auditoria, art galleries and similar other institutions;
- Organize exhibitions of arts and crafts within Pakistan and in other countries.
- Organize national and regional ensembles for performance within the country and in other countries;
- Organize and promote cultural fairs and festivals;
- Help, establish and organize national unions of artists on the basis of their chosen field of activity.
- Help in the implementation of cultural pacts and programmes on directions of the Federal Government
- Have contacts with similar organizations in other countries, through the Federal Government;
- Set up panels of experts in specific fields of the arts where necessary; and
- Perform any other function in the field of arts which the Federal Government may direct or which the Council may consider necessary or desirable.

Achievements since establishment of the Ministry of National Heritage & Integration is concerned, various cultural activities/programmes have been/are being held to built soft image of the country. Presently National Drama Festival-2011, a mega cultural event is being held in Islamabad besides exhibitions of the paintings of renowned painter such as Sadiquain and Ghulam Rasul as well as performances

by National Puppet Theatre (NPT) at Peshawar, Nowshera, Mardan and Swabi to restore confidence in youth of Pakistan.

LOK VIRSA

Lok Virsa is an autonomous body under the Ministry of National Heritage & Integration. Lok Virsa is engaged in research, systematic collection, documentation, scientific preservation, projection and dissemination of oral traditions, folklore and other aspects of indigenous cultural heritage.

Major achievements of Lok Virsa:

Pakistan National Museum of Ethnology of Lok Virsa depicts, portrays, displays and explains the history and living traditions of the people of Pakistan covering all regions and remote areas through three dimensional creative dioramas;

National Monument Museum has been set up at Shakarparian Hills Islamabad to pay homage to all those who sacrificed their today for a better tomorrow. The Museum explains Pakistan in historical perspective not only to the visitors from within and outside the country but also to the future generation.

Lok Virsa established a unique library of oral traditions, manuscripts and rare materials. Heritage Library has more than 25,000 books.

Lok Virsa published 125 books on various aspects of Pakistani folklore and cultural heritage covering all regions of Pakistan.

Lok Virsa has its own production house for video-graphy of cultural regions, remote regions and tribes of Pakistan. Over its existence Media Centre has produced 1175 hours folk music video recordings for video archives.

Lok Virsa organizes a 10-day annual festival at Islamabad popularly known as Lok Mela in which master artisans, rural performers, musicians and folk artists from all over Pakistan participate.

DOAM:

The Department of Archaeology and Museums being attached department of the Ministry of National Heritage and Integration gained following achievements:

Collaboration with UNESCO:

Pakistan is the state part to the UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 at present six cultural properties have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List *i.e.*

- (i) Archaeological ruins at Moenjodaro
- (ii) Archaeological ruins at Taxila
- (iii) Buddhist remains at Takht-e-Bahi, District Mardan
- (iv) Historical Monuments of Makli Hill, Thatta
- (v) Fort and Shalimar Garden, Lahore
- (vi) Rohtas Fort, District Jhelum.

Besides, 10 archaeological sites and monuments are placed on “Tentative List” for their inscription on the World Heritage List in future *i.e.*

- a. Archaeological ruins at Harappa (Distt.Sahiwal)
- b. Archaeological ruins at Rehman Dheri (Distt. D.I Khan)
- c. Archaeological ruins at Mehrgarh (Distt. Kachhi)
- d. Archaeological site of Ranighat (Distt. Buner)
- e. Asoka Rock Edicts at Mansehra.
- f. Asoka Rock Edicts at Shahbaz Garhi (Distt. Mardan)
- g. Tombs of Bibi Jawindi, Tomb of Baha al’ Halim, Tomb of Jalaluddin Bokhari (Uch Shareef).
- h. Tomb of Shah Rukn-e-Alam (Multan)
- i. Port of Banbhore (Thatta)
- j. Baltit Fort (Hunza)

Department of Archaeology and Museums being focal point and implementing agency actively participated and collaborated in all activities concerning UNESCO since establishment of the Ministry of National Heritage and Integration:

45. **Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the persons against whom the cases are pending with NAB at present alongwith the details of the charges levelled against them?

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs (Mr. Moulana Bakhsh Chandio): National Accountability Bureau (NAB), while pursuing its , mandate, primarily initiates proceedings in offences covered under the provisions of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO) 1999. The offences include:—

- Accept or offer illegal gratification.
- Obtain Pecuniary advantage through illegal means.
- Misuse of authority
- Wilful Default.
- Cheating members of public at large.
- Breach of trust.
- Assets beyond known sources of income.

The process starts with verification of complaints received which upgraded to the level of inquiry to determine the role of accused and committal of offence followed by investigation.

At present category-wise persons against whom investigations are pending with NAB are 684. The detail is as under:—

<u>Category of Accused Persons</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Politicians	25
Govt Servant	334
Businessmen	174
Others	151
Total	684

46. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the year and province-wise total number of persons, appointed in ASF, PIA and Civil Aviation Authority during the last three years?

Reply not received.

47. **Justice(R) Fakharrunnisa Khokhar:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that some posts of Judges in District Court, Islamabad are lying vacant;*

(b) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps taken to fill those posts?*

Reply not received.

126. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the class-wise details of fare of PIA and other private Airlines on each foreign route at present?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): Detail of fares of M/s PIAC, M/s Shaheen Air International and M/s Air Blue, on each foreign route, are placed at Annex 'A', 'B' and 'C', respectively. A list highlighting details of the sectors being operated is also attached at Annex-D.

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

127. **Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the city-wise total number of incidents of gas pilferage occurred in Rawalpindi and Faisalabad Regions during the year 2010-11 alongwith the punishments awarded to the responsables?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

According to SNGPL, total number of gas pilferage in Rawalpindi and Faisalabad Regions (as the data is available on Regional Basis) during the year 2010- 2011 were as under;

<u>REGION</u>	<u>NO. OF INCIDENTS</u>
Rawalpindi	1568
Faisalabad	1046

The punishment awarded to the responsables in the form of volume booked and amount billed is as under:—

<u>Region</u>	<u>Volume Booked against Pilferage</u>	<u>Amount Billed being pilferage charges</u>
Rawalpindi	140933 HM ³	283.270 Million
Faisalabad	1386649 HM ³	860.102 Million

128. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the district-wise total number of students throughout the country whom scholarships were given from the Workers Welfare Funds during the period from 15th March 2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the procedure and criteria adopted therein?*

Reply not received.

129. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

- (a) *the district-wise total number of persons in the country whom wheel chairs were provided from Workers Welfare Funds during the period from 15th March 2008 till date; and*

(b) *the procedure and criteria adopted therefrom?*

Reply not received.

130. **Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:

(a) *the district-wise total number of Post Offices functioning in the country at present; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the government to improve the performance of the Pakistan Post?*

Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij): (a) At present total number of Post Offices functioning in the country are 12035. Statement showing District-Wise break up of such Post Offices is enclosed at (Anuexure-A).

(b) (i) The details of steps taken to improve the performance of Pakistan Post are available at (Annexure-B).

(ii) A PC-I was prepared and submitted to Planning Commission for computerization of 617 departmental post offices spread over three years in phased manner. The PC-I was placed before the Central Development Working Party (CDWP). The project was deferred due to non-preparation of working papers.

Based on the go-ahead signal of Planning & Development Division Pakistan Post has completed preparatory work on the project.

The PC-I is still in submission phase.

(iii) Pakistan Post has computerized the 83 GPOs in the country to improve the service for the Military Pensioners.

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

131. **Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the names of airlines besides PIA engaged for Hajj Operation-2011?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): As per MOU signed under the Air Services Agreement between Pakistan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, four Airlines are designated for Hajj operation. Two Airlines are from Pakistan and two from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Airlines from Pakistan:

- (i) Pakistan International Airlines
- (ii) Shaheen Air International

Airlines from kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

- (i) Saudi Arabian airlines
- (ii) NAS Air

132. **Dr. Abdul Wahid Soomro:**

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

- (a) *the total number of cases registered with NAB against corrupt officials of the Ministries during the year 2010-11 till date; and*
- (b) *the total amount recovered therefrom?*

Reply not received.

133. **Begum Nuzhat Sadiq:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the National Assembly constituency-wise total length of pipelines and the number of meters provided to supply of Sui gas during the year 2011-12?

Reply not received.

134. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the total production of crude oil and petroleum products explored in the country during the years 2010-11 and 2011-12; and*

(b) *the total quantity of petroleum products refined during the said period alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) (i) Crude Oil locally produced

Period	Million Barries
July 2010-June 2011	24.041
July 2011-November 2011	9.7

(ii) Petroleum Products locally produced/refined

Period	Million Tons
July 2010-June 2011	9.431
July 2011-September 2011	2.193

(b) As at a (ii) above.

135. **Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasir:**

Will the Minister for National Heritage ana Integration be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration for setting up the National Museum of Archeology in Islamabad; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the location thereof; and*

(b) *the total amount of funds allocated therefor under PSDP-2011?*

Minister for National Heritage and Integration (Ms. Samina Khalid

Ghurki): (a) Yes, there is proposal under consideration for the setting up of the National Museum of Pakistan at Shakirparian, Islamabad; a piece of land measuring 8.33 acres has already been acquired by the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Pakistan. A PC-I amounting to Rs.1359.589 million was submitted to the Planning Commission for approval in 2008. However, on request of the Planning Commission, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Culture (devolved) on 14th October 2008 to review the PSDP 2008-09 for rationalization. Keeping in view the financial constraints, it was decided in the meeting to shelve the project of the construction of the National Museum of Pakistan, Islamabad for 3 years. Now the department of Archaeology and Museums will submit shortly an undated PC-I to the Planning Commission through the Ministry of National Heritage & Integration.

(b) There is no provision of funds allocated in the current financial year 2011-12 for the setting up of the National Museum of Pakistan at Islamabad.

136. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of Board of Directors of PIA at present; and*

(b) *the salary alongwith facilities admissible to a Director?*

Reply not received.

137. **Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of employees presently working to handle the domestic flights of PIA; and*

(b) *the monthly expenditures being incurred on their salaries?*

Reply not received.

138. **Malik Shakeel Awan:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the year-wise ratio of increase made in the domestic and commercial tariff of sui gas during the period from 1-1-2007 till date?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

The slab-wise ratio of increase made in domestic and commercial tariff of natural gas since January 01, 2007 till date is attached as **Annex-I**.

Annex-1

Changes in Gas Sale Prices after 01.01.2007

Effective Date of Change	01.02.2007	01.01.2008	01.07.2008	01.01.2009	01.07.2009	01.01.2010	01.07.2010	07.08.2011
Domestic Sector:								
Over 0-50m ³ per month	-7.82%	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	-2.00%	17.80%	-0.01%	13.55%
Over 50-100m ³ per month	-7.82%	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	-2.00%	17.80%	-4.50%	
Over 100-200m ³ per month	-7.82%	0.00%	0.00%	5.00%	-2.00%	17.80%	4.91%	13.55%
Over 200-300m ³ per month	-7.82%	0.00%	51.00%	6.07%	-2.00%	17.80%	-50.43%	
Over 300 m ³ per month	-7.82%	0.00%						
Over 300-400 m ³ per month			31.00%	6.08%	-2.00%	17.80%	60.38%	23.55%
Over 400 - 500 m ³ per month			30.30%	6.08%	-2.00%	17.80%	23.37%	
Over 500 m ³ per month			121.39%	6.38%	0.00%	17.80%	17.00%	13.55%
Commercial Consumers	-10.00%	5.53%	31.00%	6.08%	0.00%	17.91%	0.00%	13.55%

Note 1: From 01.07.2008 to 30.06.2010, billing mechanism for domestic consumers was such that ~~which was~~ lower price benefit (subsidy) of every two preceding slab. W.e.f. 01.07.2010, the old billing mechanism was revived, allowing benefit of all slabs to consumers.

Note 2: W.e.f. 01/07/2008, ~~the~~ Tamil Nadu have been declared as special commercial consumers, whose tariff is aligned with domestic sector consumers, subject to maximum consumption of 300 m³ per month.

139. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Human Resources Development be pleased to state the year-wise meetings of government officials held with representatives of Labour Unions during the last five years across the country to address their issues and formulate National Labour Policy and Laws?

Reply not received.

140. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of domestic gas connections provided during the period from 17th April, 2011 till date except district Rawalpindi?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

The total number of domestic gas connections provided during the period from 17th April, 2011 till 30th November 2011 except district Rawalpindi, is **231,620**.

141. **Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of new CNG Station and Petrol Pumps set up in the country during the period from 17th April, 2011 till date?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

169 Petrol Pumps and 75 new CNG stations have been set up effective 17-04-2011 in the country on the due maturity of the CNG Provisional Licenses already issued when there was no ban on the issuance of the same.

142. **Mr. Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration to withdraw the facility of free air tickets and other incentives being provided to the employees of PIA; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar): No proposal is under consideration of the PIAC Management to withdraw the facility of free air tickets and other incentives to its employees.

143. **Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) the name of present Federal Ministers, Ministers of State, Advisors, Special Assistants, Senators and MNAs against whom cases of corruption are pending in NAB Courts, High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan alongwith the present status of those cases;*
- (b) the names of those against whom cases have been closed down during the period from January, 2007 to January, 2011?*

Reply not received.

144. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that natural gas is not being supplied to Chakra, Rawalpindi for the last two months; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the time by which the natural gas will be supplied therein?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):

(a) No, it is not a fact that the natural gas is not being supplied to Chakra Rawalpindi for the last two months.

However, SNGPL's distribution system in Rawalpindi and Islamabad cities has come under low pressure in tail ends localities including Chakra, Rawalpindi due to the following reasons;

- i. with the advent of winter, demand supply position has become worst due to excessive use of gas by the Domestic sector for water and space heating especially in peak consumption hours.
- ii. Islamabad High Court has given Stay Order, restraining SNGPL to observe curtailment of CNG stations, located in Islamabad Capital Territory.

(b) There is no curtailment in Domestic sector. The supplies will be improved, when CNG Stations of Islamabad observe load management and adequate gas is available.

145. **Mrs. Shakeela Khanam Rashid:**

Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Secretariat Allowance has not been given to the employees of the Pakistan Post; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which said allowance will be given to those employees?

Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij): Yes, the Secretariat Allowance has not been given to the employees of the Pakistan post.

Finance Division, Government of Pakistan had allowed Federal Secretariat Allowance @ 20% of basic pay to the employees of Federal Government but it was confined to the employees of Federal Secretariat. Therefore, it was also not given to the employees of the Pakistan Post Office Department.

Currently the Federal Secretariat Allowance is not permissible. Certain employees of Federal Government (A.G.P.R.) preferred an appeal before the Peshawar High Court who ordered for payment of arrear of Federal Secretariat Allowance for the period from 01-07-1988 to 28-2-1994 and the Finance Division, Government of Pakistan directed to pay the same.

On the basis of decision of Peshawar High Court, the case was taken up with the Finance Division who has agreed to the payment of arrear of Federal Secretariat Allowance for the period from 01-07-1988 to 28-2-1994 to the employees of Administrative Offices under the Pakistan Post Office Department who perform Secretariat duties, which is under consideration and will be made on availability of necessary funds from Finance Division.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 1st January, 2012.