

## 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 30th April, 2012**

*(Originally Starred Question Nos. 34 and 40 were set down for answer during the 40th Session)*

34. **\*Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the welfare of the workers engaged in the job of exploration of coal, salt and other precious stones in the country during the last four years?*

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

Constitutionally, all minerals other than mineral oil, natural gas and nuclear substances are provincial subjects. Taking measures for welfare of workers employed in mining including exploration of coal, salt, precious stones and other solid minerals is the responsibility of the provincial government and they have accordingly setup a mines labour welfare organization for this purpose. As per reports received from the provinces, they have undertaken the following welfare steps for mine workers:

- Provision of facilities for medical care; establishment of dispensaries/hospitals, free medicine and ambulance service.
- Residential accommodation.
- Education; establishment of schools, provision of books stationery, uniforms and stipends to workers' children.
- Transport to work site/mines.

- Water supply.
- Establishment of mine rescue and safety training centers.
- Compensation for injury/death at work.

During the last four years (2007-11), the provinces of Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Punjab, FATA and Gilgit-Baltistan have spent more than Rs. 289.000 million on the above-mentioned welfare measures.

Besides, the Federal Government organizations engaged in mining/mineral exploration; Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation, Lakhra Coal Development Company Limited, Saindak Metals Limited have also incurred over Rs. 353.000 million on welfare measures for workers during the last four years period.

40. **\*Ms. Shireen Arshad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide Sui gas to the residents of those villages located within radius of five kilometers of wellheads; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the district-wise names of those villages identified after survey carried out for the said purpose so far?*

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

(a) The Prime Minister was pleased to announce, in 2003, for supply of gas to the surrounding localities/villages falling in the radius of 5km, of Gas Fields. SNGPL and SSGCL carried out survey and a report was submitted to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, Further advice is awaited.

(b) A district-wise list of the names of those villages identified after survey is at **Annex-I**.

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

45. **\*Dr. Imtiaz Sultan Bukhari:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed criteria to check the quality and quantity of petroleum products being sold at Petrol Pumps in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to implement the said criteria in letter and spirit?*

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

(a) The prescribed criteria notified for checking quality of petroleum products (*i.e.* Petrol & Diesel) at petrol pumps may be seen at **Annexure-I**.

The quantity checking falls in the domain of Labour & Human Resource Department (Weight & Measures Wing) of Provincial Governments; therefore, any specific criteria to this score may be obtained from the concerned. However, in the larger public interest, OGRA also conducts surprise inspections at petrol pumps to ascertain the dispensing of correct quantity of products to the customers.

(b) In order to implement the above criteria in letter and spirit, OGRA takes the following steps:—

- (i) Undertakes quality inspections/checks of petroleum products at petrol pumps through Mobile Quality vans of Oil Marketing Companies' (OMCs') regional offices which submit their reports on quarterly basis to the Authority.
- (ii) Undertakes surprise/random inspections at petrol pumps through Enforcement Department for ascertaining the authenticity of the reports being submitted by the OMCs.
- (iii) Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan (HDIP) has also set up laboratories/Petroleum testing centers at major cities in Pakistan as per GoP directive.

## CRITERIA FOR CHECKING THE QUALITY OF PETROL

Sr. No.	CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD (ASTM)	LIMIT	UNIT	SPECIFICATION
1	Colour	-	-	-	Pinkish
2	Odour	-	-	-	Marketable
3	Specific Gravity @ 15.6 °C/ 60°F	D-1298	-	-	To be reported
4	Octane No. (Research)	D-2699	Min	-	87
5	Lead Contents	D-3341/2547	Max	g/L	0
6	Distillation: a) 10% Volume Recovery b) 50% Volume Recovery c) 90% Volume Recovery d) End Point e) Residue	D-86	Max	°C (°F)	80 (176)
			Max	°C (°F)	125 (257)
			Max	°C (°F)	180 (356)
			Max	°C (°F)	205 (401)
			Max	% Vol	2
7	Reid Vapour Pressure at 37.8°C a) Summer (Mar - Oct) b) Winter (Nov - Feb)	D-323	Max	Kpa (Psi)	62 (9)
			Max	Kpa (Psi)	69 (10)
8	Sulphur	D-1266	Max	% wt	0.1
9	Copper Strip Corrosion at 50°C (122°F)	D-130	Max	-	No. 1
10	Existent Gum	D-381	Max	mg/100 mL	4
11	Merceptan Sulphur	D-3227	Max	wt. ppm	10
12	Induction Period	D-525	Min	Minutes	240
13	Appearance	-	-	-	Clear and free from suspended impurities
14	Dr. Test	D-4952	-	-	Negative

**CRITERIA FOR CHECKING THE QUALITY OF DIESEL**

Sr. No.	CHARACTERISTICS	TEST METHOD (ASTM)	LIMIT	UNIT	SPECIFICATION
1	Ash	D-482	Max	% Wt	0.01
2	Conradson Carbon	D-189	Max	% Wt. of 10% residue	0.2
3	Cloud Point, Summer (Mar - Oct) Winter (Nov - Feb)	D-2500	Max	°C	9 6
4	Pour Point, Summer (Mar - Oct) Winter (Nov - Feb)	D-97	Max	°C	6 3
5	Colour	D-1500	Max	-	3.0
6	Cetane Index	D-976	Min	-	45
7	Flash Point	D-93	Min	°C	54
8	Specific Gravity @ 15.6 °C	D-1298	-	-	To be reported
9	Sediment	D-473	Max	% Wt	0.01
10	Sulphur	D-129	Max	% Wt	1.0
11	Copper Strip 3hr Corrosion at 100°C	D-130	Max	-	1
12	Kinematic Viscosity at 40°C	D-445	Min Max	cSt	1.5 6.5
13	Water	D-96	Max	% vol	0.05
14	Neutralization Value a) Total Acid No. b) Strong Acid No.	D-974	Max	mg KOH/gm	0.5 Nil
15	Distillation a) 50% Volume Recovery b) 90% Volume Recovery	D-86	Max	°C	Report 305

46. **\*Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that National Resettlement Law has not been finalized which was originally drafted during the year, 2002; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said law will be finalized?*

**Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Farooq H. Naek):** No such draft has been received in this Ministry so far. Therefore, no such draft is under consideration in this Ministry as per record.

47. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Iran has offered to provide 80 thousand barrels oil per day to Pakistan recently; if so, the terms and conditions alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that mutual dialogues are in progress in this regard; if so, the details thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):**  
 (a) "Iran has offered to supply 80,000 BPD crude oil to Pakistan. However the details are being worked out".

- (b) As above.

48. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Iran has offered 250 million dollars to Pakistan for Pak-Iran Gas Pipelines Project;*
- (b) *if so, the details alongwith the proposed utilization thereof?*

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

(a) Yes.

(b) During the visit of Deputy President on International Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran to Pakistan from 5th — 7th February 2012), Iranian side offered to construct Iran Pakistan pipeline in Pakistan (planning, engineering, supply of pipeline, compressor stations, etc.) and offered to provide US \$ 250 Million towards funding for the Project.

Pakistan delegation is scheduled to visit Iran soon to discuss details with the counterparts.

49. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *the names of countries facilitating Pak. Iran Gas Pipeline Project at present; and*
- (b) *whether USA has raised objections on the said project; if so, the details alongwith the reasons thereof?*

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

(a) Pakistan is presently in consultation with multiple countries. The process is ongoing, however, no firm arrangement has been finalized so far.

(b) There have been some public statements in this regard by the US Government, however no official communication has been received so far.

50. **\*Mrs. Shagufta Sadiq:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the year-wise total amount of loss suffered to PIA during the last five years alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):** The year-wise total amount of loss suffered by PIA during the last five years is as under:—

(Rs. In billion)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Loss before Tax	-13.07	-39.99	-12.43	-8.58	-27.78

The major reasons of losses are as under:—

- (i) Unprecedented increase of fuel prices. For the Corporation, it is not possible to fully hedge the fuel against such sharp price swing. In fact, in 2008 in particular and later in general most of the airlines suffered losses.
- (ii) Continuous depreciation of Pak rupee against US Dollar. Due to sharp devaluation of Pak rupee, PIA has recorded an exchange loss of around Rs. 37 billion in between year 2008-2011.
- (iii) At Domestic Front
  - (a) Law and Order Situation.
  - (b) Energy Crises.
  - (c) Circular debt and high rate of inflation.
  - (d) PIA Employees' strike in February 2011 & July 2011.
- (iv) At Global Front
  - (a) During 2011 Consumer Confidence deteriorated.
  - (b) Increase in economic uncertainty / slow economic growth.
  - (c) International travel growth remained depressed due to which international freight load also fell by 6%.

51. **\*Ms. Imrana Saeed Jamil:**

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the total number of registered courier companies functioning in the country at present; and*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of private courier companies are functioning in the country without registration; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps taken so far for their registration?*

**Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij):** (a) In absence of any regulatory mechanism in place to grant licenses to the courier companies, no information is forthcoming about total number of courier firms functioning in the country.

(b) Yes. In absence of any regulatory frame work for courier services, no Government outfit has been entrusted with the responsibility to issue N.O.C. to the courier services. Ministry of Postal Services has already mooted a proposal for creation of Private Courier Services Regulatory Authority which is under correspondence between the Ministry and the Cabinet Division.

52. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *the location-wise names of projects of discovery of gas under completion at present alongwith the expected date of completion thereof; and*
- (b) *the quantity of gas to be generated therefrom separately?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Dr. Asim Hussain):** (a) During the last three (3) years, twenty one (21) gas discoveries have been made in the country. Of these, seven (7) discoveries have already added 97.545 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) gas to national distribution network and it is expected that 101.378 MMCFD gas will also be added from rest of discoveries during 2012-13. The location-wise names of these discoveries and expected date of completion alongwith quantity of gas to be generated is detailed at Annexure-I.

- (b) The requisite information is at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I  
 Details of Gas discoveries made during last three years alongwith expected date of completion (1st July 2009 to to-date)

S.No.	Discovery Name	Discovery date	Status	Company	Location/ District	Province	Estimated Gas reserves rates (MMCFD)	Initial flow	Status
1	Reli-1A	August-2009	Gas	OGDCL	Ghotki	Sindh	Under evaluation	2.82	Expected production to start during 2012-13
2	Marambah-1	August-2009	Gas Cond.	MOL	Hanga	KPK	280	12	Producing @ 46.135 MMCFD
3	Baloch-1	August-2009	Oil & Gas	OGDCL	Sanghar	Sindh	1,567	3.5	Expected production to start during 2012-13
4	Nasir-1	September-2009	Oil & Gas	OGDCL	Karak	KPK	53,423	9,678	Producing @ 41.27 MMCFD
5	Yaqut-1	October-2009	Gas Cond.	Dewan	D.G.Khan	Punjab	Under evaluation	3.06	Expected production to start during 2012-13
6	Manu-1	January-2010	Gas	OGDCL	Ghotki	Sindh	Under evaluation	3.5	Expected production to start during 2012-13
7	POGChahman-1	January-2010	Gas	POGC	Dadu	Sindh	Under evaluation	13	Expected production to start during 2012-13
8	Baqar Deep-1	February-2010	Gas Cond.	BP	Hyderabad	Sindh	5,271	10,055	Producing @ 2.30 MMCFD
9	Shah-1	February-2010	Gas Cond.	OGDCL	Hyderabad	Sindh	21.5	15.4	Expected production to start during 2012-13
10	Bela-1	March-2010	Gas Cond.	POI	Attock	Punjab	13,02	2.33	Producing @ 0.88 MMCFD
11	Sujawal X-1	June-2010	Gas Cond.	MSCIL	Thatta	Sindh	21,46	11.5	Expected production to start during 2012-13
12	Shekhar-1	June-2010	Gas	OGDCL	Kohat	KPK	11,68	15	Producing @ 1.24 MMCFD
13	Tangri Deep-1	June-2010	Gas	BP	Hyderabad	Sindh	8,385	32.81	Producing @ 5.45 MMCFD
14	Gopang-1	June-2010	Gas Cond.	OGDCL	Hyderabad	Sindh	4,31	3.25	Expected production to start during 2012-13
15	Makoni East-1	November-2010	Oil & Gas	MOL	Karak	KPK	Under evaluation	10.7	Expected production to start during 2012-13
16	Haider Deep-1	November-2010	Gas	BP	Maitani	Sindh	Under evaluation	13.68	Producing @ 0.27 MMCFD
17	Tobayj-X-1	February-2011	Gas	MOL	Kohat	KPK	Under evaluation	16.3	Expected production to start during 2012-13
18	Mano South-1	August-2011	Gas	OGDCL	Ghotki	Sindh	Under evaluation	4.32	Expected production to start during 2012-13
19	Zin X-1	December-2011	Gas	OGDCL	Dera Bugti	Balochistan	Under evaluation	5.48	Expected production to start during 2012-13
20	Suleman-1	March-2012	Gas	OGDCL	Khairpur	Sindh	Under evaluation	20	Expected production to start during 2012-13
21	Pr Apan-1	March-2012	Gas	UEP	Totta	Sindh	Under evaluation	10.5	Expected production to start during 2012-13
<b>Total Expected Production</b>								<b>193,923</b>	<b>Current Production =97,545</b>

Note: Normally gas discovery takes 4-5 years to develop depending upon the availability of infrastructure and processing requirements.

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

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Oil and Gas Development Corporation Limited (OGDCL) has failed to explore the new reserves of oil and gas during the last four years; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that OGDCL has no resources/funds for purchasing modern machineries including rigs; if so, the reasons thereof?*

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

(a) It is incorrect that OGDCL has failed to explore new oil/gas reserves during the last four years. The company has made 17 small and medium sized oil & gas discoveries during the reported period. These discoveries have since added 34.23 million barrels of oil and 1070.69 Billion cubic feet of gas to national hydrocarbon reserves. Details are attached at Annexure-A.

(b) Presently, OGDCL has sufficient funds/resources to achieve its physical and financial targets set for the current and future approved Strategic & Business Plans to enhance and improve its operational activities. However, the prevailing and persistent issue of inter corporate circular debt in the industry can have a detrimental effect on OGDCL performance. However, OGDCL has initiated the procurement of two drilling rigs for which technical bids are being opened on 02 April, 2012

## OGDCL

## Oil &amp; Gas Reserves Addition for Last Four Years from New Discoveries

Discoveries During FY-2007-08 to 2011-12 (4 years from 01 January 2008 to 31 Dec 2011).

NAME OF FIELDS	GAS STU/scf	Discovery Date	ORIGINAL RECOVERABLE RESERVES								Mmboe*
			OIL / CONDENSATE (MMSTB)				GAS (BSCF)				
			Proven	Probable	Possible	Net Total	Proven	Probable	Possible	Net Total	
<b>FY-2007-08</b>											
Pashki-E-01	1026	July-08	0.04			0.04	34.50			34.50	5.941
Moolen-North		April-2008	1.6			1.6	0.4			0.4	1.600
Pashki	1000	April-2008				0	3.3	4.4		7.7	1.281
Chhodak Deep	675	May-08				0	51.45			51.45	8.915
	101-3333	4	1.64			1.64	59.65	4.40		104.05	15.769
<b>FY-2008-09</b>											
Kunwar South-01	1056	July-08	0.90			0.90	59.72			59.72	9.911
Pashki west Deep-01	1142	May-08	0.28	0.31	0.55	1.15	27.75	3.35	24.70	55.80	11.771
	1101	2	1.18	0.31	0.55	1.99	78.47	3.35	24.70	106.57	21.682
<b>FY-2009-10</b>											
Naahpa	1135	Sep-09	7.54	14.27		22.11	23.01	41.90		64.71	34.589
Dabhol-11	1061	August-09	0.25	0.89		1.13	8.00	23.50		26.50	7.584
Shah-01	1214	Feb-2010	0.36			0.76	32.50			32.50	7.379
Baloch-01	1145	August-09	1.68	0.51		2.19	12.10	3.63		15.45	5.134
Tob-01	758	August-09				0.00	14.80			14.80	1.870
Maro-01	787	January-10				0.00	13.45	17.40		31.85	4.040
	102K833	4	10.10	15.63	0.00	25.79	104.03	91.43	0.00	195.51	60.453
<b>FY-2010-11</b>											
Gopang	1254	April 2010	0.13			0.13	3.13			3.18	0.735
Shekhan	1041	June 2010	0.21			0.21	41.48			41.76	7.407
	1147.5	2	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.34	44.66	0.00	0.00	44.66	8.201
<b>FY-2011-12</b>											
Maro-South-01	759	August-2011				0.00	14.92			14.92	1.887
Zin-X-1	393	December-2011				0.00	593.27			593.27	35.476
Wahpa-02	1160	November-2011	4.41			4.41	14.75			14.75	7.262
	729-6587	3	4.41	0.00	0.00	4.41	620.94	0.00	0.00	620.94	44.625
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>17.73</b>	<b>15.94</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>34.23</b>	<b>947.81</b>	<b>99.18</b>	<b>24.70</b>	<b>1,071.69</b>	<b>151</b>

Note:- Reserves addition from recently discovered well Suleman-01 is under evaluation.

\* Reserves Addition Unit (mmboe/Bbl Adjst)

54. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Post is being computerized;*
- (b) *if so, the names of companies to whom the task of computerization has been awarded alongwith the procedure and criteria adopted thereof; and*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that advance amount has been paid to those companies; if so, the company-wise details alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij):** (a) Yes, the General Post Offices (GPOs) of Pakistan Post are providing LAN based computerized services of Savings Bank, Pension Payment, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Track and Trace System etc. Now Pakistan Post has awarded a contract to M/s Telconet Services Pvt. Ltd. for providing the Centralized Online System at all the GPOs.

(b) Due to shortage of technical manpower in the Department, the maintenance of existing computerization is outsourced, at Circle Level, to the following companies:

- a. M/s 360 Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad
- b. M/s One 2 One Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad
- c. M/s Fides Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad
- d. M/s Sys Tech Pvt. Ltd., Karachi

The outsourcing of maintenance has been decentralized on Circles/Provincial basis. The procedure adopted for selection of vendors is invitation of open tenders under PPRA rules.

M/s Telconet Services Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad are in the process of customization on the centralized software solution in the Department.

(c) A mobilization advance of around Rs. 73 million has been paid to M/s Telconet Services Pvt. Ltd. for procurement of Centralized Software Solution for all the GPOs. However, no advance payment has ever been made to the existing vendors to whom software maintenance work is awarded.

*Noted.*—Details of Point (a) and (c) may be obtained from Operations Group.

55. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

(a) *the total number of aeroplanes owned by PIA at present; and*

(b) *the total number of aeroplanes with PIA on lease at present?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):** (a) At present, a total of 32 aircraft are owned by PIA out of the fleet of 39.

(b) A total of 07 aircraft are on dry lease, (six A-310-300 + one B-777-200ER).

56. **\*Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the steps taken by the government to enhance the co-ordination of Pakistan Metrological Development with the Ministry of Climate Change?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):** Pakistan Meteorological Department has taken following steps for the close co-ordination with Ministry of Climate Change.

- “Daily Co ordination Meeting” of all stake holders including Ministry of Climate Change / NDMA during Monsoon / Flood season for reviewing the prevailing weather / Flood situation with a view to co-ordinate 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 Climate Change /

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.

57. **\*Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) *the location-wise new airports being constructed in the country at present alongwith the time by which construction work of said airport will be completed; and*
- (b) *the location-wise airports in the country at present?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):** (a) There are two new airports being constructed in the country at present, as follows:—

- New Benazir Bhutto International Airport at Pind Ranjha District Attock, Rawalpindi. The scheduled date of completion is 30th June, 2013.
- Construction of Thar Airport at Islamkot near Mithi, Sindh. The scheduled date of completion is 30th June, 2013.

(b) List of airports in the country, location wise, is as under:—

S. No.	Location	Airport Name
1.	Bahawalpur	Bahawalpur Airport
2.	Chitral	Chitral Airport
3.	Dalbandin	Dalbandin Airport
4.	Dera Ghazi Khan	Dera Ghazi Khan Airport
5.	Dera Ismail Khan	Dera Ismail Khan Airport

S. No.	Location	Airport Name
6.	Faisalabad	Faisalabad International Airport
7.	Gilgit	Gilgit Airport
8.	Gwadar	Gwadar International Airport
9.	Hyderabad	Hyderabad Airport
10.	Islamabad	Benazir Bhutto International Airport / Chaklala Airbase
11.	Jacobabad	Jacobabad Airport / Jacobabad Airbase
12.	Karachi	Jinnah International Airport
13.	Lahore	Allama Iqbal International Airport
14.	Moenjodaro	Moenjodaro Airport
15.	Multan	Multan International Airport
16.	Nawabshah	Nawabshah Airport
17.	Panjgur	Panjgur Airport
18.	Pasni	Pasni Airport
19.	Peshawar	Bacha Khan International Airport
20.	Quetta	Quetta International Airport
21.	Rahim Yar Khan	Shaikh Zayad International Airport
22.	Sialkot	Sialkot International Airport
23.	Saidu Sharif	Saidu Sharif Airport
24.	Skardu	Skardu Airport
25.	Sukkur	Sukkur Airport
26.	Turbat	Turbat Airport
27.	Zhob	Zhob Airport
28.	Jiwani	Jiwani Airport
29.	Ormara	Ormara Airport
30.	Sibi	Sibi Airport
31.	Mangla	Mangla Airport
32.	Sargodha	Bhagtanwala Airport
33.	Mianwali	Mianwali Airport
34.	Sehwan Sharif	Sehwan Sharif Airport
35.	Sanghar	Mirpur Khas Airport
36.	Badin	Talhar Airport
37.	Kohat	Kohat Airport
38.	Khuzdar	Khuzdar Airport

39.	Muzaffarabad	Muzaffarabad Airport
40.	Rawalakot	Rawalakot Airport
41.	Bannu	Bannu Airport
42.	Parachinar	Parachinar Airport

58. **\*Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.45 replied on 15-3-2012 and to state the results/ achievements gained under Access to Justice Programme so far?*

Deferred for answer on next Rota Day.

59. **\*Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 29 replied on 15-3-2012 and to state:*

- (a) whether it is a fact that substandard kits are being installed in vehicles; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the government to control the installation of substandard kits in the vehicles?*

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

(a) In fact there are 07 OGRA approved CNG conversion kits and these are being installed in following three ways in vehicles.

- (a) Company Fitted;
- (b) Converted at authorized Workshops (workshops at CNG Stations duly approved by Chief Inspector of Explosives (CIE) under rule 18 of CNG Rules, 1992);
- (c) Converted at illegal roadside workshops. (Time and again Provincial Governments have been requested to take strict action against these workshops).

There are chances that some unapproved kits may have been installed at illegal roadside workshops.

(b) Following measures have been taken by the government to control the installation of substandard kits in the vehicles:—

- (a) More than 100 workshops all over the country duly approved by the Chief Inspector of Explosives (CIE) and certified by Hydrocarbon Institute of Pakistan (HDIP), have started certifying vehicles. In this campaign all un-approved CNG equipments including un-approved CNG Cylinders are being replaced.
- (b) HDIP and CIE being the statutory bodies for the purpose are in the process of developing detailed criteria for installation of CNG system in the vehicles, especially Public Service Vehicles.
- (c) Un-Certified Vehicles shall not be given fitness certificate/route permits by relevant transport Authority.
- (d) Un-Certified vehicles shall not be allowed to be filled by CNG Stations.
- (e) Massive media campaign for awareness of the safety aspects associated with the usage of CNG has been launched.
- (f) A Task Force comprised of all stake holders has been constituted to prepare SOPs in order to prevent or mitigate CNG related accidents.

60. **\*Sheikh Muhammad Tariq Rasheed:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.41 replied on 15-3-2012 and to state:*

- (a) *the details of feasibility reports made by the PIA for the purchase and lease of aeroplanes since March, 2008 till date;*
- (b) *whether said reports were approved by the Board of Directors of PIA; if so, the date of approval thereof;*
- (c) *the total amount incurred on the repair of six planes (A300 B4) prior to their sale and total amount obtained after the sale*

*therefrom during the year 2005 alongwith the criteria adopted therein; and*

- (d) *whether the criteria as adopted in part (c) above is at par with the international standard; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmad Mukhtar):** (a) PIA have not purchased any aircraft since 2008. However, PIA has recently signed an agreement with Boeing Co. for purchase of additional five B777 aircraft as part of PIA's Business Strategy. PIA prepared Fleet Replacement Plan (FRP), 2020 which spells-out phasing out of aged aircraft and fleet requirement for the period of 2012-2020. FRP 2020 envisages that for better economics of operation PIA would replace its existing B747s with B777.

As regards feasibility study for lease of aircraft, it is clarified that PIA acquired two Boeing 747-200 aircraft on wet lease for a period of three months (October-December, 2011) for Hajj Operations. Comparison of all received/available offers was carried-out and contract was awarded to the lowest commercial offer. As per PIA Schedule of Power, approval from Board of Directors is not required for lease of aircraft upto period of 11 months.

(b) PIA FRP-2020 was approved by the PIAC Board of Directors in its 336th Meeting held on December 26, 2011.

(c) The total amount incurred on the repair of six planes (A300 B4) prior to their sale during the year-2005 was US\$ 14,000/- and these aircraft were sold in 2005 at the amount of US\$ 10.1 million.

In order to create competition and to keep the process transparent, PIA advertised the sale of these aircraft in leading national and international media/websites. The aircraft were offered on "as is where is basis" with valid "Certificate of Airworthiness". The potential buyers were asked to submit their unconditional "sealed offers". The MNG Airlines offered the highest price.

(d) There is no specific International Standard for the sale/disposal of the old aircraft. However, sale of these aircraft has been carried-out through transparent manner as indicated in "C" above.

61. **\*Mr. Himayatullah Mayar:**

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the steps taken to promote the use of solar energy in the country during the years 2010-11 and 2011-12?*

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

Apart from other Federal /Provincial institutions and NGO's, Pakistan Council for Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET), an R&D organization of Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) is also engaged in development and promotion of solar technologies. PCRET experts have designed and developed solar energy products, such as solar lights, solar water heaters, solar cookers, solar dryers, solar desalination units, and has also installed more than 500 solar PV systems for electrification of 500 houses/buildings for demonstration purpose.

As a result of hectic efforts, solar energy technologies are gaining popularity in the country and people have started using these technologies for electrification and other domestic/ commercial applications.

The steps taken by Pakistan Council for Renewable Energy Technologies (PCRET) to promote solar energy in the country during the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as under:

- PCRET has executed a joint venture with a private company M/s Miltronix, Islamabad for production of solar water heater and its marketing.
- Collaboration with Telephone Industry of Pakistan (TIP) for commercial scale production of solar lantern, (in Process).
- Upgrading its laboratory facilities for production of solar photo voltaic panels up to 80 Kilo Watts (KW) per annum.
- Installed 10 KW solar systems at PCRET Head Office building and 3 KW solar systems at National Institute of Electronics (NIE) building for powering of its lights and fans. Such installation was carried out for demonstration of solar electrification of public buildings to promote solar energy technologies. Hot water for bath rooms and space heating was also provided in PCRET building through solar thermal system.

- PCRET conducted a number of training programs and participated in various exhibitions to promote solar energy products/Solar energy technologies. PCRET also presented a documentary on a private TV channel about solar energy technologies under a public awareness program.
- PCRET provided technical consultancy and testing services to various private public sector companies under its quality assurance program.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 29th April, 2012.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Monday, the 30th April, 2012**

*(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 36, 47, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26 and 27 were set down for answer during the 40th Session)*

**36. Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice 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.

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

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice 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.

16. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to provide pick and drop service to the passengers of PIA from airport to the city;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar):** (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration of the PIAC management to provide pick & drop service to the passengers of PIA from airport to city.

19. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the province-wise number of persons benefitted from NRO so far?*

Reply not received.

22. **Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) *the total members of crew working in each flight of PIA at present; and*
- (b) *the remuneration facilities admissible to the said crew during a flight?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar):** (a) The Crew (Cockpit & Cabin) composition varies with the type of aircraft and the time duration of the route/leg. The details of various combinations are appended below:—

Type of Aircraft	Crew		Total
	Cockpit	Cabin	
Boeing-777	05	14	19
Boeing -737	02	06	08
Boeing -747	05	15	20
Airbus A-310	04	10	14
ATR	02	02	04

The figures above represent the crew deployment per aircraft in maximum configuration/time.

(b) Besides, admissible flying, daily and layover allowance, each member of the crew is entitled for excess duty allowance @ Rs.1000/- per hour in case duty time exceeds 12 hours.

**23. Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the total number of persons appointed in OGDCL, SSGPL and SNGPL since June, 2008 till date alongwith the departments for which those appointments made; and*
- (b) *whether those appointments were made in accordance with the annual allocation of budget; if not, the reasons thereof?*

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

(a) Total Employment Executive Sub-ordinate

OGDCL	417	353	64	Details at Annex-I-II
SSGCL	274	35	239	Details at Annex-III
SNGPL	676	117	559	Details at Annex-IV

(b) All the appointments were made against the vacancies and in accordance with the annual allocation of budget and observing all codal formalities.

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

26. **Mrs. Anusha Rahman Khan Advocate:**

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the details of pending matters including civil and criminal suits, petitions, appeals, reviews and revisions, filed by or against the Federal Government and its attached departments and autonomous bodies as on 31st December, 2010 and 31st December, 2011 separately before the Supreme court, High Courts, District Courts and Statutory Tribunals?*

Reply not received.

27. **Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi:**

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

- (a) the detail of advocates/retainers appointed in the Supreme Court and in the Federal Government institutions by the Ministry since 15-03-2008 till date alongwith the year-wise amount paid to each of the said advocate/retainer; and*
- (b) the criteria adopted for the said appointments?*

Reply not received.

45. **Mrs. Nisar Tanveer:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.134 replied on 2-1-2012 and to state:*

- (a) the present status of buying new rigs by OGDCL;*
- (b) the details of bidders participated in the biddings;*
- (c) whether it is a fact that mismanagement and violation of prescribed rules have been reported in the said process especially not considering the past partnership of bidders with the OGDCL; and*
- (d) if the answer to part (c) above is in the affirmative, the steps being taken to streamline the said process?*

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

(a) OGDCL is in the process of procuring new rigs. Technical bids for procurement of two Drilling Rigs (2000 HP AC VFD) were opened on 02-04-2012 and are under technical evaluation.

(b) Details of Bidders that participated in the bidding is attached at Annex-A.

(c) No Mismanagement and violation of prescribed rules have occurred in this case as this is an open tender and any one can participate. There is no restriction for participation of any company or group of companies.

(d) Since the answer to part (c) is not in the affirmative, answer to part (d) of the question is not required.

**Annexure-A**

S.#	Name of Bidder	Bid Received through
1.	M/s. CPTDC, China	M/s. Canpet Consultants, Islamabad
2.	M/s. Catic Beijing Co., Ltd., China	M/s EMEC Trading Company Lahore
3.	M/s. Sichuan Honghua Petroleum Equipment Co. Ltd., China	M/s. Shahzad International, Islamabad
4.	M/s. Lanzhou LS National Oil Well Petroleum Engg. Co. Ltd, China	M/s. Nuricon Union (Pvt) Ltd., Islamabad
5.	M/s. Top Oil Field Industries, UAE	M/s. I.E Services, Islamabad
6.	M/s. Shandong Kerui Petroleum Equipment Co. Ltd., China	M/s. Y.Y. Corporation, Islamabad
7.	M/s. Drillmec, SPA, Italy	M/s. Currentage, Islamabad
8.	M/s Sichuan Kunlun Petroleum Equipment Manufacturing Co. Ltd, China.	M/s. Tech Links, Lahore

**46. Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the action taken by the Election Commission of Pakistan during the last four years against those members of the Parliament who possess fake degrees?*

Reply not received.

47. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite the HR Committee, the administration of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd. has awarded the contract for recruitment of new executive and informal employees to a private firm namely PHRS; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that a handsome amount is paid to the said firm as commission; if so, the justification thereof?*

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

(a) The Board of Directors approved hiring of services of a Recruitment Consultant through open bidding. The Company floated tender in the National Press on 08-10-2011 for hiring of consultant (copy placed at Annex-A). A total of 8 HR Consulting firms submitted quotations against the tender, 3 firms found technically responsive on the basis of:—

- The repute of the Company
- Number of years since established
- Number of manpower hired for clients in past year
- Staff strength of the Firm

M/s Prime Human Resource Services (PHRS), Karachi was awarded contract after financial bid evaluation.

(b) No. As per terms agreed upon with the Recruitment Consultant, an agreed sum is to be paid to it by the Company for each candidate selected @ per diem basis through it after his joining. The aggregate amount to be paid to the consultant will be calculated once recruitment through consultant is finalized.

As of date following payments have been made to the Recruitment Consultant:

- Advertisement Expenses	Rs. 834,000/-
- Recruitment Charges (Paid)	Rs.127,878/-
- Recruitment Charges (under process)	Rs.1,065,650/-

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

48. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) the number, names and the addresses of the persons who applied for provision of sui gas connections in T & T Colony Morgah, Rawalpindi during the period from 1st September, 2009 to 30th September, 2009;*
- (b) the number of persons out of above to whom demand notices issued alongwith the sui gas connections provided so far; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that sui gas connections have not been provided to the said applicants alongwith the action being taken against the responsables?*

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

(a) Only one application has been found in SNGPL's record vide No. 701073961 dated 05-09-2009 of Mr. Abdul Waqas, resident of H.172, T&T Colony, Morgah, Rawalpindi, who has applied during the period from 1st September, 2009 to 30th September, 2009.

(b) Demand notice has not been issued as Company's network does not exist in front of the above applicant's premises.

(c) Gas connection to the said applicant will be provided after laying of gas pipeline, which will be processed in accordance with the Company's prevailing procedure against 100% cost recovery basis from the Management of the T&T Colony.

49. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the details of agreements, treaties and contracts signed with foreign countries, organizations and institutions during the last four years by the Ministry?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar):** During the last four years *i.e.* 2008-2011 Ministry of Defence (Aviation Wing) has signed/ revised/ updated Air Services Agreements with various foreign countries, details of which is annexed as 'A'

**Annex-A**

LIST OF AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS  
SIGNED DURING 2008-2011

S. No.	Country	Venue	Date
1.	Afghanistan	Rawalpindi	January 16, 2008
2.	UK	Manchester	January 25, 2008
3.	India	Rawalpindi	February 15, 2008
4.	Sri Lanka	Rawalpindi	April 08, 2008
5.	Spain	Madrid	June 04, 2008
6.	Tajikistan	Dushanbe	June 28, 2008
7.	ED	Brussels	February 24, 2009
8.	China	Beijing	April 16, 2009
9.	Iraq	Rawalpindi	August 08, 2009
10.	Iceland		September 28, 2009
11.	Kenya		September 28, 2009
12.	Norway		September 29, 2009
13.	Azerbaijan		September 30, 2009

S. No.	Country	Venue	Date
14.	Bangladesh	Istanbul ICAN 2009	September 30, 2009
15.	Iran	28/09 to 02/10, 2009	September 30, 2009
16.	South Korea		October 01, 2009
17.	Georgia		October 01, 2009
18.	Turkey		October 01, 2009
19.	Tajikistan	Dushanbe	October 21, 2009
20.	Singapore	Singapore	November 10, 2009
21.	South Korea	Seoul	February 25, 2010
22.	Syria	Damascus	April 06, 2010
23.	Greece	Athens	December 14, 2010
24.	Russia	Moscow	March 18, 2011
25.	Saudi Arabia	Jeddah	March 29, 2011
26.	Turkey	Rawalpindi	April 29, 2011
27.	Russia	Moscow	May 14, 2011
28.	Bangladesh	Dhaka	May 26, 2011
29.	UAE	Rawalpindi	September 29, 2011
30.	Canada	Toronto	October 06, 2011
31.	Latvia	Rawalpindi	October 11, 2011
32.	South Africa	Pretoria	November 09, 2011

50. **Dr. Muhammad Ayub Sheikh:**

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

- (a) *the number of times Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) was approached to increase the prices of POL products since March, 2008 till date alongwith the details thereof;*
- (b) *the criteria adopted to determine the prices of POL products during the said period;*

- (c) *whether OGRA conducted public hearing for obtaining opinion regarding increase in the prices of POL products during the year 2011-12; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *whether the opinion of general public was accommodated while determining the said prices; 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 determined the POL products prices on a fortnightly/monthly basis as per the Government/ECC approved formula. Since June 01, 2011, POL prices, except SKO and HSD have been deregulated and are being notified by OMCs/refineries themselves. Prices of Petrol have been increased 25 times and Diesel 26 times since March 2008 (details attached).

On the other hand the prices of Petrol have been decreased 19 times and Diesel 16 times during the said period, while the prices of Petrol have not been changed 22 times and Diesel 24 times.

(b) The local fuel prices are linked 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) & (d) The domestic *ex-depot* sale prices of petroleum products are determined based on average import/international market prices during the preceding month as per GOP/ECC approved formula. Since OGRA computes prices as per approved formula of ECC as such no public hearing is conducted. The consumer sale price is worked out by adding Petroleum Levy in the computed prices which is done by the Finance Division.

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

51. **Ms. Tasneem Siddiqui:**

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

- (a) the names of the companies including PSO/Caltex-allowed to set up petrol pumps in the country at present; and*
- (b) the procedure adopted in respect of checking the quality of their oil?*

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

- (a) 1. Admore Gas (Pvt) Limited
  - 2. ASKAR Oil Services (Pvt) Ltd.
  - 3. Attock Petroleum Ltd.
  - 4. Bakri Trading Co. Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd.
  - 5. Chevron Pakistan Ltd.
  - 6. Express Oil (Pvt) Ltd\*.
  - 7. HASCOL Petroleum Ltd.
  - 8. Overseas Oil Trading Co. Ltd.
  - 9. Pakistan State Oil Co. Ltd.
  - 10. Shell Pakistan Ltd.
  - 11. Total PARCO Pakistan Ltd.
  - 12. Zoom Petroleum Ltd.
  - 13. Pearl PARCO\*\*.
  - 14. BYCO Pakistan Ltd.
- \* License granted yet to establish outlets/depots.
- \*\* Pearl PARCO currently is not operating as retailer.

(b) M/s Pakistan State Oil Company is operating 23 Mobile Quality Testing Units, throughout Pakistan for ensuring quality and quantity of products being sold at its petrol pumps. Similar arrangements are also being made by many oil marketing companies.

HDIP also undertakes random quality and quantity checks at petrol stations, furthermore as per provincial government laws, weight and measures departments and local administration conduct random checks at petrol pumps to ensure the quality and quantity of products.

Monitoring and checking of correct prices at retail petrol pump are under the domain of local administration.

**52. Ms. Sabeen Rizvi:**

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state the designation-wise total number of persons appointed in Pakistan Post/ Postal Department during the last six months alongwith the domiciles thereof?*

**Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij):** 440 persons were appointed in Pakistan Post / Postal Department during the last six months alongwith the designation/domiciles-wise detailed is attached as Annex-A.

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

**53. Mr. Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.28 replied on 15-3-2012 and to state the total number of PIA flights whose arrivals and departures delayed during the period from 1-1-2012 till date?*

Reply not received.

**54. Mr. Wasim Akhter Sheikh:**

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

- (a) *the total number of applicants of District Kasur (NA-139) applied for provision of sui gas connections since March 15th, 2008 till date;*
- (b) *the number of connections given during the said period to those applicants; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that large number of applicants have not been given the said connections so far; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which it will be given to the remaining applicants at an earliest?*

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

(a) The total number of applications of District Kasur (NA-139) received for provision of sui gas connections since March 15th 2008 till date, are as follows:

Domestic	Commercial
20719	208

(b) The number of connections given during the said period to the applicants are as follows:

Domestic	Commercial
7078	121

(c) Yes, it is a fact that gas connections have not been provided to the applicants in waiting.

**Reasons**

It is mainly due to large gap between demand and supply. Currently, SNGPL is extending over 5000 kms distribution network each year on Prime Minister's directives, whereby, 450,000 (approximately) additional premises come on line and apply for gas connections. Keeping in view the demand supply position, SNGPL is providing 250,000 domestic connections (approximately) each year in its area of operation *i.e.* Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhawa, Federal Capital Area and Azad Jamu & Kashmir.

**Time period for pending gas connection to remaining applicants**

It will take approximately 1-1/2 years for provision of gas connections to the above remaining applicants, barring unforeseen circumstances and completion of requisite formalities including payment of new connection charges, houseline installation etc. by the applicants.

**55. Moulvi Asmatullah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that helpers of SSGPL, Quetta Centre were terminated from their services during the period from 1997 to 1999; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that those helpers have not been reinstated so far; if so; the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which those helpers will be reinstated?*

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

(a) These employees were terminated by SSGCL on the direction of the then Government.

(b) All such employees who approached the SSGCL were reinstated through Sacked Employees (Reinstatement Ordinance) after the approval of SSGCL Board.

**56. Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that posts of the teachers of Cantonment and Garrison Schools have not been upgraded so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration by the government to upgrade those posts; if so, the time by which those will be upgraded; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar):** (a) It is not a fact that teachers of Cantonment and Garrison Schools have not been upgraded so far. 764 posts were up-graded and promotions against these posts have been completed in all respect.

(b) Apart from the above, proposal for up-gradation of 2875 posts is under process.

57. **Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

*Will the Minister for Postal Services be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the budget allocated for Information Technology by the Ministry during the year 2011-12;*
- (b) *the names of the projects launched by the Ministry for the development of Information Technology during the said period;*
- (c) *the names of those projects in pipelines at present;*
- (d) *the budget allocated for the Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP) Projects during the said period alongwith the present status thereof; and*
- (e) *the names of companies short listed by the Ministry during that period?*

**Minister for Postal Services (Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umar Gorgeij):** (a) During Current Financial Year 2011-12 funds amounting to Rs. 73.634 (Million) under head “A092-Purchase of Computer Equipments” has been placed at the disposal of computer Wing for the project namely Centralized Software Solution, after the approval of Finance Division.

(b) Pakistan Post has finalized the Centralized Software Solution for interconnecting all 83 GPOs and interconnecting all financial services of Pakistan Post into a central platform.

(c) Centralization of entire counter operation on single / central platform. The PC-I has been submitted to Planning Commission.

(d) Nil.

(e) Pakistan Post Office Department Shortlisted following five companies for Centralized Software Solution:

- i. M/s Siemens Pakistan Pvt. Ltd.
- ii. M/s THK Solutions, Karachi
- iii. M/s Telconet Services (Pvt) Ltd.
- iv. M/s Codebase Technologies, Karachi
- v. M/s Fides Technologies, Islamabad.

58. **Mr. Himayatullah Mayar:**

*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 PIAC to control the losses of said corporation; if so, when it will be implemented; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Defence (Ch. Ahmed Mukhtar):** There is no proposal under consideration to withdraw the facility of free air tickets to PIA employees. The reasons are as under:—

- (i) The Corporation's product *i.e* the seats are perishable item. Once the flight is closed for check-in before departure, the seat perishes in value. Therefore, it makes perfect business sense to utilize such seats as benefit to the employees.
- (ii) Employees of PIA are provided with limited free of cost or concessional tickets subject to availability of seats. Since the employees are accepted for travel at the last moment just before departure against un-utilized seats, therefore, PIAC revenues are not affected in any way.
- (iii) It is a common industrial practice that companies offering products or services, offer their facilities/product/service to their own employee's on rebated basis as a welfare measure.

It is pertinent to mention here that the utmost priority of travel with national carrier is always given to the revenue passengers.

59. **Mr. Mohammad Pervaiz Malik:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that inflated sui gas bills of Rs.600,000/- and above were sent/issued to the residents of Village Ghazi, Tehsil Ghazi, District Haripur for the month of October and November, 2010; if so, the justification alongwith the names of consumers thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the corrected sui gas bills have not been issued so far to the residents of said village; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which actual sui gas bills will be issued?*

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

(a) The company has thoroughly checked its billing/meter reading record and found that bill for the month of October, 2010 was issued from 12-03-2010 to 09-11-2010 to a resident of village Ghazi District Haripur amounting to Rs. 575,733/- as per actual consumption. Another bill amounting to Rs. 631,840/- was issued in the billing month of November, 2010 which included the arrears of October, 2010 bill. Detail is as follows:

Name & Address	Consumer No.	Meter No.	Bill Amount
M. Rehman, Al-Hamza Ghazi	33647228676	GN26152796	631,380

(b) During the site visit on the complaint of consumer dated 15-11-2010, massive leakage was observed from consumer's internal fitting, the rectification of which was responsibility of the consumer and he was also informed accordingly. The major reason of above high gas bill was due to massive leakage in internal house line, as such rectification of gas bill is not required on part of the company. Gas supply of the above mentioned consumer was disconnected due to nonpayment of gas bill amounting Rs. 631,380/- on 04-02-2011. However, gas connection of the above applicant will be restored after clearance of arrears as per Company's policy.

60. **Mr. Mohammad Afzal Khokhar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that sui gas has been supplied to residents of street No.35, Malikabad, Wah Cantonment;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the sui gas connections have not been provided to the certain residents of the said street; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which sui gas connections will be provided to the remaining resident of the said street/area?*

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

(a) Yes, initially, gas connections were provided upto the developed portion of Street No. 35, Malikabad, Wah Cantonment.

(b) Yes. The above street was further extended and some new houses have also been constructed. The reason for not providing gas connections is that gas network does not exist in the remaining extended street and following line meterage is required to be laid:—

1" dia	266 meters
House	11Nos.
Plots	13 Nos.

(c) Connections to the residents of said street who have submitted their applications as per prescribed procedure would be provided after laying of pipelines in the last quarter of fiscal year 2014-15 on turn/merit, barring unforeseen circumstances.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 29th April, 2012.*