

**(11th Session)**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

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

**Monday, the 5th May, 2014**

201. **\*Syed Asif Hasnain:**  
(Deferred during 8th Session)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the total number of Drone attacks made in the country during the last five years till date alongwith the number of persons killed therein?*

**Minister for Defence:** Reportedly 330 drone attacks were carried out in FATA since 2008 till 2013. However, due to remoteness of the areas and lack of access to such areas where such attacks have reportedly taken place make it impossible to verify number of persons killed in the attacks.

102. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**  
(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that lenders have linked a 1.5 million dollar loan with the increase in gas utility price;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the ceiling to be put on the Unaccounted For Gas (UFG)?*

Transferred to Finance Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

143. **\*Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**  
(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the District Bunair is rich in various minerals like coal and granite; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to explore the said minerals; if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) Yes, District Bunair has known potential for various minerals like Granite, Marble and Nephline Synite etc. However, no occurrence of coal is reported from the District.

(b) Constitutionally, all minerals other than nuclear ones are Provincial subject. To explore and develop the mineral resources, the Minerals Development Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has granted more than 90 mining concessions (Prospecting/Exploration Licenses & Mining Leases) to private companies/investors for various minerals in Bunair District including granite. The duration of prospecting and exploration licenses is spread over 2-5 years and 3-9 years, respectively. Some mining companies/ lease holders are at the advanced stage of mining and processing and have generated economic activities in the far-flung areas providing jobs to hundreds of locals.

Besides, Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources has already published geological maps for Malakand Division. Pakistan Stone Development Company (PASDEC), established under Ministry of Industries & Production for value-addition in dimension stones (marble & granite) sector by introducing mechanized working on international lines, has also implemented Model Quarry/Quarry Up-gradation projects for marble in Bampokha, Tor-warsak & Salarzai areas of Bunair District under PSDP in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

203. **\*Syed Waseem Hussain:**  
(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the NATO supply has been restored;*
- (b) *if so, the benefit to be accrued therefrom?*

**Minister for Defence:** (a) US/ISAF/NATO Transit Cargo is governed under the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Pakistan and US and NATO/ISAF comprising 51 countries. This is an international obligation binding Pakistan to ensure compliance. Two routes Northern (Torkham-Karachi-Torkham) and Southern (Chaman-Karachi-Chaman) have been allowed for NATO supply. Both the routes are operational with effect from 28 February 2014.

(b) Sufficient revenue is being generated and collected by Pakistan Customs, KPT, PQA, NLC and other stakeholders in shape of duties/charges etc. Further, business activity on Karachi Ports has been generated and enhanced. Civil labour gets employment in driving and conducting the NATO Supply Trucks.

@210. **\*Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**  
(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has not been qualified so far to become Member of Halal Board of the World; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to make Pakistan Member of said Halal Board?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** (a) No information could be obtained regarding an organization called "Halal Board of the World"; therefore the question of membership of the same is not valid.

(b) Currently the recognized forum for Halal Accreditation and development of harmonized Halal standards is the Organization of Islamic Countries-Standards Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (OIC-SMIIC). The concerned organizations under the administrative control of Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) namely Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) and Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) are members of the relevant Technical Committees of SMIIC:—

- PNAC is a member of the accreditation committee of SMIIC
- PSQCA is a member two technical committees of SMIIC w.r.t. Halal:—
  - TC1 Halal Food Issues
  - TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues

(b) As mentioned above no organization named “Halal Board of the World” has been traced. It may be mentioned here however that MoST and its organizations have taken a number of important steps to promote the Halal Sector:-

- PNAC launched Halal Accreditation Scheme on 31st January 2012 according to Pakistan Standards PS:4992-2010 in line with OIC Halal Guidelines developed by SMIIC for the recognition of Halal products in the global market to help local industry to boost exports.
- PSQCA has formulated following standards on Halal:
  - (i) General Requirements for the Accreditation Body Accrediting Halal Certification Bodies (PS: 5241-2013).
  - (ii) Halal Food Management System requirements for any organization in the food chain (PS:3733-2013).
  - (iii) General criteria for the operation of Halal certification bodies (PS:4992-2010).
- PSQCA is hosting the following international meetings on Halal in Islamabad:

- (i) the 8th meeting of Board of Directors of OIC-SMIIC on June 2, 2014 and
  - (ii) the 6th OIC-SMIIC General Assembly on June 3, 2014.
- A state-of-the-art Halal Authentication Laboratory at PCSIR, Lahore was inaugurated by the Federal Minister for Science & Technology on 6th January, 2014.
  - MoST in consultation with stakeholders has drafted a Bill for establishment of “Pakistan Halal Authority” at federal level to promote trade and commerce in Halal articles and processes and ensure implementation of uniform Halal Standards. It will soon be submitted to the Cabinet for approval.
  - MoST is also planning to organize “Halal Sector Development / Expert Group meeting in the context of D-8 (Developing-8 countries) organizations” in the first half of 2014.

1. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the present reserves of Sui Gas are sufficient to meet the requirements of the country;*
- (b) *if not, the steps being taken by the Government to explore new reservoirs in the country?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) The present remaining reserves of natural gas in the country as on 31-12-2013 are 24.54 TCF and the current production is 4,075 million cubic feet per day, which is not sufficient to cater for existing demand estimated around 6,000 million cubic feet per day. At the present rate of production the reserves are estimated to produce around 16 years.

(b) The Government has taken following steps to explore new reservoirs in the country:

- (1) The Government of Pakistan has promulgated investor friendly Petroleum Policy 2012 with more incentives to attract investment for exploration of oil and gas in shortest possible time.
- (2) The Government has granted new Licences/Petroleum Concession Agreements over 43 blocks in year 2014.
- (3) The Government has also introduced Tight Gas Policy 2011 to extract gas from tight gas reservoir by offering additional gas price.
- (4) The Government has introduced Low Btu Gas Policy.
- (5) In order to exploit shale gas reserves of the country, USAID is providing technical assistance to M/o Petroleum & N.R via appointment of experts in the Shale Gas policy formulation and technology support for exploitation of unconventional gas resources. The project has commenced in January, 2014 and will be completed by the end of this year.

2. **\*Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *the location wise coal deposits in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to utilize new technologies for exploration of Coal in the country?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) Coal deposits found in Pakistan are tabulated below:

Province/Coal-field	Estimated Coal Reserves (Million Tons)
<b>SINDH:</b>	
Lakhra	1,328
Sonda-Thatta	3,700
Jherruck	1,823

Province/Coal-field	Estimated Coal Reserves (Million Tons)
Ongar	312
Indus East	1,777
Metting-Jhumpir	161
Badin	850
Thar	175,506
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>185,457</b>
<b>BALUCHISTAN:</b>	
Khost-Sharig-Harnai-Zardalu	76
Sor Range-Degari-Sinjdi	50
Duki	50
Mach Abegum	23
Pir Ismail Ziarat	12
Chamalang-Bala Dhaka	6
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>PUNJAB:</b>	
Salt Range	213
Makerwal	22
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA:</b>	
Cherat/Gullakhel	8.5
<b>FATA:</b> Hangu/Orakzai	81.5
<b>AJ&amp;K:</b> Kotli	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,008</b>

(b) Constitutionally, coal is a Provincial subject. Federal Government is mandated with geological surveys, national policy/plan formulation and coordination at national and international levels in mineral sector. Exploration of mineral/coal resources is undertaken as a regular activity by the concerned Federal and Provincial organizations within their domains through private sector investment as well as public funding. Coal is accorded strategic importance for its potential to meet the growing domestic energy demand on long term sustainable basis.

Geological Survey of Pakistan (GSP), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources has done extensive work contributing to discoveries of all major coalfields in the country. Presently, GSP is executing PSDP funded projects for coal exploration in Badin (Southern Sindh) and Central Salt Range (Punjab). The Provincial Governments have granted many coal prospecting/ exploration licences in private sector, which invest their own resources for the requisite exploration work.

The massive coal deposits of Thar (Sindh Province) are expected to provide energy security to the country for centuries. Government of Sindh has granted leases for three blocks of Thar coal-field to the private sector through international competitive bidding for integrated large-scale coal mining and power generation (more than 2,100 MW). Government of Pakistan is also sponsoring a pilot project of Underground Coal Gasification to support power generation based on one of Thar blocks.

3. **\*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the location-wise National Highways reconstruction/restoration projects which are under completion in the country at present;*
- (b) *the time by which said projects will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The detail of reconstruction/restoration projects under completion in the country are attached as follows:—

- (i) 04 Nos. projects are under completion in Sindh Province. List attached at **Annex-A**.
- (ii) 02 Nos. projects are under completion in Punjab Province. List attached at **Annex-B**.



- (iii) 19 Nos. Flood Emergency Reconstruction Projects (Funded through ADB Loan No. 2742) out of which 04 are completed and remaining are under completion in all over country. List attached at **Annex-C**.
- (iv) 02 Nos. ADB Projects are under completion in Balochistan Khyber Pakhtun Khwa Province. List attached at **Annex-D**.
- (b) Given in **Annex-A, B, C & D**.

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

4. **\*Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the total amount to be spent on the restoration/repair of Lahore-Islamabad Motorway; and*
- (b) *the time by which the said project will be started and completed?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Lahore-Islamabad Motorway M-2 was constructed from 1992 and opened to traffic on 27th November, 1997, having a design life of 10 years.

Now after 16 years of service, road has become bumpy having cracks and ruts in slow lane. It urgently requires overlay to increase its life, so as to provide safe and smooth surface to the road users.

NHA has signed a concession agreement with M/s FWO for “Overlay & Modernization of M-2” at a cost of Rs. 36.825 billion on BOT basis.

(b) The contract has been signed on 23rd April, 2014, having financial close of six months.

Construction period after financial close is 3 years.

Concessionaire will maintain M-2 after financial close till concession period.

5. **\*Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the ratio of losses of Unaccounted For Gas (UFG) is higher in the country as compared to international standards at present; if so, the ratio thereof at present;*
- (b) *the UFG losses which are authorized by the Government to gas entities at present;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the Government has failed to reduce the said ratio; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to reduce UFG losses at par with international standards; and*
- (e) *the impacts of said losses upon consumers at present?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) The UFG losses of the gas utility companies are at higher side as compared to International Standards. At present, the UFG of SNGPL is 11.59% as on February, 2014 while UFG of SSGCL is 10.87 % as on January, 2014.

(b) The details of UFG bench marks fixed by OGRA is as under:

**SNGPL**

The OGRA had fixed UFG benchmarks for 2011-12 which are as under:

Financial Year	Upper Target	Lower Target
2011-12	5.00%	4.00%

**SSGCL**

2012-13	4.50 %	*7.00 %
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\*7.00% allowed by OGRA as per Sindh High Court Stay Order granted to SSGCL.

(c) The said ratio could not be reduced by gas companies due to following factors:

1. Law and order situation.
2. Increase in theft by Consumer / Non-Consumers.
3. Shift of gas (Bulk to Retail Ratio).
4. Aging of the Network.
5. Increase in gas prices / irrational gas tariff attracts consumers for pilferage.
6. Minimum billing cases.
7. Less availability of gas.
8. Excessive load management.
9. Measurement losses.
10. Due to electricity load management cathodic protection of MS gas mains is affected.
11. No specific corridor for gas lines as per international practice not available in urban / village areas, therefore, badly effecting condition of line and resulting in underground leakages.
12. Negative impact by Non-Consumers.

(d) Following steps are being taken by the Ministry and the gas utility companies to reduce the UFG losses;

- (1) Leakages
  - o Above ground leakage rectification
  - o Underground leakage rectification
- (2) Accurate measurement / Billing with Electronic Volume Correctors (EVCs) having upgraded features.

- (3) Theft identification by data analysis thru GPRS /GSM communication.
  - (4) Application of hand held unit (HHU) to avoid billing error.
  - (5) Installation of Cyber Locks on suspected consumer's premises.
  - (6) Vigilance of domestic, commercial and industrial consumer for identification / rectification of anomalies.
  - (7) In order to reverse the UFG trend, SSGC has been pursuing an ambitious program of segregating its distribution network into manageable units to ensure greater efficiency, transparency in operational activities and accountability.
  - (8) Gas utility companies are regularly conducting raids with FIA in colonies where non-customers found using gas in bulk has their illegal connections disconnected.
  - (9) SSGCL has also been engaged in meter change activity to replace meters found defective of passing unregistered gas (PUG)
  - (10) In the no-go areas, the Company (SSGCL) has intensified, with impressive results, the installation of bulk meters to identify non-customers involved in theft cases to ensure proper recording and calculation of lost volume.
  - (11) SSGC has also recently launched a Remote Monitoring and Data Acquisition System project to closely monitor the daily gas volume from Point of Delivery and simultaneously monitoring volume consumer by the Company's bulk and large Industrial customers.
  - (12) The Company's Geographic Information System (GIS) which was developed in-house for better pipeline management and maintenance has been equipped with new features including addition of gas leakage layers.
- (e) OGRA allows a certain percentage of UFG in the revenue requirement of the gas utility companies; cost impact of UFG within the limit allowed by OGRA is to be passed on to the consumers as part of revenue requirement of the companies however the impact beyond the allowable UFG percentage has to be borne by the companies out of their own profits.

6. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that a plan has been made by the Government for the maintenance of Motorway from Lahore to Islamabad during the year 2013-14;*

(b) *if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Asphaltic Concrete roads have generally life span of ten (10) years depending upon traffic intensity. The Lahore - Islamabad Motorway has completed its life span of ten (10) years as it was opened to traffic on 26th November, 1997.

NHA planned for maintenance of Lahore -Islamabad Motorway (M-2) through Periodic Maintenance and rehabilitation schemes at different sections amounting to Rs. 1.14 billion under AMP 2012-13 and Rs. 810 million under AMP 2013-14.

However, later NHA procured a concessionaire on BOT basis for complete overlay and modernization of M-2. This will renew the surface of the road on M-2 to bring the reducing quality to its soriginal condition.

(b) Some portions of M-2 have developed undulations/bumps distresses due to aging and outer lanes have ruttet mainly due to overloading. The life span of M-2 has expired and current condition has necessitated major rehabilitation in addition to immediate localized distress repair works to preserve this precious asset of NHA, therefore, NHA has opted for complete overlay and modernization under BOT arrangement.

7. **\*Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the construction work of Hassanabdal to Mansehra Expressway has not been started so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** Yes construction of E-35 Expressway has not been started as yet. The project is to be executed with ADB assistance amounting to USD 315 million. ADB has recently on 1st April, 2014 approved the

loan of USD 200 million for the project. As per ADB policy, nine (09) months are required for procurement process, after signing of Loan agreement. As per project status the tender has been advertised and the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 29th April, 2014.

Delay in start of project occurred due to stringent ADB conditions for Land Acquisition.

8. **\*Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that encroachments have been made on the National Highways from Rawalpindi to Lahore;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government for removal thereof?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Encroachments have been made by the locals in the area from Rawalpindi to Lahore Section of N-5. There are different types of encroachments varying from permanent structures (Shops, Hotels, Buildings etc.) to temporary structures (Khokas, Stacked materials, Sheds/ Canopies, and concrete structures etc.)

(b) NHA is carrying out a vigorous campaign to remove the encroachments from the NHA's Right of Way (RoW). NHA is removing the encroachments under National Highway Strategic Road Control Rules 1998 under "Restriction on Ribbon Development", with the cooperation of District Administration, Local Police and National Highways and Motorway Police. Prior notices are served to encroachers before taking any action for removal of encroachments.

This is an ongoing activity for which NHA is making efforts to deploy and encroachment squad at regional level to ensure consistence and timely action to avoid the encroachments.

9. **\*Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Human Rights Relief Fund is available in the Ministry; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the year-wise total number of persons to whom financial assistance has been provided from the said Fund during the last three years alongwith the names of persons who recommended such assistance; and*
- (c) *the procedure adopted for provision of the said assistance?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) The Human Rights Relief Fund was established in the year 1995 through an executive order of the Prime Minister for the purpose of providing legal and financial assistance to the victims and affectees of Human Rights violations. Human rights violations for this purpose would mean cases involving kidnapping, rape, police encounters, arrest of women, extra-judicial deaths and tortures.

(b) During the last three financial years 122 persons had been provided the financial assistance from the Human Rights Relief Fund. The year-wise detail is as under:—

Year	Number of persons provided financial assistance from the Relief Fund	Budget Allocation	Budget Utilization,	Balance	Source of Fund
2011-12	105	2.5 Million	1.05 Million	1.45 Million	Federal Grant. Lapsable.
2012-13	07	4.5 Million	0.07 Million	4.43 Million	Federal Grant. Lapsable.
2013-14	10	2.1 Million	0.10 Million	2.00 Million	Federal Grant. Lapsable.

A Committee comprising of the following members recommend the financial assistance.

1. Director General (Human Rights)	Chairman
2. Director (Human Rights)	Member
3. Deputy Secretary (Admn)	Member
4. Deputy Financial Advisor (Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights)	Member
5. Deputy Director (Human Rights)	Member/ Secretary

The year-wise detail of persons who recommended such assistance are as under:

Year	Name of persons who recommended such assistance	
2011-12	Ms. Farkhanda Aurangzeb	DG (HR)
	Mr. Tariq Saeed Hashmi	DS (Admn)
	Mr. Muhammad Nazir	DFA
	Dr. Yahya Ahmad	DD (HR-I)
	Mr. Nasir Hayat	DD (HR-II)
2012-13	Dr. Nawaz Ahmad	DG (HR)
	Mr. Munir Sadiq	DS (Admn)
	Mr. Muhammad Nazir	DFA
	Mr. Muhammad Arif	DD (HR-i)
2013-14	Ms. Humera Azam Khan	DG (HR)
	Mr. Munir Sadiq	DS (Admn)
	Mr. Muhammad Hamid Khan	DFA
	Mr. Abdul Sattar	Director (HR)
	Mr. Irfan Shabbir	DD (HR-I)

(c) The following procedure has been laid down to disburse the Human Rights Relief Fund to the victims and affectees of Human Rights violations:

- (a) One time grant, a maximum of Rs.10,000/- on account of medical charges to the hospital or patients for the victims and affectees whose human rights as defined have been violated.



- (b) One time grant of a maximum of Rs.20,000/- to the victims of human rights violations who have been permanently incapacitated due to injury for rehabilitation.
- (c) Expenditure to investigate human rights violations through the human rights activists engaged by the Human Rights cell. The expenditure on this account would not exceed 10% of the budget allocation to the fund during one financial year.
- (d) Financial assistance to the deserving orphans and affectees of human rights violations subject to maximum of Rs.10,000/- per year (**Annex-A**).

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

10. **\*Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total number of corruption cases referred to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) during the last five years;*
- (b) *the year-wise total number of such cases decided by the NAB on the basis of settlement during the said period;*
- (c) *the year-wise total number of persons convicted and released in such cases during the said period; and*
- (d) *the total number of pending corruption cases in NAB at present alongwith the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) • National Accountability Bureau (NAB) receives large number of complaints (References) from various sources *i.e.* individuals/affectees of public seams, Hon'able Supreme Court of Pakistan/High Courts, Public Accounts Committee and Ministries, Divisions, etc.

- During the instant period, the Bureau has received a total of **42886 complaints**, most of which pertain to already ongoing cases.

Proceedings are initiated only on those complaints which fall under the ambit of National Accountability Ordinance (NAO), 1999.

- The year-wise detail is as under:—

Year	Complaints (References) received
2009	2982
2010	6744
2011	6988
2012	7665
2013	18607
<b>Total</b>	<b>42886</b>

- The year-wise total number of corruption cases inquired, investigated and references filed by the NAB during the last five years (2009 to 2013) on the basis of complaints received is as under:

Year	Inquiries Authorized	Investigations Authorized	References Filed
2009	437	166	91
2010	163	75	103
2011	322	80	71
2012	182	54	98
2013	200	63	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>475</b>

(b) Following is the detail of year-wise total number of such cases decided by the NAB on the basis of settlement through Voluntary Return (VR) Plea Bargain (PB) and setting of Loan default cases during the said period:—

Year	Cases settled through settlement (VR/PB and Bank Loan default)
2009	14
2010	32
2011	37
2012	61
2013	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>

(c) The year-wise total number of persons convicted and released/acquitted in cases during the said period is as under:—

Year	Convicted	Released/Acquitted (including those entered into VR/PB)
2009	44	56
2010	68	47
2011	66	48
2012	56	48
2013	45	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>228</b>

(d) The total number of pending (under process) corruption cases in NAB at present is as under:—

Category	No. of Pending Corruption Cases (As on 31-03-2014)
Inquiries	737
Investigations	264
References	667

The reasons for pendency of most of the cases are as under. However, it is pertinent to mention here that after the appointment of new Chairman all regional NABs have been directed to speed up pace enough to finalize the outstanding inquiries/investigations within shortest possible time.

- a. The process of Inquiries and Investigations is regulated by Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) and is endeavored to be completed within the approved time lines.
- b. The complex financial transactions besides time span in procuring record from different sources take time.
- c. Courts restraining orders are also a reason of delay in conclusion of some of the pending cases.
- d. The finalization of inquiries involving White Collar Crimes and their conversion into investigations is a continuous and time consuming process.
- e. Abscondence of the accused persons.
- f. Delay due to seeking information from abroad.

11. **\*Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi:**

*Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of rights of all citizens, especially to prevent rape cases and honour killings?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** The Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan provides for protection of Fundamental Rights of all citizens. Accordingly, the Government is making all out efforts for protection of Human Rights and prevention of all types of violations. The Human Rights Wing in Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights is monitoring 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, alongwith the Headquarter at Islamabad. These Offices coordinate with the relevant stakeholders for protection of Human Rights in their respective regions.

Similarly, Ministry of Interior and Provincial Home Departments are working for protection of all citizens. Provincial Human Rights Departments as well as Social Welfare / Women Development Departments are also rendering services for protection of Human Rights and welfare of all vulnerable segments of society, particularly women and children.

Besides the Government initiatives, Human Rights Cells are working in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and High Courts to redress the grievances relating to Human Rights violations. Moreover, the Parliamentary Committees on Human Rights actively pursue cases of Human Rights violations, through the relevant Departments.

The steps taken/ being taken by the Government for prevention of Human Rights violations including rape cases and honor killings are as under:

- Establishment of an autonomous National Commission on the Status of Women under National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012. The Provincial Governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab have also established Provincial Commissions on the Status of Women, whereas the other Provinces are in the process of setting up such 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 and prevention of Human Rights violations.
- 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 Centers functioning in Punjab have been retained by the Federal Government under the control of Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights.
- Human Rights related International Conventions, ratified by Pakistan are being implemented in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders.
- Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 2011 known as Acid Control and Acid Crime prevention Act is being implemented. It

provides for protection of women against defacing through acid throwing.

- 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.
- Human Rights Officers have been appointed in all Police Stations of Islamabad to monitor violation of Human Rights.
- In Sindh, Anti Karo-Kari Cells have been established by the Provincial Government.
- An Anti Human Trafficking Unit (ATU) has been established in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, headed by a Senior Superintendent of Police.

12. **\*Ms. Sajida Begum:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the single line budget is approved for the National Highways Authority (NHA);*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that there is no comprehensive policy in the NHA to disburse those funds amongst the provinces proportionately;*
- (c) *if so, the steps being taken by the NHA to make a comprehensive policy to disburse those funds amongst the provinces in accordance with said ratio/rate?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The development funds allocated to NHA is reflected in the pink book of federal budget on single line basis under demand No. 144 for the local currency portion and demand No. 142 for the foreign currency portion. However, project wise breakup is provided by the Planning & Development Division and funds are released accordingly.

(b) The Planning & Development Division allots funds on the basis of priorities earmarked by the Government, hence, leverage at the NHA level for allocation of funds is sub-ordinate to the above funding by the Planning and Development Division.

(c) As above.

13. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply Sui gas to the earthquake affected areas of Tehsil Balakot and Muazaffarabad (AJ &K);*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) SNGPL has reported that on the request of Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), the company had designed a 16" dia. Transmission line from Abbottabad to Muzaffarabad *via* Mansehra alongwith distribution network for cities/towns effected due to earthquake.

(b) The cost of the Project was conveyed to ERRA in 2007, however, no response was received from ERRA.

14. **\*Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to start the construction work on the Hassan Abdal to Mansehra Expressway and to allocate funds therefor?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The project is to be executed in two phases. In Phase-I, construction of Hassanabdal-Havellian Section (49 km) will be taken up. ADB agreed to provide USD 315 million and approved USD 200 million for this year and rest USD 115 million will be provided next year. The project is to be executed in two Packages, Package-I is 40 Km and Package-II 19 Km.

The steps taken so far are as under:—

- Tenders for construction above two packages (I&II) (40 Km) have been advertised on 9th April, 2014 and pre-bid meeting has been scheduled on 29th April, 2014.
- Land Acquisition is to be carried out in 3 Packages.

- Land Acquisition for Package I and II completed
- 95% payments made to land owners
- Land Acquisition process for Package-III is underway, wherein 14 villages have been acquired and for remaining one village proceeds will be completed shortly.
- Tenders will be called within three months after completing all the requirements of ADB.

15. **\*Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the price of LNG has not been fixed so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the time by which LNG will be available in the country; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to minimize the delay in the supply of LNG in the country so far?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) Yes. LNG import arrangements have not finalized so far. The Government is considering import of LNG on G to G basis, through open bidding and on spot purchase basis with the objective to get LNG at lowest possible price.

(b) It is anticipated that LNG will be imported in the country within 11 months after signing of LNG Services Agreement.

(c) Government is making best efforts to fast track the import of LNG. However, since the project is capital intensive having far reaching impacts, all requisite procedures are also being fulfilled.

16. **\*Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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



- (a) *the effects of inflating and deflating value of Dollar while determining prices of petroleum products;*
- (b) *the role played by the fluctuating value of Dollar while determining the said prices during the period from 01-06-2013 till date; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the benefits are not being extended to general public in letter and spirit thereof; if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) The domestic sale prices of petroleum products are linked with international market prices. Since import value of products and crude oil is paid in US\$ therefore inflating and deflating value of US\$ affects the prices of petroleum products sold in rupee in Pakistan.

(b) The petroleum products prices are fixed on monthly basis therefore the average monthly inflation and deflation of US\$ value is automatically adjusted in determination of petroleum products prices, as per pricing formula. The Pak Rupee average monthly value against US\$ from June 2013 till date remained as under:—

Month	Rs./US\$	Inflating/deflating Rs./US\$
May,13	98.55	0.08 (0.08%)
Jun,13	98.74	0.18 (0.09%)
Jul,13	100.45	1.71 (1.73%)
Aug,13	102.99	2.54 (2.53%)
Sep,13	105.44	2.45 (2.38%)
Oct,13	106.34	0.90 (0.86%)
Nov,13	107.62	1.28 (1.20%)
Dec,13	107.39	-0.23 (0.21%)
Jan,14	105.63	-1.76 (1.64%)
Feb,14	105.31	-0.32 (0.30%)
Mar,14	100.83	-4.48 (4.26%)

(c) No.

17. **\*Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the GST is levied after adding all ingredients including oil marketing companies margin, price of crude oil and Petroleum Development Levy at the time of fixing the prices of petroleum products;*
- (b) *whether said taxation is tantamount to double taxation on Petroleum products;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Ministry for levying GST on crude oil alone?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) GST is being charged by FBR as per relevant Act/Rule on all pricing components of petroleum products including import price, Custom Duty if any, OMCs/Dealer margin inland freight cost and Petroleum Levy.

- (b) As at (a) above
- (c) As at (a) above
- (d) No GST on Crude Oil.

18. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the urgent Sui gas connection is not being provided in the country; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the additional security amount is being charged in sui gas bills at present from the consumers without any approval; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) SNGPL has reported that the urgent fee gas connections are being provided as per the prescribed criteria under the area of operation of SNGPL whereas SSGCL does not provide urgent gas connections.

(b) No. The additional security deposit is being charged in Sui gas bills in accordance with the approval of OGRA.

19. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that Pakistan has to pay a fine of three million dollars per day after 1st January, 2015 in case of non-completion of Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline Project;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) In Iran Pakistan (IP)-Gas Sales Purchase Agreement (GSPA) both countries agreed on 'Take or Pay' and 'Ship or Pay' provisions. Under 'Take or Pay' Obligation, if Pakistan does not take the contractual volumes by 1st January 2015, it will have to pay the amount for the volume of gas not taken unless the said provisions are modified/amended with mutual consent.

The Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources visited Tehran on 9th December 2013 to discuss the way forward strategy of IP Project. It was agreed that Experts Group from both sides will meet to prepare the workable implementation schedule. The Experts Group meeting held in Tehran on 2-3rd February 2014 where Iran gave the proposal to implement the project through Third Party. Pakistan conveyed Iran that due to withdrawal of financing offer and international sanctions on Iran, Pakistan is facing Force Majeure type situation and therefore proposed amendment in the IP (GSPA). The Iranian delegation is expected to visit Pakistan shortly to discuss all the outstanding issues and formulate a way forward for implementation of the project.

20. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the legal status has not been given to the National Child Protection Centre, Islamabad; if so, the time by which it will be given; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no fund has been released for the effective management of the said centre and protection of hundred of children at risk who are found in streets and at signals in Islamabad Capital Territory; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) National Child Protection Centre (NCPC) was established during 2007 under the then Ministry of Social Welfare and Special Education. After devolution, it was placed under the Ministry of Human Rights which is now part of Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights. Presently the Centre's rehabilitation activities for children are being supported by the ICT, Police particularly, for the legal and custody issues of street children. However, the Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights has drafted a law to provide legal status to the NCPS. In this regard, a consultation with stake holders has already been made. Accordingly, the bill is being finalized and will be presented before the Cabinet shortly.

(b) The Federal Government from its annual budgetary allocation is providing budget to the National Child Protection Centre (NCPC) amounting to Rs. 9.486 million (Annex-B). In addition to improve the services and coverage of the Centre, MoU has been signed with Save the Children International and is being implemented. (Annex-C). A brief containing activities of the Centre is at Annex-D.

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

21. **\*Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the total amount of budget allocated for free legal aid/assistance to needy and poor children under the Juvenile Justice System Ordinance during the year, 2013-14; and*
- (b) *the number of children to whom legal aid/assistance has been provided in Islamabad Capital Territory during the period from 1-1-2013 to 31-12-2013?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) The National Commission for Child Welfare and Development (NCCWD), Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights is the coordinating body for implementation of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child and reporting progress thereof to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva. No budget has been allocated for free legal aid/assistance to needy children under the Juvenile Justice System Ordinance.

The National Commission for Child Welfare and Development (NCCWD) also drafted the Juvenile Justice Rules for Provinces/Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) (Annexure-A). All the provinces and ICT notified such rules. Under these rules, the Provincial Governments have to allocate resources for implementation of the Juvenile Justice System Ordinance (Amended) 2012.

(b) In Islamabad, a juvenile ward is presently under construction in the Jail, so there is no Juvenile prisoner in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) level, requiring such legal aid.

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

22. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the subject-wise total number of laws which have been challenged in Federal Shariat Court during the last five years till date;*
- (b) *the decision taken by the Federal Shariat Court with reference to the Sharie Status of said laws;*

- (c) *the total number of such cases for which appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court alongwith the decisions made thereupon; and*
- (d) *the implementation made by the Government so far on said decisions?*

Reply not received.

23. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the prescribed procedure for distribution of Sui gas in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said procedure is not being followed/ implemented in letter and spirit in some areas of the country; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) Gas is distributed among different sectors of consumers on the basis of priority order defined in the Natural Gas Allocation and Management Policy, 2005 as under;

S. No.	Category of Consumers	Priority Order
1.	Domestic and commercial Sectors	First
2.	Power Sector	Second
3.	General Industrial, Fertilizer and Captive Power	Third
4.	Cement Sector including its Captive Power	Fourth
5.	CNG Sector	Fifth

- (b) No.

24. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce new forms in electoral process in order to make future general elections transparent, cost effective and trustworthy;*
- (b) *if so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Parliamentary Affairs:** It is stated that there are 23 prescribed Forms in the Representation of the People (Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1977 that are used in conduct of elections to the National and Provincial Assemblies. Certain amendments were made in Form-I, I-A, I-B, Form-XXI, Form-XIV, Form-XVI and Form-XVII at the eve of General Elections 2013. For the time being, there is no proposal under consideration of ECP for proposing amendments in the existing Forms or requesting for the introduction of any new Form. However, ECP intends to review various Forms, including the Form used for submission of Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Form-XXI), and Envelopes that are used for elections and reduce the number of Forms for easy handling by the Polling Staff and the same has been included in ECP's Second Five Year Strategic Plan 2014-2018.

25. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make legislation to ensure protection of human rights;*
- (b) *If so, when it will be implemented alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) The legislation for protection of human rights *i.e.* the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 already exists.

(b) For implementation of this legislation, a National Commission for Human Rights is being established. A summary in this regard has already been submitted to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

26. **\*Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho:**

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

(a) *the total number of accidents occurred on the Islamabad-Lahore Motorway during the year 2013-14; and*

(b) *the steps taken by the Government to control such accidents?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Total number of accidents occurred on the Islamabad-Lahore Motorway during the year 2013-14 is as under:

**Accident in year 2013**

<u>Fatal Accident</u>	<u>Non Fatal accident</u>	<u>Total</u>
40	67	107

**Accident in year 2014 (up to March)**

<u>Fatal Accident</u>	<u>Non Fatal accident</u>	<u>Total</u>
08	15	23

(b) The steps taken by the National Highways & Motorway Police (NH&MP) to control such accidents.

- i Analysis based strict enforcement against major causes of accidents *i.e.* lane violation, over-speeding, sleeping at wheel etc. is being ensured by NH&MP.
- ii Briefing/awareness campaigns have been launched regularly to raise awareness about the major causes of accidents/ incidents.
- iii Black spots have been determined and special measures have been adopted by installing warning signs, speed limit signs, lane discipline signs and other similar road furniture.
- iv Patrolling vehicles have been asked to spend sufficient time at the black spots to make the drivers/commuters alert especially at that specific point.



- v Surprise and random interception of vehicles is made during night time to ensure the vigil level of the drivers.
- vi Entry of potentially hazardous vehicles *i.e.* poor body/engine condition, heavily overloaded etc. has completely been restricted on Motorway.
- vii It is being ensured by NH&MP that no driver drives a vehicles on motorway without valid driving licence.
- viii Deployment of 02 drivers has been made compulsory for all PSVs having route of more than 05 hours.
- ix Entry of PSVs with commercial loads on their rooftops has been banned on motorway.
- x Overweight vehicles pose a great hazard not only to other vehicles plying on motorway but also cause irreparable loss to the national infrastructure. Keeping these aspects in mind, weigh stations are being operated at almost all the major entry points of motorway where vehicles are properly weighed before their entry on motorway. Overweight vehicles are returned from the interchanges and not allowed to enter motorway. Likewise, overweight or heavily loaded vehicles are also made to exit from the next interchange if found plying on motorway.
- xi Use of seat belt reduces the impact of the collision manifold, therefore, zero tolerance is being ensured against non-usage of seat belts.
- xii Mobile Education Units have been formed/mobilized on motorway which regularly visit the Bus/Truck/Taxi stands, Education Institutes to create awareness of Road Safety amongst the masses.
- xiii Special measures are being taken to control pedestrian crossing on motorway which is also one of the major causes of accidents.
- xiv During the analysis of past incidents, it was observed that deaths occurred due to additional seats installed alongside the drivers in Daewoo and Nishi (as per bus-structural division) buses. In order to reduce the death ratio, additional hostess/conductor seats from Daewoo and Nishi Buses have been got removed.

- xv Special measures are adopted by NH&MP during adverse weather conditions, fog, rain, storm to safeguard the precious human lives on motorway.
- xvi CCTV cameras have been installed at the entry points of motorway to ensure safety of the commuters.
- xvii LED TV Screens have been installed at different toll plazas of motorway to display road safety messages at entry point in a more effective, eye-catching and comprehensible manner.

27. **\*Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the 100 MMCF of gas and 4,000 barrels of crude oil are being added in the system daily;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the load shedding of gas will be controlled in the country?*

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

(b) Gas curtailment (Load shedding) may only be eliminated when more gas will be available leaving no gap between demand and supply of gas.

28. **\*Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

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

- (a) *the location wise details of hydrocarbon resources explored/ exploited and developed in the country during the year, 2013-14;*
- (b) *total estimated potential of the said sources alongwith their percentage of contribution to the oil and gas requirements of the country at present;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that the development work on said hydrocarbon resources is continuing in the country;*
- (d) *if so, the present status thereof alongwith the time by which said work will be completed thereupon?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) Exploration/exploitation and development of hydrocarbon resources was/is carried out during the reported period in the following areas; Badin, Karak, Kambar, Ghotki, Hyderabad, Mititari Naushahro Feroz, Sanghar, Tando Muhammad Khan and Tando Allah Yar. Location-wise detail is at Annex-I, II & III.

(b) Total 34,79 million barrels of oil and 571.93 BCF of gas reserves/potential have been added from subject developed discoveries. However, new discoveries are under appraisal phase and their potential is being assessed. As a result of these activities additional gas @ 270 MMSCF/D and 15,870 BOP/D additional oil is being produced. The said volume of gas is about 4.25% of total required quantity of gas and said volume of oil is about 3.68% of total required quantity of oil.

(c) Yes, it is a fact that the development work on the said hydrocarbon resources is continuing.

(d) The said appraisal/development work is under technical evaluation which will be completed within 3-5 years.

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

29. **\*Mian Muhammad Farooq:**

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

- (a) *the total amount allocated to the Ministry and its attached departments during the budget 2013-14 for various projects relating to Science and Technology alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether said projects have been executed/completed; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** (a) During the fiscal year 2013-14, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) and its attached Departments were allocated Rs. 2172.583 Million for 54 development projects. Details of the projects alongwith their status are attached at **Annex-I**.

(b) Breakup of the development projects being executed during 2013-14 is summarized as below:

- i. **23 Projects** will be completed during 2013-14 subject to release of balance funds (**Annex-I, Category A**)
- ii. **29 Projects** will continue in the next financial year 2014-15 and will be completed in due course of time except for projects at PSDP Nos. 955 and 962, which have not been approved by Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms (**Annex-I, Category B**)

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

30. **\*Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Internationally certified laboratories are working in Pakistan;*
- (b) *if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce such laboratories in the country in the near future?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** (a) Accredited laboratories operating in Pakistan are accredited only by the Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC). This accreditation is acceptable at international level due to Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) signed by PNAC with Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC) has accredited fifty nine (59) Testing and Calibration laboratories and three (3) Medical Laboratories in Pakistan.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government for laboratories to obtain accreditation from any International Agency other than PNAC. Accreditation of laboratories is voluntary. Ministry of Science and Technology, however, encourages laboratories to get themselves accredited by PNAC.

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 4th May, 2014.*

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**

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**“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

**For Monday, the 5th May, 2014**

167. **Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

(Deferred during 8th Session)

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

- (a) the names, qualification and relevant experience of the Government officers nominated for 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 them alongwith the remunerations received for each meeting during the said period?*

Reply not received.

12. **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

(Deferred during 9th Session)

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

- (a) the province-wise total number of Anti-Terrorism and Special Courts working in the country at present;*
- (b) the year-wise total number of cases referred to the said Courts during the last five years;*

- (c) *the total number of cases decided by the said Courts up to December, 2013;*
- (d) *the names, addresses and domiciles of the persons awarded punishments in the said cases; and*
- (e) *the number of cases pending in the said Courts as on 31-12-2013?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) Information with regard to Item No. (a) Province wise number of Anti-Terrorism Courts established by the Federal Government and the Special Courts newly:—

S. No.	Name of Province	Name of Special Courts	Number of Courts
1.	Punjab	Special Court (Central)	4
		Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances)	2
		Special Courts (Offences in Banks)	01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>07</b>
2.	Sindh	Special Court (Central)	03
		Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances)	02
		Special Courts (Offences in Banks)	01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>06</b>
3.	Kyber Pahktunkhwa (KPK)	Special Court (Central)	01
		Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances)	01
		Special Courts (Offences in Banks)	01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>03</b>
4.	Balochistan	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances)	01
		Special Courts (Offences in Banks)	01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>02</b>
5.	Islamabad Capital Territory	Anti-Terrorism Court	01
		Special Courts (CNS)	01
		<b>Total</b>	<b>02</b>

(b), (c) & (e) The requisite information with regard to item No. (b) (c) and (e) of above mentioned National Assembly Question received from following Special Courts of this Ministry is as under:—

S. No.	Name of Court	Cases Instituted in last 5 years	Cases decided upto December, 2013.	Number of Pending Cases as on 31-12-2013
1.	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances), Rawalpindi	484	313	171
2.	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances), Lahore	741	According to information received many of the judicial files of decided cases has been sent to the Hon'ble Lahore High Court and Supreme of Pakistan.	96
3.	Special Court-I (Control of Narcotics Substances), Karachi	1187	2065	The Court remained non-functional during February, 2013 to January, 2014 and all the pending cases were transferred to the Special Court-II, CNS, Karachi.
4.	Special Court-II (Control of Narcotics Substances), Karachi	3929	2492	1437
5.	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances), Peshawar	Information asked for has not been received as yet		
6.	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances), Quetta	Information asked for has not been received as yet		
7.	Special Court (Control of Narcotics Substances), Islamabad	Information asked for has not been received as yet		



8.	Special Court (Central), Islamabad	Newly established and cases are transferred from Special Court (Central), Rawalpindi		600
9.	Special Court (Central), Rawalpindi	Information asked for has not been received as yet		
10.	Special Court (Central), Lahore	Information asked for has not been received as yet		
11.	Special Court (Central), Faisalabad	1480	2176	440
12.	Special Court (Central), Multan	1471	562	1016
13.	Special Court-I (Central), Karachi	638	827	376
14.	Special Court-II (Central), Karachi	1743	2210	1264
15.	Special Court (Central), Hyderabad	177	245	694
16.	Special Court (Central), Peshawar	658	644	65
17.	Special Court (Offences in Banks), Peshawar	38	32	6

(d) The requisite information with regard to item No. (d) of above mentioned National Assembly Question received from following Special Courts of this Ministry is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Court	Information
1.	Special Courts (Control of Narcotics Substances)	<b>Annex-A</b>
2.	Special Courts (Central)	801 persons were convicted during last 5 years their names, addresses and domiciles are placed at <b>Annex-B.</b>
3.	Special Courts (Offences in Banks), Peshawar  Note: Information asked for has not been received from remaining 3 Special Courts (Offences in Banks).	09 persons were convicted during last 5 years their names, addresses and domiciles are placed at <b>Annex-C.</b>

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

13 **Sahibzada Tariq Ullah:**

(Deferred during 9th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of cases of mismanagement, irregularities and corruption detected/registered in the Government departments and disposed of by each High Court including the Islamabad High Court during the last five years till date alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the total number of cases pending in each High Court at present?*

Reply not received.

26. **Ms. Aisha Syed:**

(Deferred during 9th Session)

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

- (a) *the names and addresses of the applicants of Islamabad who applied for sui gas connections and deposited the amount vide demand notices during the year 2012-13;*
- (b) *the names and addresses of said applicants to whom gas connections have been given on priority and without priority basis alongwith the names of persons who made recommendations therefor; and*
- (c) *the authority who granted approval in each case therefor?*

Reply not received.

137. **Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto:**

(Deferred during 9th Session)

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the total amount of collateral damage caused by drone strikes in the country, so far?*

**Minister for Defence:** Due to remoteness of the areas and lack of access to such areas where such attacks have reportedly taken place it is impossible to determine the collateral damages caused by drone strikes.

142. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

(Deferred during 9th Session)

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

- (a) *the name, designations and domicile of persons appointed in the Ministry, SNGPL, SSGPL and OGDCL on regular, contract and daily wages basis during the last five years; and*
- (b) *the names of persons appointed in the Ministry on deputation basis during the said period alongwith the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits admissible to them?*

Reply not received.

57. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the detail of appointments made in the Motorways Police during the last two years?*

**Minister for Communications:**

The detail of appointments made during the last two years in National Highways and Motorways police(NH&MP)is as under:

Year	Designation of Post & BS	Type of Appointment	No of Appointments
2012	LDC(BS-07)	Contract basis under Prime Minister's Assistance	02

		Package for families of Government servant who died during service.	
	Regularized Contingent Paid Staff (BS-01)	Regularized by Cabinet Sub-Committee	69
2013	Assistant Director (BS-17)	Permanent (Recruited through FPSC)	01
	Regularized Contingent paid staff (BS-01)	Regularized by Cabinet Sub Committee	108
Total			180

Note: Services of contingent paid staff of NH&MP have been regularized by Cabinet Sub Committee during meetings on 15-12-2011, 15-03-2012, 06-09-2012 and 04-03-2013.

61. **Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *the criteria/procedure adopted for the appointment of Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director Finance and Information Technology of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) alongwith the former and current postings thereof;*
- (b) *the total number of promotions/inductions made in the said department during the last three years alongwith the grade and year-wise details thereof; and*
- (c) *the total number of direct appointments made in the PSO through the Prime Minister's Office during the last three years?*

Reply not received.

68. **Mr. Iftikhar Ud Din:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to expedite clearance of snow from the Lawari Top for traffic overthere; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Communications:** For snow clearance from Lowari Top section of N-45; an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed on 30th December, 2013 between National Highway Authority through General Manager (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Pak Army through Commander Corps Engineer 11 Corp, Peshawar.

As per MoU, Pak Army carries out snow clearance activities on the Lowari Tunnel access roads subsequent to every snow fall, whereas snow clearance from Lowari Top shall be undertaken in mid of April 2014 subject to favorable weather conditions.

72. **Maulana Muhammad Gohar Shah:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to supply Sui Gas to Dargai, Nazimabad, Nasta, Dosehra, Agra, Tarnab, Behlola, Dheri, Zardad, Faqirabad and Majoka, District Charsadda (National Assembly Constituency No.7); and*

(b) *if so, the time by which Sui Gas will be supplied to said areas?*

Reply not received.

73. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *the total income earned by the Post Offices in District Dir during years 2008 to 2013; and*
- (b) *the total expenditure incurred during the said period by the said Post Offices?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The total income earned by the PPOD in District Dir during years 2008 to 2013 is available at **Annex-A**.

(b) The total expenditure incurred during the said period is available at **Annex-B**.

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

74. **Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar:**

(Deferred during 10th Session)

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

- (a) *the number of gas schemes approved for the National Assembly Constituency No.148 during last five years alongwith the present status thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that most of the said schemes have not been completed so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken to start the said schemes as early as possible?*

Reply not received.

1. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry to provide new connections of sui gas to domestic consumers during the year 2013-14?*

Reply not received.

2. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the total amount of fee to obtain urgent connection of sui gas at present;*
- (b) *the district-wise total number of urgent connections provided during the year 2013-14; and*
- (c) *whether sui gas connections for industries are being given?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** (a) SNGPL has reported that at present, Urgent Fee charges are Rs. 25,000/- in addition to the security and service line charges, which are Rs. 6,000/- for premises upto 10 marlas and Rs. 7,500/- for above 10 marlas.

SSGCL does not provide urgent gas connections. Gas connections are processed on “first come first serve” basis.

(b) The total number of urgent connections provided on Regional basis are attached as **Annex-I**.

(c) No. Because of moratorium on provision of Industrial gas connections by the Government of Pakistan.

**Annex-I**

URGENT FEE STATUS AS ON 25 APRIL 2014

PREGION	METERS INSTALLED
BAHAWALPUR	2
GUJRANWALA	1
ISLAMABAD	15
LAHORE	80
RAWALPINDI	8
SARGODHA	2
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>108</b>

3. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

*Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state the year-wise total number of army and civilian patients to whom medical treatments have been provided including heart-surgeries in AFIC, Rawalpindi during the last five years?*

Reply not received.

4. **Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the names of Government employees whose cases have been referred to NAB during the last five years on the charges of corruption;*
- (b) whether the references have been filed against those employees so far; if so, the present status of legal proceedings against said employees; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) the detail of said cases finalized so far alongwith the detail of punishments awarded to them during the said period?*

Reply not received.

5. **Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the prescribed mechanism for collection of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC);*
- (b) the names of sectors from which the GIDC is being charged at present; and*
- (c) the fixed sale price for collection of the said surcharge?*

Reply not received.



6. **Dr. Arif Alvi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that contracts have been awarded by the Clifton Cantonment Board (CCB), Karachi for the construction of four roads and two Pedestrian bridges on Ch. Khaleeq-uz-Zaman Road and on Khy Jami Road at submarine crossing;*
- (b) *if so, the terms and conditions alongwith the cost of construction thereof separately;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the permission has been given by CCB to the construction/companies to have hoarding space on the bridges on BOT terms to recover construction cost; if so, the period alongwith the details thereof separately;*
- (d) *whether said companies have been exempted from hoarding tax; and*
- (e) *the annual rate of hoarding tax per square foot in the said area?*

Reply not received.

7. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of the Social Welfare Projects completed by OGDC, Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Pakistan Oil Limited and SNGPL in Kohat Division during the year 2013-14 alongwith the details thereof?*

**Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi):** The details of Social Welfare Projects completed and ongoing by OGDCL are given in Annex-A. It is clarified that PPL and POL are not the operators of any block which falls in Kohat Division. However, they have working interest in TAL block operated by MOL Pakistan. Under the provisions of Rules, Licence and Petroleum Concession Agreement, the operator of the Block is responsible to

undertake social welfare programs in the area on behalf of joint venture partners. SNGPL, a gas utility company, has not carried out any Social Welfare project in District Kohat during the year 2013-14.

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

8. **Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) the number of persons hailing from Kohat Division to whom jobs have been given on regular as well as contract basis in OGDCL, PPL, MOL and SNGPL; and*
- (b) the names, designations, qualification and domiciles of the said employees?*

Reply not received.

9. **Mr. Amjid Ali Khan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the record regarding the manual demand notices submitted during the period from 2007 to 2011 in Mianwali has not been computerized and gas meters have not been installed therein on said demand notices so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the work to lay down the pipelines in Tehsil Mianwali and Piplan has not been completed so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that the sub-office of Sul Northern Gas Pipelines Limited has not been established in Mianwali so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

10. **Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Islamabad High Court has given orders two years ago for upgradation of Technical Engineering Staff of the Ministry;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said order have not been implemented in letter and spirit so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

11. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) detail of schemes launched under Access to Justice Program since 16th March, 2008 till date;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that the funds have been provided by the Asian Development Bank therefor;*
- (c) the total number of said schemes initiated to improve the justice system of lower courts during the said period;*
- (d) the impacts of those schemes on general public for expeditious and inexpensive dispensation of justice; and*
- (e) the total amount of budget earmarked, released and utilized during the said period under the said head?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** (a) A total number of 656 projects under Access to Justice Program were initiated during the period 2002-2014 out of which 42 schemes were initiated since 16th March 2008 till date. Details are at Annex-I.

(b) It is a fact that funds have been provided by Asian Development Bank.

(c) 10 Schemes were initiated to strengthen the infrastructure and institutional Capacity Building of Justice System of Lower Courts including Construction of Federal Judicial Academy for its transformation into Center of excellence for judicial trainings.

(d) The impact of these schemes for expeditious and inexpensive dispensation of Justice is not quantifiable. However efforts has been made to strengthen the infrastructure and institutional capacity building of lower courts supplemented by various legislations and other measures for expeditious dispensation of Justice. Details are at Annex-II.

(e) An amount of Rs. 7201.401 million was earmarked by Federal Government against which Rs. 5881.074 million were utilized during the said period.

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

**12. Ms. Aasiya Nasir:**

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an officer of grade-20 has been working against Director General's post of grade-21 for the National Physical and Standards Laboratory, Islamabad for last two years; if so, the justification thereof?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** An officer of BS-20, who is the senior-most metrologist of the National Physical and Standards Laboratory (NPSL) is working against the post of Director General, NPSL (BS-21). He was assigned the charge in his own pay and scale by the then Federal Minister after the post was advertised but suitable candidate was not available.

The post of Director General, NPSL is now being advertised again and it is hoped that suitable candidate will be selected and appointed soon.

**13. Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

(a) *the details/title of cases of murder and kidnapping disposed of by each High Court during the last five years till date;*

- (b) *the details/title of said cases disposed of by the Islamabad High Court since its establishment; and*
- (c) *the total number of cases still pending in said Courts at present?*

Reply not received.

14. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *the total number of crises centres established in the country at present;*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount of expenditures incurred on those centers during the last five years till date; and*
- (c) *the total number of beneficiaries of those centers at present?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:**

- (a) \*
- \* The Ministry of Women Development (devolved) had established 26 Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centres for Women (SBBCW) in selected districts across Pakistan *i.e.* 4 in Sindh, 4 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 3 in Balochistan, 2 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, 12 in Punjab and 01 in Islamabad.
  - \* Pursuant to the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, 1973, 25 such centres were to be transferred to the 4 provinces and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The Centre in Islamabad was retained by the Federal Government.
  - \* The Governments of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir accepted the 13 Centers pertaining to them.
  - \* The Government of Punjab, however, did not previously accept the 12 Centers functioning in that province (at Lahore, Mianwali, Rawalpindi, Khushab, Vehari, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Multan,

Muzaffargarh, Sahiwal, Bahawalpur and D.G. Khan) on the plea that similar centers like Dar-ul-Amaan are already functioning in that Province.

- Planning, Development and Reform Division has communicated the decision *i.e.* the Government of the Punjab agreed to take over these centres. The Ministry of Law, Justice and Human Rights is currently working on transfer of these centres to the Punjab.

(b) Year-wise total amount of expenditures are as under:

- (i) An expenditure of Rs.44.124 million was incurred during FY 2011-12.
- (ii) An expenditure of Rs.54.640 million was incurred during FY 2012-13.
- (iii) An expenditure of Rs.15.600 million was incurred during FY 2013-14. Detail is at **Annex-A**.

(c) The total number of beneficiaries 12807 were rehabilitated/benefited from 12 SBBHRCW. Detail is at **Annex-B**.

		Rs. in Million		
S. No.	Name of Project	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
		Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
1.	Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Human Rights Centre for Women (SBBHRCW), Lahore	4.470	4.720	1.300
2.	SBBHRCW, Vehari	4.007	4.720	1.300
3.	SBBHRCW, Sahiwal	3.337	4.520	1.300
4.	SBBHRCW, Mianwali	4.077	4.520	1.300
5.	SBBHRCW, Rawalpindi	2.236	4.520	1.300
6.	SBBHRCW, Bahawalpur	3.176	4.520	1.300
7.	SBBHRCW, Multan	4.594	4.520	1.300
8.	SBBHRCW, Sialkot	2.900	4.520	1.300
9.	SBBHRCW, Faisalabad	4.356	4.520	1.300

10.	SBBHRCW, Muzaffargarh	3,946	4,520	1,300
11.	SBBHRCW, Khushab	3,461	4,520	1,300
12.	SBBHRCW, D.G. Khan	3,264	4,520	1,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>44,124</b>	<b>54,64</b>	<b>15,600</b>

Annex-BTotal number of beneficiaries

S. No.	Name of Project	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 (July, 2013 to Feb 2014)	Total
1.	Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Human Rights Centre for Women (SBBHRCW), Lahore	986	1059	589	2634
2.	SBBHRCW, Mianwali	280	300	189	609
3.	SBBHRCW, Vehari	200	235	128	566
4.	SBBHRCW, Sahiwal	317	328	162	805
5.	SBBHRCW, Rawalpindi	142	274	246	362
6.	SBBHRCW, Bahawalpur	253	290	147	690
7.	SBBHRCW, Multan	163	196	122	481
8.	SBBHRCW, Sialkot	160	246	215	621
9.	SBBHRCW, Faisalabad	238	1704	164	2106
10.	SBBHRCW, Muzaffargarh	264	566	228	1058
11.	SBBHRCW, Khushab	247	463	221	931
12.	SBBHRCW, D.G. Khan	95	645	204	944
<b>Total</b>		<b>3328</b>	<b>6364</b>	<b>2615</b>	<b>12307</b>

15. **Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to consult the stakeholders in finalization of science and technology strategy 2013-2018; if not; the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** The draft Science and Technology Strategy 2013-18 is currently under consideration of the Sub-committee of the Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Science and Technology. After receipt of recommendations of the Sub-committee/Expert Group, comments and inputs from other stake-holders will also be obtained. The document is expected to be finalized by June 2014.

16. **Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

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

- (a) the name of construction company working on Lodhran-Khanewal Road at present;*
- (b) whether funds have been released for the construction of said road;*
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the construction work has not been completed thereupon; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) the date by which the construction work will be completed thereupon?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The project has not yet reached construction stage because of funding issues (Please see (c) below)

(b) As at (a) & (c)

(c) The construction work has not been started yet due to refusal of funds by World Bank.

(d) As work has not yet been started so completion date cannot be ascertained.



17. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the life span of gas reserves in the country at present; and*
- (b) the annual quantity of oil being added in the system to meet the domestic requirements of the country?*

Reply not received.

18. **Syed Asif Hasnain:**

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

- (a) the location-wise reserves of precious stones in the country at present;*
- (b) the kinds of stones being explored therefrom;*
- (c) the annual utilization of said stones in the country; and*
- (d) whether such stones are being exported; if so, the total quantity of said stones exported during the year 2013-14?*

Reply not received.

19. **Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

*Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government under Article 37(d) of the Constitution for providing expeditious and inexpensive justice to citizens?*

**Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights:** The Government of Pakistan had launched Access to Justice program (AJP) in the year 2001 with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to introduce reforms in the Justice Sector to ensure speedy and in-expensive delivery of Justice. The

present government has a firm commitment to strengthen the rule of Law in the Country .The citizens of Pakistan have been the beneficiary of these reforms .The details of said reforms and future plans under access to justice program are as under:—

1. The AJP has contributed considerably in improving the infrastructure facilities and working environment for the justice sector. The schemes launched by AJP are a milestone in the history of development work for the justice sector throughout the country, which include: construction of new court rooms, judicial complexes, Judges residences, record rooms, judicial lockups, bar rooms and general amenities like public sheds and baths in the courts premises, construction of District Jails, new barracks in existing jails to overcome the problem of overcrowding in jails, training centers for judges, personnel of police and prison etc. As a result of this effort 485 Court rooms and 714 residences for Sub-ordinate Judiciary, 34 Judicial Complexes, 111 Public Amenities, 39 Police stations, 48 Barracks in Existing Jails and 09 new jails are constructed.
2. 2554 computers, 55 Laptops, 1016 Printers, 253 Scanners, 720 UPS, 91 LCD Screens, 107 Typewriters and 329 Air Conditioners, 6681 law books were provided to various implementing agencies Including Sub-ordinate Judiciary.
3. In Addition to Improvement of Information Technology infrastructure various initiatives to enhance capacity of implementing Agencies were taken like Enhancement of Management Information System at Supreme Court of Pakistan, Automation of Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, Automation of Federal Shariat Court, Islamabad, Development of MIS software for Federal Ombudsman, Data Entry Digitalization of Complaints Record of Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat, Strengthening and Streamlining of Sindh Ombudsman office, Website for Punjab Ombudsman, Establishment of Urdu Translation Units in Law Departments, Trial through video conferencing between Central Jail and District judiciary at Lahore, Automation of Prosecution Department, Punjab and Prisons Management information System in Balochistan are the initiatives under AJP.

4. 394 Additional Positions for Sub-ordinate Judiciary of KPK along-with 1447 posts of allied staff were created and funded by AJP in KPK Judiciary during 2002-2005.
5. More than 100 training courses were conducted under the project titled “Capacity Building of Federal Judicial Academy, Islamabad” for judicial officers of sub-ordinate judiciary.
6. Computer Orientation Training was imparted to 2000 judicial Officers of Sub-ordinate Judiciary.
7. Booklets, pamphlets and brochures in the shape of Frequently Asked Questions on 227 legal topics were prepared and disseminated at District and Tehsil level through sub-ordinate Judiciary alongwith other concerned stake holders for public awareness of masses.
8. A statutory endowment of Rs. 1479 million as an initial grant to establish the Access to Justice Development Fund (AJDF) was provided, to address chronic under-resourcing of justice sector, create court infrastructure and capacity building of Sub-ordinate judiciary in under-developed regions, provides for legal aid, improvement in quality of legal education and judicial trainings.
9. Public Information Kiosks (PIKs) setup in majority of district courts’
10. The High Courts issued and strictly enforced guidelines on delay reduction and brought improvements in process serving systems and procedures. Dedicated benches were set-up for commercial cases in Sindh High Court and Lahore high Court, Lahore.
11. To reduce court case load, effective utilization of the avenues of alternative dispute resolutions offered by law has been advocated. The amendments to CPC (Sec 89-A) were intended to operationalize ADR mechanisms for speedy and inexpensive justice. After carrying out an impact assessment study, the equity and effectiveness aspects of ADR and Small Claims and Minor Offences Courts were examined and recommendations were passed on provided to High Courts. Two courses, one on family laws related ADR for 24 Judges and another on Mediation techniques for another 24 Judges-cum-Magistrates were launched at Karachi Centre for Dispute Resolution.

12. To enhance accountability of the district & sessions courts (lower judiciary) and to effectively keep a watch on their performance, High Courts have institutionalized a monitoring system through inspection judges as well as Members Inspection Team (MIT).
13. AJP organized over 100 training events that included workshops, seminars associating foreign experts where possible to introduce best international practices in order to build capacity for efficient and citizen oriented judicial service delivery.

### **Future Plans**

1. Having achieved considerable success in introducing the policy, legal and institutional reforms, the AJP now intends to focus on ensuring that these measures result in the desired impact on delivery of services. The following future initiatives are contemplated to ensure that the AJP reforms lead to a visible difference on the access to legal services by the common citizens.

### **Pro-Poor Legislation**

1. The AJP has been instrumental in facilitating legislation that has imparted the poor and the vulnerable as discussed above. All laws and regulations need to be carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain any disabling clauses or provisions that discourage the accessing of justice sector services by the poor. An example is the court fee structure that has not been rationalized over times and leans heavily in favor of the rich.

### 20. **Mian Muhammad Farooq:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise number of cases of corruption which have been detected/registered in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last five years alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether actions have been taken against the responsables thereof during the said period; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof, separately?*

**Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Zahid Hamid):** (a) The year-wise number of cases of corruption which have been detected/ registered in the Ministry of Science & Technology and Organizations under administrative control of Ministry, during last five years are given as under:

**2010 (One case):**

Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC). Details at **Annex-I.**

**2011 (Two cases):**

Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR). Details at **Annex-II.**

**2012 (two cases):**

Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). Details at **Annex-III.**

**2013 (one case):**

Ministry of Science & Technology. Details at **Annex-IV.**

**2014 (One case):**

Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). Details at **Annex-III.**

(b) Actions were taken against the responsible. Details may please be perused at **Annex-I, II, III and IV:**

- i. Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC), **Annex-I.**
- ii. Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR), **Annex-II.**
- iii. Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), **Annex-III.**

- iv. Ministry of Science & Technology, **Annex-IV**.
- v. Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). Details at **Annex-III**.

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

21. **Mian Muhammad Farooq:**

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

- (a) the year-wise number of cases of cuppruption which have been detected/registered in the Ministry and its attached departments during the last five years alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) whether actions have been taken against the responsables thereof during the said period; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof, separately?*

Reply not received.

22. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the month-wise details of salaries paid to the Managing Directors of SNGPL and SSGPL during the year 2013-14?*

Reply not received.

23. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

*Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that members involved in the OGRA scam are still holding their official positions; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

24. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the sui gas connections have been given to the houses of Mohallah Islamia Town near Power House, Tehsil Shaker Garh, District Narowal; if so, the name and father's name of the residents of said Mohallah; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that sui gas connections have not been given to the Street No. 2 of the said Mohallah; if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the time by which sui gas connections will be given to the residents of said street?*

Reply not received.

25. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Post has not issued any direction/circular so far to their provincial departments to deposit traffic challans in Post Offices; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which circular will be issued to said offices?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Pakistan Post has issued letters to all the provincial Governments to deposit their traffic challans.

Sl. No.	Letter & Date	Issued To
1.	MCK/AF.3-33/Minutes of Meeting/10 dated 18-06-2012.	Addl. I.G Police,Traffic, Karachi.
2.	FS/I-103/DL-Ruling/2011-12 dated 21-06-2012.	The Home Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore.
3.	Sav/ICT.P.Fine/07 dated 31-10- 2012.	Meeting with Police Authorities Islamabad.
4.	AF/107-Traffic Challans dated 12-11-2012.	Meeting with Representatives of IG Police Peshawar.

In response to the request by Pakistan Post the following replies were received:

As per the contents received from IG NHA and Motorway Police, Islamabad, the proposal is not feasible as the fine is imposed by the NHA and Motorway Police are collecting the same at the spot through private firms.

- i. The concerned authority of Sindh Police have informed that under the rule defined in Motor Vehicle Ordinance 1965, the payment of traffic fine is deposited at designated branches of National Bank of Pakistan. For assigning the work to PPOD, amendment is required in the said Ordinance.
- ii. In case of Punjab, no response has been received from Home Secretary, Government of Punjab, despite repeated reminders.
- iii. The IG Police of Islamabad have informed that the fine collection was awarded to NBP by the Ministry of Interior.
- iv. The KPK Government has regretted to assign this work to Pakistan Post Office Department.

In view of above the Provincial Police Authority have not supported the proposal to assign this work to PPOD. Because of non-response and non-willingness of the provincial Police authorities, the proposal has been dropped.

(b) Pakistan Post is, however, ready to take on this assignment if the concerned authorities give their consent.

26. **Mr. Shafqat Mehmood:**

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

- (a) *the category-wise detail of cases pending in the Supreme Court and the High Courts at present alongwith the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which said cases will be disposed of?*

Reply not received.



27. **Mr. Shafqat Mehmood:**

*Will the Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights be pleased to state the year-wise total number of Suo Moto actions taken by the Supreme Court and the High Courts in the country during the last five years?*

Reply not received.

28. **Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of retired employees have been hired by the SNGPL and SSGCL during the recent years;*
- (b) if so, the details of retired employees working therein at present, separately, alongwith the justification thereof; and*
- (c) the perks and privileges being given to each one of them at present alongwith the annual expenditure thereof?*

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

SSGCL

(a) At present, there is only one retired Executive working on Senior Management position after retirement from Company's Service as Contract Employee.

(b) Mr. Rahat K. Siddiqui, is the only employee in Company's Contract who retired as DMD (Ops) on 03-10-2013.

(c) Mr. Rahat K. Siddiqui is serving as Project Director NGEP as per terms and conditions of Contract Employment. His employment is governed by as per terms and conditions of the contract. SSGCL has been advised to provide terms and condition of contract employment.

SNGPL

There is no retired employee working in SNGPL. Moreover, company discourages engagement of retired employees as a matter of policy.

29. **Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar:**

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

(a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide new gas connections in Multan;*

(b) *if so, when it will be implemented?*

Reply not received.

30. **Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar:**

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that the link roads of Khanewal-Multan Motorways are in a dilapidated condition at present;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Ministry to construct/repair the said link roads?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) The link roads to M-4 Extension Project owned by the Provincial Government. Therefore, construction/repair of said link roads does not fall in the jurisdictions of National Highway Authority (NHA).

(b) As above.

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI,  
*Secretary.*

ISLAMABAD:  
*The 4th May, 2014.*