

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 27th September, 2013

(Originally Starred Question Nos. 1, 55, 58 and 69 were set down for answer on 19-09-2013)

@1. ***Sheikh Rashid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) how many times India has violated the Pakistani borders by firing during the last one year till date alongwith the loss of life and property caused to Pakistan therefrom; and*
- (b) the total number of civilians injured therefrom?*

Minister for Defence: (a) In year 2012 / 13, Indian troops have been initiating unprovoked firing along Line of Control (LOC) and Working Boundary (WB). The detail of firing violations and casualties along LOC and WB during this period is appended below:—

- (1) **Year 2012.** 24 x serious violations were committed by Indian troops. Resultantly, 1 x military personnel and 4 x civilians embraced Shahadat, while 8 x soldiers and Civilians each got injured.
- (2) **Year 2013.** 59 x serious violations. 9 x military personnel and 4 x civilians embraced Shahadat. while 13 x soldiers and 35 x civilians got injured.

(b) Pakistan Army responded to Indian tiring violations on quid pro quo basis and maintains high level of vigilance and exercise restraint in order to uphold ceasefire and tranquility along LOC/WB.

@55. ***Lal Chand:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to increase the reserved seats for Minorities; if so, when It will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry, so far.

58. ***Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government during the period from 1-3-2008 to 30-3-2013 to control corruption from the Federal Government's Institutions/ Departments?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: (a) The Holders of Public Offices (Accountability) Bill, 2009, was introduced in the National Assembly and was pending in the erstwhile National Assembly till its dissolution and Bill lapsed under Article 76 (3) of the Constitution.

(b) 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 1-3-2008 to 30-3-2013. The NAB is continuously adopting legal course under the awareness and prevention regime and enforcement while exercising its powers.

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 The Bureau has authorized 1452 inquiries, completed 1459 (including backlog) and 641 are under process. Similarly, NAB authorized 502 investigations, completed 622 (including backlog) and 254 are under process. The bureau has filed 562 references in the said period while 539 have been decided. Presently 596 (including backlog) references are under trial in the Accountability Court.

NAB has recovered Rs. 31.34 billion through Voluntarily Return and Plea Bargain during the said period including Rs. 13.78 billion on account of corruption and corrupt practices, Rs. 2.149 billion on account of bank loan default Rs. 1.209 billion on account of recoveries of Punjab Cooperative Board for Liquidation (PCBL) and Rs.14.205 billion on account of court fine.

Some highly significant issues of corruption have been taken over by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB). These include corruption in the affairs of Pakistan Railways, ISAF missing containers scam involving colossal and huge loss of duties? Taxes worth billion of rupees and corruption/misuse of authority in OGRA and Rental Power Projects (RPPs) in addition to cases of cheating public at large. Proceedings in all these issues have been initiated on references by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and *Suo Moto* action taken by Chairman NAB and significant progress has been made on some important aspects including recoveries in the matter of Pakistan Railways, RPPs and Public Scams. On its prevention regime NAB is working on awareness and prevention. Print and Electronic media and all other available means are being used to create awareness against corruption. On its prevention side under section 33-B (Pre-Procurement regime, NAB has corrected 509 cases of an amount of Rs. 1672.861 billion in Pre-Tendering / Pre-Procurement process.

The functioning of the bureau remained at marginal level during the period when office of the Chairman NAB falls vacant as under the NAO all significant operational powers rest with him. The joint efforts of hon'able Supreme Court of Pakistan, Public Accounts Committee of the National Assembly and NAB/FIA significantly counter the corruption menace and adopted the corrective measures.

69. ***Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the detail of new projects of NHA in the country started by the present Government alongwith the locations thereof?

Minister for Communications: The list of new projects is attached at **Annex-A** of total value of Rs.86.5 billion. These have been approved in May 2013 as a part of PSDP 2013-14.

Projects are located in various locations as is evident from the perusal of **Annex-A**.

Work on these projects will be started once these have been approved by the competent forums.

LIST OF NHA NEW PROJECTS INCLUDED IN PSDP 2013-14

PSDP #	Name of the Projects	Rs in Million		
		Approval Status	Estimated Cost	Allocation PSDP (2013-14)
128	2 nd Kohat Tunnel on N-55 [JICA]	Un-Approved	8000.000	139.067
129	Approach roads to New Benazir Bhutto International Airport (NBIA) Land Acquisition+ Shifting of utilities etc only (Rawalpindi)	CDWP 05-10-2012	932.359	500.072
130	Chak Jhumra Interchange, District Faisalabad (M-3)	CDWP 21-02-2013	241.986	73.920
131	Improvement & Widening of N-45 (141 km) [including Takht Bhai Flyover] (Dir)	ECNEC 16-08-2012	8550.425	201.600
132	Improvement and Widening of Jaglot-Skardu Road (S-1, 167 km)	ECNEC 09-12-2010	24935.000	200.000
133	Malakand Tunnel (N-45) (Malakand) (Korean Exim Bank)	ECNEC 26-05-2011	9043.325	840.000
134	National Highway Development Sector Improvement Program (NHDSIP) - Revised [Tarnol-Fatehjang ACW (N-80)- 36km] (ADB)	ECNEC 21-01-2010	3.664.188	409.920
135	National Highway Development Sector Improvement Program (NHDSIP) - Revised [Qilla Saifullah - Wagum Road (N-70)] (ADB)	ECNEC 21-01-2010	6.834.086	920.640
136	National Highway Development Sector Improvement Program (NHDSIP) - Revised [Zhub-Mughalkot (N-50) - 87km] (ADB)	ECNEC 21-01-2010	6,773.808	913.920
137	Nokkundi- Taftan (126 km)	Un-Approved	7560.000	1.000
138	Tarnol-Fatehjang-Jand (N-80) [100 km] (ADB)	Un-Approved	5000.000	672.000
139	Tarnol Interchange near Tarnol Railway Crossing, (N-5) (ADB)	Un-Approved	1200.000	100.000
140	Taxila-Khanpur Haripur Road [44 km] (ADB)	Un-Approved	3800.000	5.000

168. ***Syed Naveed Qamar:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the LNG policy has been introduced by the Government; if so, the details of the time-line and total tonnage and terminals etc. thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said project will be carried out in the public sector; if so, the details alongwith the potential end-users thereof;*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that the separate transmission lines will be laid for the said purpose; and*
- (d) whether the weighted average price formula will be charged to all consumers in the country; if so, its impacts on gas prices for various consumers?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) No new LNG Policy has been introduced and LNG Policy 2011 is still applicable.

The following three LNG infrastructure projects, at Port Qasim, Karachi are being pursued:

- (i) Fast Track Terminal Project –200 to 400 MMCFD
- (ii) SSGC LPG Retrofit Project – 500 MMCFD
- (iii) New LNG Terminal Project(s) –500 to 1,000 MMCFD

(b) No public sector funding will be involved for these terminals. Services from these terminals will be obtained on a tolling fee basis.

(c) Power sector, CNG and bulk consumers are the potential users of Re-gasified LNG (RLNG).

(d) Separate transmission lines may be needed for transporting RLNG. The capacity of the transmission lines will be decided upon finalization of LNG import projects.

(e) The higher cost of RLNG will impact the weighted average cost of gas. However, the tariff levels will be decided by the Government as per the volume, or the impact.

169. ***Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed period of grant of domestic/commercial/industrial gas connections to the consumers after submitting applications therefor; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the said period?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) The prescribed period for grant of domestic gas connections to the consumer varies from region to region, which is determined by the number of received applications and approved allocation of that particular region.

It is further added that a moratorium has been imposed on all new commercial and industrial new connections except Roti Tandoor Connections (Standalone).

(b) In order to reduce the period for provision of new gas connection against domestic category, SNGPL is taking following steps:

- A petition has been filed with the OGRA to increase the annual target for domestic connections from 250,000 to 500,000 during fiscal year 20013-14.
- Introduction of urgent fee for expeditious processing (pending approval from OGRA).

170. ***Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.51 replied on 19-8-2013 and to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present Government has issued licenses to the petroleum companies for the exploration of oil and gas in the country;*
- (b) if so, the names of those companies alongwith the criteria adopted therefor?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) & (b) The present Government has not granted any Exploration Licence as yet.

171. ***Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the monthly consumption of petrol and diesel in Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) the month-wise quantity of crude oil imported by the Government during the year 2012-13 till date alongwith the total amount of foreign exchange spent thereupon?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Monthly consumption of petrol and diesel for the last financial year is annexed as Annex-I (a).

- (b) Government is not involved in import of crude oil.

Crude oil is being imported from Saudi Arabia, Iran and UAE under the long term contracts/spot tenders by the oil refineries at their own.

The month-wise quantity along with foreign exchange spent for the year 2012-13 is annexed as Annex-I (b).

Annex-I

(a) Monthly Consumption of Petrol and diesel for the Year 2012-13

(000 M.ton)

Month	Petrol (M S)	Diesel (H S D)
July	304.243	720.069
August	264.353	492.317
September	208.337	379.070
October	263.828	534.487
November	263.264	591.452
December	268.838	562.743
January	304.155	525.552
February	267.585	498.958
March	246.840	464.046
April	288.500	617.725
May	356.930	741.838
June	303.664	701.208
Total:	3,340.537	6,829.465

(b) Monthly Import of Crude Oil for the Year 2012-13

(Quantity in 000 MT)
(Value in US \$ Million)

Month	Quantity	Value
July	638	469
August	562	465
September	629	531
October	670	551
November	553	453
December	559	454
January	627	517
February	544	464
March	614	497
April	629	488
May	699	536
June	562	424
Total:	7286	5849

172. ***Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the price-wise total quantity of petroleum products imported during the year 2013?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): Price wise total quantity of Petroleum products imported during the year 2013 is as under:

(Quantity in 000 MT, Value in US \$ Million)
(Price in \$)

Product	Quantity	Value	Price
HSD	1610	1459	906,21
FO	3387	2174	641.87
Jet Fuel	46	46	1000.00
Mogas	1198	1057	882.30

Price is calculated as average. However, data is aggregated from January-July, 2013.

173. ***Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the protection and empowerment of women after the 18th Amendment made in the Constitution?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: Before the adoption of 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the social sector Ministries that were dealing with issues related to women and their protection have been devolved to the Provinces. After the 18th Amendment, the Government has taken a number of steps for the protection and empowerment of women ranging from establishing institutional framework to setting up legislative framework. The institutional framework includes:

- Establishment of an autonomous National Commission on the Status of Women under National Commission on the Status of Women

Act, 2012 for the promotion of social, economic, political and legal rights of women is the most important step in this direction. The KPK Provincial Commission on the Status of Women has also been established whereas the other Provinces are in the process of setting up Provincial Commissions.

- The National Commission for Human Rights is being established under National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012. This Commission will provide avenues for addressing grievances on violations of Human Rights of citizens including women. Three Members of the Commission shall be women, including Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women.
- 26 Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Human Rights Centres for Women (SBBHRCW) have been established for the welfare of women. After the 18th Amendment, 13 Centers were transferred to the provinces and the 12 functioning in Punjab have been retained by the Federal Government under the control of Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights. During the years 2011-13, these 12 Centres have provided rehabilitation services to 7701 women victims of violence and those affected by floods and earthquake. These Centres have also created good linkages with law enforcement agencies, hospitals, NGOs and media. More importantly, these Centres have gained social acceptance, particularly in areas like Mianwali, Vehari, Muzaffargarh, Khushab and Sahiwal where strong feudal and tribal background and conservative mindset prevails. Rs.57.644 million has been spent on 12 Centres up to 30-06-2012. For the current financial year, Rs.78.00 million has been allocated for these Centres.

Several legislative measures have been taken for the protection and empowerment of women after the 18th Amendment. All such laws are in consonance with the International human rights standards. Details of these Laws are as under:

- Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 known as Acid Control and Acid was enacted on 28th December, 2011 to provide protection to women against defacing through acid throwing. Under this Act, whoever with the intention or knowingly causes or attempts to cause hurt by means of a corrosive substance or any substance which is harmful to human body shall be punished with imprisonment

for life or imprisonment of either description which shall not be less than fourteen years and a minimum fine of Rs.1.00 million.

- Criminal Law (Third Amendment) Act, 2011 commonly known as Anti Women Practices Act 2011 is the most significant law for protection of rights of women. This Law was enacted on 28th December, 2011, with the aim to banish harmful, old customary practices like giving a female in marriage as *badal-e-sulh*, *wanni* or *swara*, depriving a woman from inheriting property, forced marriages, and marriage with the Holy Quran. Under this Law all such practices have been made punishable offense.
- Establishment of Women in Distress and Detention Fund under Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act 2011 is a major step by the Government to provide assistance to women in distress and detention. It was established in 1996 through an Act of Parliament but remained dormant till 2012 when necessary amendments were made in the Act. The Board of Governors of this Fund has been notified. The Fund envisages setting up of Executive and Provincial Committees which are being established in consultation with the various stakeholders. After establishment of these two Committees, the Fund would become operational.
- The National Policy on Home-based Workers (NPHBWs) is in its final stages of formulation by the Ministry. It is intended to protect the rights of home based workers; a large majority of whom are women and whose work is presently neither being recognized nor adequately paid.
- Domestic Violence (Criminal Law Amendment) Bill, 2013 is being drafted by the Government. This Bill aims to institutionalize measures which prevent and protect women, children and any vulnerable persons from domestic violence by amending the Pakistan Penal Code(PPC) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (CPC).

The major steps that have been taken for strengthening coordination with the devolved Ministries/Provincial Departments are:

- Setting up of an Inter Provincial Minister' Group for Women Development which meets regularly to agree on key priorities for

Gender Equality in line with International commitments. This group is comprised of Honorable Ministers for Women Development and respective Secretaries of Provincial Women Development Departments in addition to Chairperson, National Commission on the Status of Women and representative of Ministry of Law, Justice and Human rights.

- Provincial CEDAW Implementation Committees are being constituted to ensure the implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women which was ratified by the Government of Pakistan in 1996.
- Coordination with Provincial Women Development Departments is a continuous process on matters relating to protection and empowerment of women. Women Development Departments are taken on board on all the policies relating to women.

174. ***Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the rationale for levy on locally produced oil, gas and LPG vis-a-viz imported petroleum products?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):

OIL

There is no Petroleum Levy (PL) on Crude Oil on locally produced or imported. However, PL is uniform on the Petroleum Products (Petrol/Diesel) either produced locally or imported, which is as under:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Rs of PL (Rs/Litre)</u>
MS (Petrol)	9.43
HSD (Diesel)	4.53

The rationale for levying PL on Locally produced Petroleum products is to keep the sale prices at par with the prices of imported petroleum products.

Gas

The Natural Gas (Development Surcharge)' Ordinance, 1967 was promulgated to impose development surcharge on gas. The receipts are divided between provinces in accordance with formula agreed in NFC Award.

Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2011 was promulgated to impose Cess on natural gas which shall be utilized for or in connection with infrastructure development of Iran Pakistan Pipeline Project. Turkmenistan Afghanistan Pakistan India (TAPI) Pipeline Project, LNG or other projects or for price equalization of other imported alternative fuels including LPG. At Present, the Cess is not being collected due to High Court Orders.

LPG

Petroleum Products (Petroleum Levy), (Amendment) Act, 2011 was promulgated to amend the Petroleum Products (Petroleum Levy), Ordinance 1961 for imposing Petroleum Levy on Liquefied Petroleum gas (LPG). Level of this levy is to be so fixed to protect investment in local LPG production as well as to encourage imports. At present, no Petroleum Levy is being collected due to restraining orders of High Court.

175. ***Farhana Qamar:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise value in U.S dollars of annual exports of IT services during the last five years alongwith the names of countries which have procured such services;*
- (b) *the year-wise targets fixed In U.S dollars for the said exports for the next five years; and*
- (c) *the total number of private enterprises in Pakistan which have achieved the target of annual exports of IT services for more than one million U.S dollars during the last five years?*

Transferred to Information Technology and Telecommunications Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

176. ***Najaf Abbas Sial:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of the construction work of Bridge on the River Chennab at Shorkot, District Jhang to Garh Maharaja which has not been completed; If so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which said work will be completed alongwith the responsables for delay thereof?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The main Bridge is 82% complete. Construction work on approach roads, guide banks, protection bunds and J-spurs is also, in progress. Floods in 2010,2011,2012 and 2013, model study by Irrigation Research Institute (IRI) and cash flow problems caused delay in completion of the project. However, traffic flow is expected to start in December, 2013.

(b) The project is expected to complete by March 2014, subject to availability of funds and smooth cash flow.

177. ***Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.69 replied on 19-8-2013 and to state:

- (a) *the province-wise total number of roads and bridges affected during the recent floods;*
- (b) *whether said roads and bridges reconstructed/repared; if so, the province-wise total expenditures incurred thereupon?*

Minister for Communications: (a) During recent monsoon rains/floods, no bridge/culvert on NHA network was affected; however, some minor damages occurred at few road portions.

(b) The minor damages occurred on NHA roads due recent rains/floods have been repaired/rectified through ongoing, routine maintenance contracts, where as a few emergency maintenance contracts amounting to Rs 29,675 million were awarded where routine maintenance contracts were not available. Province-wise breakup of expenditures at **Annex-A**.

National Highway Authority
Province-wise Detail of Maintenance Contracts for Flood 2013

Province	Route	Location		Amount (Rs.)	Nature of Work
		Km	Km		
Balochistan	N-65	120		12,795,307	Rehabilitation of damaged bridge
	N-10	496	497	4,605,755	Construction of diversion of collapsed bridge
	Sub-Total (Balochistan)			17,401,062	
Gilgit - Baltistan	N-35	440.800		4,123,313	Emergency maintenance of KKH (construction of retaining wall)
	Sub-Total (Gilgit-Baltistan)			4,123,313	
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	N-35	152.2	154.2	718,263	Maintenance of retaining walls at Mansehra - Battagram Section
	Sub-Total (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)			718,263	
Sindh	N-55	0	1	4,793,860	Construction of culvert and road work
	N-55	431 - 435		2,638,726	Emergency maintenance work
		432 - 433			
	433 - 434				
	Sub-Total (Sindh)			7,432,586	
	TOTAL			29,675,224	

178. ***Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to explore oil reserves in Pakistan's territorial waters; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) the locations in Balochistan where new oil and gas reserves have been discovered during the last five years?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes, exploration activities are already taking place in the Offshore Area of Pakistan.

(b) Three oil and gas reservoirs have been discovered at Sibi and Dera Bugti Districts of Baluchistan during last five years.

179. ***Muhammad Riaz Malik:**

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

- (a) the total cost Incurred on excavating an oil/gas well during the year 2012-13 till date; and*
- (b) the total number of the new wells to be excavated in the country during the year 2013-14?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Estimated oil/gas well cost ranges from US \$ 5 to 40 Millions depending upon the area of operations, depth of the well, formation evaluation and testing programme. Significantly, well cost in Southern and Central parts is less than the Northern areas of the country.

(b) A total number of one hundred ten (110) wells have been planned to drill in the country during the current fiscal year 2013-14.

180. ***Syed Naveed Qamar:**

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

- (a) *the province-wise production and consumption of gas in the country at present alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring a change in the policy in the gas distribution; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) The province-wise production and consumption of gas in the country during the year 2012-13 is as under:

Province	Production (MMCFD)	Consumption (MMCFD)
Punjab	180.55	1541
Sindh	2841.14	1683
Balochistan	757.79	282
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	346.11	259

(b) Natural Gas Allocation and management Policy 2005 was introduced to promote efficacious utilization of natural gas. Keeping in view the energy crisis in the country, the sectoral priority order for supply of gas was revised in January 2013 by the Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet, thus moving power sector at second number. The revised priority order is as under:

Sr.	Category of Consumers	Priority Order
1	Domestic & Commercial Sectors	First
2	Power Sector	Second
3	General Industrial, Fertilizer & Captive Power	Third
4	Cement Sector including its Captive Power	Fourth
5	CNG Sector.	Fifth

Further change in the aforesaid policy will be considered when ample quantities of natural gas will be available for distribution.

181. ***Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the CNG Sector is being abolished in the country;*
- (b) *if not; whether any plan is being made by the Government to end the CNG crises in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) No. Government has no plans to abolish the CNG Industry.

(b) The Government is making all-out efforts to mitigate the shortage of gas which include increase in the indigenous production of gas through enhanced exploration activities and providing incentives to the investors under Petroleum Policy. Besides efforts are also being made to import gas under transnational pipeline and LNG projects. Until & unless the gas demand and supply is balanced out through aforesaid efforts, the gas crisis will prevail and every sector consuming gas including CNG has to face the hardship.

182. ***Syed Asif Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for the provision of potable water in the country?

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid): Provision of potable water to the public is the prime responsibility of the Provincial Governments/Local Government departments. The Ministry of Science and Technology through Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) has conducted Technical Assessment Survey of Water Supply Schemes across the country and results have been conveyed to the Provincial Governments for necessary remedial measures.

PCRWR has so far carried out survey of 12000 water supply schemes in the country. Details of the activities undertaken by PCRWR are at Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

Ministry of Science & Technology through Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) has been conducting Technical Assessment Survey of about 12,000 Water Supply Schemes across the country. The survey of 10128 water supply schemes in 96 districts showed that 7284 (72%) schemes are functional and providing safe drinking water only to 23% urban and 14% rural areas. The major contamination found was micro-biological while others were Arsenic, Fluoride and Nitrate. Based on the technical assessment survey of water supply schemes, recommendations with workable solutions have been provided to the respective departments to take remedial actions.

Above all, the PCRWR has also taken following steps for provision of safe drinking water in the country:—

- Established 24 Water Quality Testing Laboratories at Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore, Bahawalpur, Tandojam, Quetta, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Sialkot, Sahiwal, Multan, Mianwali, Dera Ghazi Khan, Nawab Shah, Karachi, Badin, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Loralai, Dera Ismail Khan, Abbotabad, Muzaffarabad and Gilgit to facilitate general public and implementing agencies to provide analytical and advisory services.
- Imparted training to about 2700 professionals of water supply agencies across the country through 80 training courses to make them competent and efficient to solve the water quality issues for providing safe drinking water to the public.
- Developed and commercialized cost effective solutions to rectify the problems including water testing kits, safe water filter, water disinfection tablets and drinking water treatment sachets.
- Handing over/sharing/dissemination of results with recommendations in the form of reports, brochures, seminars, meetings, newspapers., etc. not only to the relevant agencies but also to general public.
- Quarterly monitoring of Bottled/Mineral Water and dissemination of results to Provincial Governments and Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) for necessary remedial action.

183. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the OGRA has directed Sui Gas authorities to close all CNGs Stations situated in residential areas, near schools, Madaris and Masques;*
- (b) *if so, the total number of CNG Stations closed so far?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) No,

OGRA has not directed Gas Utility Companies (I.e., SNGPL & SSGCL) to close all CNG Stations situated in residential areas, near Schools, Madaris and Mosques, however, disconnection of gas supply of around (350) CNG Stations on temporary basis was advised which was later withheld, as OGRA has requested relevant Provincial Governments and Chief Inspector of Explosives (CIE) being the relevant Authorities under the relevant Rules and Laws to ascertain that the operation of a CNG station is safe from public safety angle.

- (b) As explained above/Not Applicable.

184. ***Najaf Abbas Sial:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of the construction company of Faisalabad-Multan Motorway;*
- (b) *whether sufficient funds have been released for the construction of said Motorway; and*
- (c) *the total amount of cost increased due to delay in the construction work on the said Motorway alongwith the responsables thereof?*

Minister for Communications: (a) NHA has planned construction of Faisalabad-Multan Motorway M-4 (24 Km) in following four packages:

Package-I	Faisalabad - Gojra Section, 58 Km is being financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) (92.08) and awarded to a Chinese Firm. M/s China Water and Electric Corporation (CWE).
Progress	60.06% against planned 76.95%
Package-II	Gorja-Shorkot, 62 Km
Status	Not awarded
Package-III	Shorkot-Khanewa 1,64 Km
Status	Not awarded
Package-IV	Khanewal-Multan Section, 57 Km is being financed by IDB (94.06) and awarded to a firm named M/s EKO-KRC (IV).
Progress	22.89% against planned 32.02%

(b) Sufficient funds are available for construction of the motorway from ADB.

(c) Package-I (Faisalabad-Gojra)

Original PC-1	7.9 billion
Revised Construction cost	10.3 billion

Package-IV (Khanewal-Multan)

Original PC-1 (Civil)	14 billion
Revised Construction cost	16.9 billion

Stringent land acquisition condition by donor agencies are the main reason for delay.

ISLAMABAD:
The 26th September, 2013.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Friday, the 27th September, 2013**

(Originally Unstarred Question Nos. 49, 50, 167, 183, 42, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 59, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 71 and 72 were set down for answer on 19-09-2013)

49. Sheikh Salahuddin:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the number of inquiries ordered by the Ministry to unearth mismanagement and corruption during the last five years alongwith the reports thereof?

Reply not received.

50. Shaista Pervaiz:

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

- (a) the details of buildings hired by the Ministry and its subordinate/ attached/autonomous/semi autonomous and other organizations during the period from 1-3-2008 till date alongwith details of its utilization and monthly rent paid during the said period;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the construction work of Petroleum House has not been completed so far; if so, the present status alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which the construction work of the said Petroleum House will be completed?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) The details of buildings hired by the Ministry and its subordinate / attached / autonomous / semi autonomous and other organizations during the period from 1-3-2008 till date along with details of its utilization and monthly rent paid during the said period are as under:

Name of Organization / Office	Annex No.
1. Main Ministry	I
2. Mineral Wing	II
3. Policy Wing	III
4. Geological Survey of Pakistan (Attached Department)	IV
5. Oil and Gas Development Company Limited	V
6. Inter State Gas Systems Limited	VI
7. Government Holdings Private Limited	VII
8. Pakistan State Oil Company Limited	VIII
9. Lakhra Coal Development Company Limited	IX
10. Hydrocarbon Development Institute of Pakistan	X
11. Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation Limited	XI
12. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited	XII
13. Pakistan Petroleum Limited	XIII
14. Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited	XIV
15. Saindak Metals Limited	XV
16. Pak Arab Refinery Limited	XVI

(b) Yes. 90% of work has been completed so far.

PC-I of the Project titled "Construction of Petroleum House" was approved in February, 2006.

Construction work actually started in November, 2007 with a completion period of four years.

However, after conducting soil investigation by the Consultant, the design of the Project was changed with the provision of pile foundation as per new Building Code.

The consultant proposed an additional basement to cater for the requirement of parking and accommodating electric installation.

Accordingly, a revised second PC-I at a cost of Rs.911.121 million was submitted for approval of CDWP. Pak PWD rationalized the cost and the revised PC-I was approved in January, 2010 at the cost of Rs.857.37 million. The project was to be completed in June, 2012 but could not be completed till to date due to:

- (a) Revision of PC-I due to cost escalations and change in original design of the building.
- (b) The project remained un-funded during financial year 2010-2011 and again there is no allocation during current financial year 2013-14.

(c) The work can be completed within a period of 3 to 4 months subject to availability of remaining funds to the tune of Rs.125.00 million. Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Planning & Development have been requested for provision of funds.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

167. Shaista Pervaiz:

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

- (a) *the names, qualification and relevant experience of Government officers nominated on various Boards of Directors of companies and organizations working under the Ministry during the period from 1-3-2008 till date; and*
- (b) *the date-wise details of meetings attended by each one of the said officers alongwith the remunerations received for each meeting during the said period?*

Reply not received.

183. Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the category-wise total number of employees recruited in the public companies working under the administrative control of Ministry

during the period from 5-3-2008 to 15-3-2013 alongwith the domiciles thereof?

Reply not received.

42. **Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work on Kashmir Highway from Rawalpindi and Islamabad has not been completed since long; if the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the total amount of expenditures incurred thereupon so far; and*
- (c) *the time by which this construction work will be completed?*

Reply not received.

49. **Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the number of women prisoners in Pakistan at present; and*
- (b) *the number of juvenile jails/premises in Pakistan at present alongwith the number of juvenile prisoners therein?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: (a) As per information shared by the provinces, the reply is as under:

(a) Total Women Prisoners:	1,263
(i) Punjab	872
(ii) Balochistan	28
(iii) Sindh	164
(iv) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	199

(b) Part I. Total Juvenile Prisoners :	1261
(i) Punjab	761
(ii) Sindh	279
(iii) Baluchistan	54
(iv) KhyberPakhtunkhwa	167

Part-II

There are four Juvenile Jails: Two in Punjab (Bahawalpur and Faisalabad) and Two in Sindh (Karachi and Hyderabad). The Provinces of KPK and Balochistan have no separate/independent juvenile prison. However, reportedly, they have separate cells for juvenile prisoners in the jails.

50. Shagufta Jumani:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the road from Larkana to Menna is in a dilapidated condition since long; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that its repair and maintenance has been stopped; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which it will be started?*

Minister for Communications: (a) & (b) No such road falls on NHA network.

51. Shahzadi Umerzadi Tiwana:

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the authority who prescribed criteria for appointment of MDs/ CEOs of various companies and organizations working under the Ministry at present?

Reply not received.

52. Disallowed on re-consideration.

53. Disallowed on re-consideration.

54. **Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *the number of non-Muslims who have been inducted in Pak-Army, Navy and Airforce during the last five years; and*

(b) *whether any quota has been fixed for Minorities thereof; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

59. **Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state to refer to Un-starred questions No. 66 replied on 19-8-2013 and to state the year wise names and designations of persons who stayed in the rest houses of the Ministry in Lahore during the last three years?

Reply not received.

62. **Mohammad Ayaz Soomro:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether there is a shortage of employees hailing from Sindh Rural in the Ministry and its attached/Semi attached departments and autonomous bodies; if so, the reasons therefor; and*

(b) *the steps being taken/proposed to observe quota?*

Reply not received.

63. **Sheikh Muhammad Akram:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the land near the right side of the Thokar Niaz Baig has been leased to an influential person for the establishment of PSO Pump and CNG Station on Motorway M-2 (Lahore to Rawalpindi) during the period from 16-03-2008 to 31-03-2013; if so, the details of land alongwith the terms and conditions, names of allottees, rent, and justification thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to cancel the said lease agreement; if so, when it will be canceled?*

Minister for Communications: (a) During the given period NHA has not signed any new RoW lease agreement as mentioned in question. The new leasing policy has been approved by ECC in principal, in 2009 but no fresh lease has been processed.

It may be mentioned here that the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, while considering a summary on “Leasing of Right of Way (RoW) land by NHA” had decided in its meeting held on 27th September, 2006, to freeze all fresh leases under process/allocation.

Consequently, leasing process was suspended and the same decision was endorsed by NHA Executive Board in its meeting held on 16th June, 2007 that no new RoW lease agreement will be signed.

(b) As apprised above that NHA did not lease the said land, therefore, question regarding cancellation of lease agreement does not arise.

67. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *the district-wise total number of domestic, commercial and industrial sui gas connections provided by SNGPL and SSGC during the period from 15-3-2008 to 30-6-2013;*

- (b) *the region-wise total number of applications, demand notices deposited by the consumers for supply of sui gas during the said period; and*
- (c) *the region-wise total number of applications for supply of sui gas were pending as on 30-6-2013?*

Reply not received.

68. Munaza Hassan:

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

- (a) *the objects and purview of National Commission on the Status of Women;*
- (b) *the performance of the Commission made recently with reference to Women Empowerment; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to improve the performance of the said Commission at provincial level?*

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:

(a) Objects as per NCSW Act, 2012:

The objects of establishment of National Commission on the Status of Women are promotion and protection of social, economic, political and legal rights of women, as provided in the Constitution of Pakistan and in accordance with International Declarations, Conventions, Treaties, Covenants and Agreements relating to women, including the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Purview as per NCSW Act, 2012 :

- **Examine**/assess government policies, programmes, measures.
- **Review** Federal laws, rules and regulations affecting status and rights of women.

- Suggest repeal, amendment or new legislation to end discrimination.
- **Sponsor**, steer, encourage research
- **Facilitate**/monitor implementation of international instruments and obligations esp

CEDAW

- **Recommend** signing/ratification of international instruments.
- **Monitor** mechanisms and institutional procedures for redressal of violation of women's rights

(b) The progress of the Commission during recent period as is under:

- Led delegation to CEDAW Technical Committee hearing at Geneva - presented. country statement.
- Official delegate to UN CSW - New York.
- Attended Common Wealth pre- CSW meeting - New York.
- Structuring/ institutionalizing NCSW: Rules of Business drafted; Structure and posts drafted for approval.
- Operational budget 2013-2014 prepared: enhanced grant approved.
- Organized and convened 47th – 48th NCSW members meeting; Executive Committee and sub-Committees formed.
- Set up complaints mechanism for elections: complaints forwarded to ECP pre and during election.
- Monitored elections with ECP accreditation of members in 26 Constituencies – 84 polling stations.
- Submitted Monitoring report with recommendations to ECP.

- Briefed various election Observer Missions on issues related to women's participation in elections.
- Initiated development of indicators for gender-based violence for a national baseline survey.
- Developed and disseminated position women's representation in Local Governments.

(c) Following steps taken so far at Provincial level:

- (i) Held meetings with Chief Minister Punjab, Provincial Ministers for Women Development Punjab, Sindh and Advisor to Chief Minister KP on Women Development and wrote to Chief Minister Baluchistan for Establishment of Provincial Commission for Women Development.
- (ii) Provincial Governments have been recommended to ensure 33% reserved seats for women at all levels in Local Government.
- (iii) On receiving complaints regarding precarious condition, continuous problems of inadequate food, overcrowding and unhygienic condition, Dar-ul-Aman Sukkur was visited and SW & WDD, Sindh was suggested to improve the facilities for women and children.

69. **Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of employees hailing from Sindh Rural and Balochistan Province in SNGPL and SSGCL at present;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to observe the quota?*

Reply not received.

71. **Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of the officers/officials working in the Pakistan Post who have been granted current charge/dual charge during the last three years alongwith the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any shortage of the officers/officials in the said department; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Communications: (a) List of officers/officials who have been granted dual/current charge during the last 3 years is enclosed at **Annex-A,B & C.**

- (b) i. Yes, there is shortage in officers and officials cadres of the department
- ii. Reasons of shortage in these cadres are:
 - (a) Retirement/Removal of officers/officials
 - (b) Promotion of officers/officials.

Shortage of these cadres *i.e.* direct recruitment is communicated to the Federal Public Services Commission. Shortage in officials is met through promotions where applicable, or through recruitment. Presently there is a ban on recruitment except in Balochistan.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

72. **Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether drinking water coolers have been installed for passengers at restaurant, rest areas and petrol pumps on Islamabad-Lahore Motorway; if so, the locations, if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Communications: Drinking water coolers (1 each at restaurant of service area and mosque) have been installed for passengers on each service areas of M-2 (Restaurant, Petrol Pump and Mosque are the integral part of a service area) at the following locations;

1	Chakri	North & South Bound
2	Kallar Kahar	North & South Bound
3	Behra	North & South Bound
4	Sialmore	North & South Bound
5	Sukheki	North & South Bound

172. **Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the number of licences for the establishment of CNG stations issued by the Government during the period from 01-01-2008 till date?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has reported that they have issued 93 licences for the establishment of CNG stations in the country, *w.e.f* 1-1-08 till date.

173. **Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the registries and parcels, from Islamabad to Larkana reach from 6 to 7 days; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade the system of the postal services to overcome the said delay?*

Minister for Communications: (a) No usually the mail from Islamabad reaches Larkana within two days. For transportation of mail from Islamabad/Rawalpindi to Rohri Pakistan Post is using the services of Pakistan Railways (Khyber Mail Train). From Rohri to Larkana departmental vehicle is used. The reason of occasional delay in delivery of mail in Larkana is due to late running of Khyber Mail.

(b) The existing system is satisfactory and trust worthy. The review of mail arrangements is a continuous process. It is carried out periodically. Necessary steps are taken as and when changes in the mail arrangements are required.

174. **Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the construction work of Larkana-Qambar road was started during the last year;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said work has not been completed so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which the construction work of the said road will be completed?*

Reply not received.

175. **Abdul Waseem:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of persons appointed in PSO from 2008 to 2013; alongwith the province-wise details thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): In all, a total of 260 persons were appointed in PSO from 2008 to 2013, the province-wise detail thereof is given as under:

Province	Regular	Contract	Total
Azad J & K	1	—	1
Balochistan	9	—	9
FATA	1	—	1
KPK	20	—	20
Punjab	94	2	96
Sindh Rural	21	—	21
Sindh Urban	114	—	114
Total	260	2	262

176. **Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the main research and development work undertaken by the companies, organizations, attached/autonomous/semi-autonomous/subordinate departments of the Ministry during the last five years?

Reply not received.

177. **Dr. Nisar Ahmad Jatt:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the comparative position of the delegated legislation entrusted to the Ministry before and after the 18th Constitutional Amendment;*
- (b) the comparative position of subordinate/offices/departments/companies/projects under the administrative control of the Ministry before and after the said Amendment;*
- (c) the comparative position of functions of the Ministry before and after the said Amendment;*
- (d) the comparative position of actual utilization of current and development expenditure of the Ministry before and after the said Amendment?*

Minister for Communications:

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|---|----------------------|
| (a) Comparative position before 18th Amendment | After 18th Amendment |
| National Highway Authority Act, 1991
National Highway Safety Ordinance, 2000 | No change |

(b) Before 18th Amendment	After 18th Amendment
National Highway Authority (NHA) National Highway & Motorway Police (NH&MP)	
National Transport Research Centre (NTRC) Construction Technology Training Institute (CTTI)	No change

After merger of Ministry of Postal Services with Ministry of Communications on 07-06-2013 Pakistan Post Office Department (PPOD) is also an attached department of this Ministry.

(c) Before 18th Amendment	After 18th Amendment
National Planning, research and international aspects of roads and road transport.	National Planning, research and international aspects of roads and road transport.
National Highways and strategy roads; National Highway Council and Authority; Administration of the Central Road Fund and Fund for Roads of National Importance.	National Highways and strategy roads; National Highway Council and Authority; Administration of the Central Road Fund and Fund for Roads of National Importance.
Enemy Property National Highways and Motorways Police.	Enemy Property National Highways and Motorways Police.
Mechanically propelled vehicles; transport advisory Council; Urban Road Transport Corporation.	Deleted

(d) Actual utilization of current and development expenditure of Ministry before and after 18th Amendment is placed at **Annex-A**.

Annex-AEXPENDITURE OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE
YEARS 2009-10, 2010-11 AND 2011-12NON DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

S#	Name of Organization	Before 18 th Amendments	Rupees in Million After 18 th amendments	
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	Ministry of Communications (Main)	44807289	62.570	65.484
2	National Highway Authority (NHA)	507.277	1,534.689	1,819.837
3	National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP)	2710.344	3,088.450	3,449.567
4	National Transport Research Centre (NTRC)	25.020	33.504	42.346
5	Construction Technology Training Institute (CTTI)	50	70	86
Total		44810581.64	4,789.214	5,463.234

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

S#	Name of Organization	Before 18 th Amendments	Rupees in Million After 18 th amendments	
		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1.	Ministry (Main)	7.518	--	--
2	NHA	44,810.523	28329.454	56538.179
3	Others (NH&MP, NTRC, CTTI)	17.21	40.433	30.414
Total		44827.733	28369.887	56568.593

178. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that billions of rupees have been spent by the Government to supply sui gas to Dir Lower;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the work has been stopped; if so, the time by which work will be started thereupon; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to supply sui gas to the villages of Chakdara and Timergarah?*

Reply not received.

179. **Shagufta Jumani:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Jacobabad-Quetta Road via Jacobabad City is in a dilapidated condition at present;*
- (b) *whether the said road was damaged due to rain/flood-2012; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to repair the said road?*

Minister for Communications: (a) The jacobabd-Quetta section of N-65 is in good to fair condition except few locations in the vicinity of Dera Allah Yar, Dera Murad Jamali city area and bridge at km 120. Further, Jacobabad city and bypass was damaged during 2010 super flood.

(b) The road portion from Jacobabad to Dera Allah Yar was again affected during 2012 monsoon and water remained standard for almost 100 days. Landslides at various locations and minor damages to some structures occurred at Sibi-Kolpur section. Further, the bridge at Km 120 *i.e.* after Dera Allah Yar was damaged. However, remaining road portion is in good fair condition.

(c) Under Flood Emergency Reconstruction Program, the project for rehabilitation of Jacobabad-Dera Allah Yar (km 83-100) is under execution. After 2012 flood, additional cross-drainage structures (*i.e.* 38 x culverts and 2 x bridges) have been added to make the road usable under all conditions of weather.

At Km 120, diversion has been provided to open the road for traffic and construction of new bridge is under execution.

180. **Shagufta Jumani:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the road from Mohenjodaro to Larkana is in a dilapidated condition since long; If so, the steps taken by the Government to repair the said road during the year 2012-13 till date?

Minister for Communications: The Mohenjodaro Larkana Road (28 Km) is presently under construction dual carriageway which is further divided into 2 x packages.

2 Km road was earlier suspended due to non resolution of NOC issue with Archaeology Department. Out of 26 Km, 23 Km (88%) has been paved with Asphalt Base Course and only 3 Km remains unpaved.

Paucity of funds is main reason for delay in completion of the project and it is expected to be **completed by December, 2013**, subject to availability of funds.

Work executed since Jun - 2012

Asphalt Base Course	:	15.5 Km
Wearing Course	:	0.751 Km

181. **Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sheerazi:**

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

(a) *the amount deposited by oil and gas companies in district Thatta under the head of Production Bonus during the period from March 2008 to May 2013; and*

- (b) *the projects on which the said amount has been spent alongwith details thereof?*

Reply not received.

182. **Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that sui gas department has discontinued the practice to provide long service gas pipe line of 100 to 300 ft length to consumers after the year 2012; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to restore the said facility?*

Reply not received.

183. **Dr. Raja Aamer Zaman:**

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

- (a) *the stage-wise procedure for setting up a CNG Station alongwith the stipulated time frame in which each of above stage is completed;*
- (b) *whether a provisional license for setting up a CNG station can be transferred from one individual to another; if so, the criteria alongwith justification thereof;*
- (c) *whether statutory period of setting up a CNG Station can be extended; if so, the details thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is a fact that hundreds of new marketing licenses for CNG Stations have been issued from January 1st, 2013 to March 15th, 2013; if so, the justification alongwith the authority which gave approval therefor; and*

- (e) *the steps being taken to manage the mushroom growth of CNG Stations from March 15th, 2008 to March, 15th, 2013 particularly when there is a shortage of gas in the country?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Presently there is ban on setting up new CNG stations in the country effective 08-02-2008. Besides, there is a ban on provision of new gas connections to CNG stations and enhancement of their existing load as well.

The procedure followed by Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) for grant of CNG licence (in the absence of ban) is as-under:

OGRA grants a CNG provisional licence for construction/establishment of a CNG refueling Station under Rule 6 of the CNG (Production & Marketing) Rules, 1992 (Annex-I) initially valid for a period of 2 years but extendable for further period under Rule-10 of the aforesaid Rules and during this period. the licensee completes the following requisite formalities:—

- No Objection Certificates (NOC's) from concerned district/ local authorities, concerned gas utility companies (*i.e.*, SNGPL & SSGCL), and approval of Site plans from Department of Explosives etc.,
- Construction of its CNG Station & procurement machinery/ equipments.
- Appointment of third party inspector by the Authority after completion of the CNG Station and acquisition of final licence (Form-B) from Department of Explosives.
- On satisfactory completion of works, the CNG Licence is extended for fifteen years under Rule-7(i) of the CNG Rules, 1992 (Annex-I) for operation of the CNG Station.

A provisional licence holder is required to complete its CNG Station in initial two years time period however, the same is extendable under rule 7(i) of the CNG Rules, 1992 (**Annex-I**).

(b) Yes, a CNG Provisional Licence/ works of a CNG Station can be transferred from one individual to another under Rule-9 of the CNG (Production

& Marketing) Rules, 1992 (**Annex-II**) subject to fulfillment of requisite legal/codal formalities.

(c) Yes, a CNG Provisional Licence granted initially for a period of two years is extendable under Rule-10 of CNG (Production & Marketing) Rules, 1992.

(d) No. OGRA has not issued any new CNG Marketing Licence during the period (*i.e.*, January 01, 2013 to March 15, 2013).

(e) OGRA has not issued any new CNG Provisional Licence for establishment of CNG Station during the said period except thirty eight (38) new Licenses in Baluchistan subsequent to lifting of ban for Baluchistan Province. Furthermore one new CNG license was issued in the province of Punjab (owing to the directions of the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan).

OGRA has not reported any steps taken by them to manage mushrooming growth of CNG sector.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

184. **Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total amount allocated in the budget 2013-14 for the construction of Motorway/Expressway from Hassan Abadal to Mansehra; and*
- (b) *the amount allocated in the current budget for M-9 and other Motorways in the country?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Total allocation for construction of Hasanabdal to Mansehra Expressway during 2013-14 is as follows—

	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Rs in Million</u>
i.	Construction	50.00
ii.	Land Acquisition	1194.980

(b) An amount of Rs 50 million has been allocated for construction of Karachi Hyderabad Motorway in current year's budget.

An amount allocated for other Motorways in the country during current year is given below:—

	<u>Motorway</u>	<u>Rs in Million</u>
i.	M-4 (Faisalabad-Khanewal)	2229.024
ii.	M-4 Land Acquisition	349
iii.	M-4 Extension (Khanewal-Multan)	4360
iv.	M-8 (Gwadar - Ratodero)	3433

185. **Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether electronic ballot papers were issued for the recently held Bye-elections; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs: Election Commission of Pakistan has informed that:—

“No electronic Ballot Papers were issued to the voters during the poll for bye-elections held on 22-8-2013, as the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were not used.”

186. **Mohammad Ayaz Soomro:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is low pressure of sui gas in District Larkana at present; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken to increase the pressure of sui gas in the said area?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) The issue was referred to SSGC who has informed that the area is

affected by electricity load shedding of up to 6 hours a day which includes the peak gas load consuming hours of cooking, during which there is also extensive use of gen sets which operate on gas and reduces pressure. The gas pressure generally gets low due to this extra demand of gas especially at the localities which lie at the tail end of the distribution system.

(b) To overcome this low pressure problem, company has increased their gas line pressures so that customers get normal pressures.

187. Shaikh Rohale Asghar:

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

- (a) *the year-wise total amount of profit earned by OGDCL during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken to make OGDCL profitable?*

Reply not received.

188. Chudhary Hamid Hameed:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of employees of the National Highway Authority at present;*
- (b) *the total number of persons appointed in NHA from 01-03-2008 to 31-03-2013 alongwith the criteria adopted for appointments therein;*
- (c) *whether degrees of the said employees have been verified; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (d) *whether any inquiry has been conducted regarding illegal appointments made in NHA during the last five years till date; if not, the time by which inquiry will be conducted thereof?*

Reply not received.

189. **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the total amount of budget allocated to the Ministry for the financial year 2013-14?

Minister for Communications:

NON-DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

(Rs. In million)

Ministry including Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Cell)	111.383
National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP)	4,016.743
Construction Training Technology Institute (CTTI)	120.552
National Transport Research Centre (NTRC)	60.000
National Highway Authority (NHA)	2,341.118
Total	6,649,796

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Construction Training	77.320
Technology Institute (CTTI)	
National Transport Research Centre (NTRC)	4.000
National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP)	27.945
National Highway Authority (NHA)	6,3038.619
Total	63,147.884

190. **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

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

- (a) the names and addresses of the persons in the country against whom cases are pending with NAB, at present; and*
- (b) the details of the charges levelled against them?*

Reply not received.

191. **Aslam Bodla:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that open place in front of Rehman CNG Station, Mian Channu, N-5 has been left deliberately;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said place is the cause of accidents; if so, the number of accidents took place at the said place-so far; and*
- (c) the time by which divider will be completed at the said place; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

192. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present government has banned/ stopped the recruitments of trainees in OGDCL; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to launch a Youth Training Programme; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes, it is a fact that the Federal Government has imposed ban on fresh recruitment in all autonomous/public sector corporations. However, recruitment for posts against operational requirement is permissible on case to case basis as per policy of the Federal Government.

(b) The proposal to launch Youth Training Programme as per the distribution of subjects and the charter of duties is beyond the scope of this Ministry.

193. **Munaza Hassan:**

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

- (a) *the total amount allocated in budget 2013-14 for the welfare of women in the Punjab Province;*
- (b) *the names of Women Welfare Projects for which the said amount has been allocated during the said period; and*
- (c) *whether any programme has been designed to get the latest Information regarding the nature of requirements for welfare of women at national level; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

194. **Munaza Hassan:**

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state whether any reforms are being proposed to improve the existing civilian law enforcement structure in Islamabad; if so, when it will be implemented?

Reply not received.

195. **Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resource be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a low pressure of Sui Gas in District Qambar Shandadkot, Sindh; if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to increase the pressure of Gas in the said area?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): The issue was referred to SSGCL who has informed that the area is affected by massive electricity load shedding during which there is extensive use of gen sets which operate on gas. The gas pressure generally gets low due to this extra demand of gas especially at the localities which lie at the tail end of the distribution system.

To overcome this low pressure problem, company has increased their gas line pressures so that customers get normal pressures.

198. **Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a combined gas meter has been Installed for sixty nine houses in the Revenue Colony, Naushero Feroz (Sindh); if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): SSGCL has informed that bulk meter was installed on 06-12-2005 for sixty nine houses in the Revenue colony Naushero Feroz (Sindh) as per company policy after accepting terms and condition by Revenue department.

The said meter has been disconnected on 31-01-2011 due to non-payment of Rs. 1.4 million.

197. **Faqir Sher Muhammad Bilalani:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that obtaining of NOC of the Ministry is mandatory for carrying out development work in the border areas of Pakistan; if so, the justification thereof; and*

(b) *the steps being taken to make development work in an effective manner in border areas?*

Reply not received.

198. **Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan:**

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

- (a) the quantity of gas being explored by Mari Gas Company working in Zargoan, Balochistan;*
- (b) whether a road leading to Zargoan will pass through Surang Area; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the contract for construction of said road has been signed with non-local people; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) whether jobs and incentives will also be given to non-local people; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) An estimated quantity of 18-20 MMSCFD will be supplied to SSGCL after installation and commissioning of production and processing facilities at Zarghun Gas Field by the end of this year or the beginning of the next year depending on the completion of the pipeline for the purpose by SSGCL.

(b) The approach road from Quetta to Zarghun can be divided into three segments;

Quetta – Marghat

This section is already metalled and Surange village is located on it. This is the only metalled road and shortest route to Zarghun well site from Quetta city.

Marghat – Marwar

This road is under construction and Highway Department of GOB is working on it.

Marwar – Zarghun Field – (Dirt road).

This segment is 8 KM and is maintained by Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) through hiring services of a local contractor on as and when required basis for movement of the company vehicles.

(c) Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) has not awarded any contract for constructing road leading to Zarghun nor has awarded contract to any non-local for this purpose.

(d) All skilled staff is hired from local area. However, as per the Company policy Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL) provide technical/skilled jobs on merit, with preference given to local area/province.

199. Abdul Qahar Khan Wadan:

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the announcement was made by the President of Pakistan during the year 2002 for the grant of gas to Fort Abdullah, Chamen; if so, the progress made therein so far; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): SSGCL has informed that it is a fact that the President of Pakistan, during the year 2002, had directed to assess and intimate the possibility of provision of gas to Fort Abdullah Chaman.

A detailed report was submitted to GoP by SSGC stating that the Chaman project is not feasible on technical grounds as laying of pipeline is extremely difficult in a portion of about 15 to 20 Km of Khojak Pass, which is about 9,000 feet above sea level.

200. Belum Hasnain:

Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state whether the record regarding the violation of human rights is being maintained; if so, the details of the said violations of human rights registered so far during the recent regime?

Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights: The basic function of Human Rights Wing in Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights is to monitor Human Rights situation/ violations in the Country. There are four Regional Offices of Human Rights functioning under Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta, along with the Headquarter at Islamabad. These Offices coordinate with the relevant stakeholders to safeguard Human Rights in their respective regions.

The record regarding violations of Human Rights is maintained regularly. The nature of these violations includes Acid Burning, Burning, Domestic Violence, Karo Kari/ Honour Killing, Kidnapping, Minorities Issues, Missing Persons, Police/ Prison related issues, Rape/Gang Rape, Sectarian Violence Target Killing, Sexual Assault/ Harassment, Violence against Children & Women. The detail of violations of Human Rights registered during the recent period *i.e.* 1st January, 2012 to 15th September 2013 is at **Annex-I**.

Annex-I

The detail of violations of Human Rights registered during the recent period
i.e. 1st January, 2012 to 15th September 2013

S. No.	Nature of Human Rights violations	Regional Offices of Human Rights												Total
		Head Office						Regional Offices of Human Rights						
		Islamabad		Punjab		Sindh		Khyber Pakhtunkhwa		Balochistan		Total		
2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	
1	Acid Burning	-	3	53	7	15	3	2	6	1	-	-	-	90
2	Burning	-	3	29	7	13	14	-	6	-	-	-	-	72
3	Domestic Violence	7	-	78	-	113	41	55	187	-	-	-	-	481
4	Karo Kari/ Honour Killing	-	2	71	26	391	276	15	29	37	13	-	-	860
5	Kidnapping	2	3	179	51	437	294	61	242	21	71	-	-	1564
6	Minorities issues	2	4	3	1	2	-	2	4	2	-	-	-	20
7	Missing Persons	5	-	8	1	2	-	14	64	3	44	-	-	141
8	Police related issues	35	58	203	30	18	26	2	7	67	387	-	-	1233
9	Prison related issues	4	-	79	2	8	7	4	8	-	-	-	-	112
10	Rape/ Gang Rape	3	8	203	38	44	47	-	-	1	-	-	-	344
11	Sectarian Violence/ Target Killing	5	1	7	12	-	9	45	171	-	10	-	-	260
12	Sexual Assault/ Harassment	3	1	75	-	110	47	5	27	-	-	-	-	268
13	Violence against children	3	1	86	2	54	35	40	161	101	10	-	-	493
14	Violence against women	7	3	182	17	42	36	39	180	24	5	-	-	535
15	Misc.	16	60	15	134	926	758	35	141	51	39	-	-	2175
	Grand Total	92	147	1271	328	2175	1593	319	1233	911	579	-	-	8648

201. **Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise number of Potable water coolers installed at restaurants, rest areas and petrol pumps on Islamabad-Peshawar Motorway for the passengers;*
- (b) *if not, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which those will be installed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Currently, only one portable drinking water cooler is installed in Rashakai Service Area (NBC). It is added that presently only 2 x Mini Service Areas are operational ie 1 in Punjab and 1 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa portion.

(b) The case of installation of further three portable drinking coolers ie 2 for Hakla Service Area and 1 for Rashakai Service Area is under process and will be installed very soon.

202. **Qari Muhammad Yousaf:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to grant the subsidy on the purchase of LPG for Battagram;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details and procedure thereof?*

Reply not received.

203. **Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan Post Foundation (PPF) exists in the Postal Department;*
- (b) *the number of Housing Projects initiated by (PPF) during the last five years alongwith the names of the projects and locations thereof;*
- (c) *the names of postal employees who have applied for allotment of plots under the (PPF) during the said period alongwith the size thereof;*
- (d) *the number of employees to whom plots have been allotted therefrom;*
- (e) *the total amount collected from each employee thereof; and*
- (f) *the time by which plots will be allotted to those employees who have already applied therefor?*

Reply not received.

204. **Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that certain parts of Indus Highway from Kohat to Karak are in a dilapidated condition since long and the flow of traffic thereon often remains disrupted due to land sliding thereon;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government to repair the said Highway and remove un-necessary diversions therefrom?*

Reply not received.

205. **Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed procedure for the recruitment in SSGPL at present;*
- (b) *the total amount of profit earned and loss suffered by SSGPL during the last three years alongwith the year-wise break-up thereof; and*
- (c) *the total number of persons appointed in PSO during the said period alongwith the grade and province-wise break-up thereof?*

Reply not received.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,
Secretary.

ISLAMABAD:
The 26th September, 2013.