

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Monday, the 30th January, 2017

68. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**
(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the names of superior Courts Judges having dual nationality at present?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): The Federal Shariat Court, High Courts of Peshawar, Balochistan and Islamabad have sent “NIL” reports.

Information is still awaited from the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Lahore High Court and High Court of Sindh.

43. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of cases of murder, kidnapping and terrorism disposed of by the High Courts separately during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the total number of cases pending in the High Courts separately at present?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): The information was not available in this Division, therefore, all the High Courts were requested to provide the requisite information.

- (a) The High Court of Sindh has informed that being Appellate Court does not decide category wise case like murder, kidnapping and terrorism which are categorized in trial courts only while that Court decides matters in appeals against the judgments of trial courts.

Requisite information has not been received from the other High Courts.

- (b) The number of cases pending in the High Courts is as under:-

S.No.	Name of Court	Number of Cases
1.	Lahore High Court	159,577
2.	High Court of Sindh	83,937
3.	Peshawar High Court	29,831
4.	High Court of Balochistan	6,091
5.	Islamabad High Court	13,794
Grand Total:		293230

52. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the total amount of reward/commission received by the employees of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) from accused persons since the establishment of NAB?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): The reply of the question may be treated “Nil” as no amount is paid to employees of NAB directly out of recovery from accused persons.

All recovered amount from the accused persons is transferred / deposited to the Federal Government / Provincial Governments, other Financial Institutions, Organizations, affectees of the various Scams etc. as the case may be. Out of said recovered amount, Finance Division credit supplementary grant as Budgetary support measure to NAB under the Recovery and Reward Rules notified *vide* SRO 655(I) / 2002.

61. ***Syed Naveed Qamar:**

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

- (a) the taxes being charged on domestically produced gas for various users;*
- (b) the taxes being charged on RLNG for the same users; and*
- (c) the total quantum of this difference alongwith the reasons for the same ?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) & (b) The detail of taxes being charged on domestically produced gas and RLNG for various gas sectors is given at **Annex-I**.

- (c) (i) The quantum of above taxes varies for different categories of consumers depending on the consumption by each sector and applicable gas sale prices.
- (ii) The taxes on RLNG are less as compared to domestically produced gas mainly due to the price differential.

Annex

Detail of Taxes Charged to Different Gas Sector:

Sr. No.	Main Sector	Sub-Sector	Domestically Produced Gas						Imported Gas (PLNG)					
			Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) (Rs./MMBTU)	General Sales Tax	Further Tax	Extra Tax	Withholding Income Tax	Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) (Rs./MMBTU)	General Sales Tax	Further Tax	Extra Tax	Withholding Income Tax		
(1) INDUSTRIAL	a) Fertilizer Feed Stock		300	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
			150	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
	b) Fertilizer- Fuel Stock		263.56	17%	2%	5%	4%	-	5%	2%	5%	4%	-	
			200	17%	2%	5%	4%	-	5%	2%	5%	4%	-	
	c) Compression Natural Gas (CNG)		200	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
			100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
	d) Captive Power		100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
			100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
	e) WAPA/KESE/GENCOs		100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
			100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	
f) Independent Power Plants (IPPS)		100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-		
		100	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-		
g) General Industry		-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-		
		-	17%	2%	5%	-	-	17%	2%	5%	-	-		
(2) COMMERCIAL														
(3) DOMESTIC														

62. ***Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of Motorways are being constructed in the country at present;*
- (b) *the per Kilometre expenditure to be incurred on said Motorways separately; and*
- (c) *the total lines and length of said Motorways separately?*

Minister for Communications: (a) At present, following motorways are being constructed in the country:

1. Thakot — Havelian Motorway (120km)
2. D.I.Khan — Hakla Motorway (285km)
3. Gojra — Shorkot section of Motorway (62km) ...M4-package-II
4. Shorkot — Khanewal Motorway (65km) ...M4-package-III
5. Lahore — Multan (Abdul Hakim) Motorway (230km)
6. Multan — Sukkur Motorway (392km)
7. Hyderabad — Karachi Motorway (136km)
8. Lahore — Sialkot Motorway (89km) *
9. Sukkur — Hyderabad Motorway (296km) *

(b) The per kilometer expenditure to be incurred as follows, however, variance in cost/km is due to various reasons *e.g.* terrain, No. of lanes, location, bid cost, structures and slope protection, tunnels and valley bridges etc.:

Motorway	No. of Lanes	Length (km)	Cost (Rs. Million)	Cost/km Rs. Million
Thakot-Havelian (EPC contract)	6	120	134,000	1,117
D.I.Khan - Hakla	4	285	92,159	323
M4-Package (II & III)	4	127	39,223	309
Lahore - Multan (Abdul Hakim) (EPC contract)	6	230	148,900	647
Multan Sukkur (EPC Contract)	6	392	294,352	751
Hyderabad - Karachi (BOT contract)	6	136	35,000	257
Sialkot - Lahore (BOT contract) *	4	89	43,900	493
Sukkur - Hyderabad *	6	296	173,000	584

* These projects are in procurement phase and are likely to be awarded in 2017. Indicated financial figures and cost / kilometer are estimated project costs.

(c) No. of Lane and length of these motorway is as follows:

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63. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the province-wise gas and electricity tariffs imposed on Textile Sector in the country recently?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): Currently, natural gas tariff for textile sector is notified at Rs. 600 per MMBTU uniformly across the country.

64. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the approval was given by the OGRA for the upgradation of Mardan Sui Gas Sub Office as the Regional Office Sui Gas, Mardan;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said Office has not been upgraded/established so far; if so, the time by which the Regional Office in the said area will be established/upgraded and staff will be appointed therefor; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to implement the said approval/decision at the earliest?*

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

(b) SNGPL has proposed establishment of Mardan as independent region with following additional budget requirement:

Cost Description		Rs. in Million
Capital		103
Revenue		99
Human Resource	OPEX	62
Total		264

(c) OGRA in its 'Determination of Estimated Revenue Requirement of FY: 2016-17' has accorded approval for Rs. 51 million (half of proposed Rs.103 million) against Capital budget only for establishment of Mardan Region and did not approve the remaining budget. Proposed Mardan region cannot be operated without sufficient Capital, Revenue and HR budget.

In this respect, SNGPL has filed Motion for Review with OGRA against Determination of Estimated Revenue Requirement of FY 2016-17 to allow the remaining budget against Revenue, Human Resource and Capital categories to successfully establish and operate Mardan region effectively.

65. ***Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *the procedure set by the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) for receiving complaints from individuals and taking suo moto actions by its own on account of violation of human rights;*
- (b) *the total number of complaints received from individuals and suo moto notices taken by the NCHR during the last three years alongwith the action taken thereon separately; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for effective protection of Human Rights (HRs) and to check and control HRs violations in the country?*

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): (a) The NCHR deals with the complaints from individuals and by taking *suo moto* notice in accordance with Section 3 of the National Commission for Human Rights (Complaints) Rules, 2015. (Annexure-I).

(b) The Commission started functioning in mid-December 2015. From December 2015 to 30th September 2016, the Commission received 342 complaints of various nature (Annexure-II). During the period from December 2015 to 30th September 2016, the Commission took *suo moto* notices of 84 petitions. Out of which 67 were processed 7 in hearing, 2 resolved and 8 have been consigned. (Annexure-III)

(c) The Federal Government has taken various initiatives in order to ensure protection and promotion of Human Rights, with special focus on Rights of Women, Children, Minorities and other vulnerable segments of the society. These include:

- I. Action Plan for Human Rights, approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 13th February, 2016, is being implemented. The Plan ensures following major areas of intervention to further improve Human Rights situation in the country:
 - i. Policy, Legal Reforms & Access to Justice;

- ii. Implementing key Human Rights Priorities: Rights of women, children, minorities and vulnerable population;
 - iii. Cross cutting interventions for protection of Human Rights: education, sensitization, awareness raising, research and communication;
 - iv. International/UN Treaty Implementation;
 - v. Establishment and strengthening of National Human Rights Institutions;
 - vi. Implementation and Monitoring of Action Plan.
- II. An amount of Rs. 750.00 million has been approved to put in place institutional mechanisms for realizing the rights proposed in the Action Plan which includes an amount of Rs. 400.00 million for human rights education, sensitization, awareness raising, research and communication, Rs. 250.0 million for establishment of National Institute of Human Rights for capacity building, training, research and development and Rs. 100.0 million Endowment Fund for Free Legal Aid for Poor Victims of Human Rights Violations.
- III. A Project titled, Helpline “**1099**” for Legal Advice to the victims of Human Rights Violations has been launched. The Helpline (1099) provides referral services to address grievances of the victims. Public Notices have been issued in newspapers to create awareness among the masses in this regard. Since 10th February, 2016 total calls received are 36341, out of which 4696 cases were eligible which were taken up with the relevant departments for redressal.
- IV. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take *suo-moto* actions. Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR Complaint Rules, 2015 which comprehensively elaborate the procedure regarding evaluating and disposing of complaints of Human Rights Violations.
- V. National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) and National Commission on Minorities (NCM) are also working to check and

control Human Rights violations of women and minorities respectively and to effectively protect/promote their rights.

- VI. Ministry of Human Rights has launched Public Awareness Campaign on Human Rights Education and Sensitization under Action Plan for Human Rights, 2016 through seminars as well as advertisements in print and electronic media. The campaign's target is general public, civil society, researchers, academia, students, government functionaries and different segments of society. The campaign focuses on Right to Life; it also focuses on promotion of Human Rights' values for creating a culture of tolerance and respect.
- VII. Ministry of Human Rights has formulated a draft National Policy Framework for promotion and protection of human rights after completing the consultative process at federal and provincial level. The draft has been circulated among Ministries / Divisions for final consultation/input before submission to Federal Cabinet for its approval. The task for formulation of provincial strategies on human rights has also been started in collaboration with provincial governments.
- VIII. A National Task Force (NTF) to monitor implementation of Action Plan for Human Rights has been notified under the chair of Federal Minister for Human Rights comprising parliamentarians (one each from National Assembly & Senate of Pakistan), relevant Federal Ministries and Provincial Human Rights Departments. Provincial Task Forces (PTF) in Punjab, KP and Sindh have also been established. The Provincial Task Force in Balochistan is in process.
- IX. District Human Rights Committees are also being constituted to check and control Human Rights violations of women and minorities respectively and to effectively protect/promote their rights.
- X. The human rights situation in Jails is also being monitored through Jail Monitoring visits. So far more than 100 prisoners with petty offences have been released and re-unified with their families along-with HR Sensitization among Prison's staff.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

66. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish the Halal Counters at Airports, Seaports and border passages under the Pakistan Halal Authority; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Science and Technology (Rana Tanveer Hussain): Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) under Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) has been established through an Act of the Parliament No. VIII 2016 to promote imports and exports, trade in commerce with foreign countries and inter-provincial trade and commerce in Halal articles and processes (**Annexure - A**).

As per Section 1 (2)(a) of PHA Act, it extends to:

- a. the whole of Pakistan, for purposes of imports and exports, trade and commerce with foreign countries and inter-provincial trade and commerce in all such articles and processes which are described or represented as being Halal;

The Section 17 and Section 18 of PHA Act (**Annexure - B**) stipulates that no article or process shall be exported and imported till they are certified by an accredited Halal Certification Body.

As per Section 3(3) of PHA Act (**Annexure - C**), the PHA with the prior approval of the Federal Government can also setup the offices at other places as, when and where required. PHA after its operationalization would consider the establishment of its offices at entry points as per the requirements.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

67. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the reconstruction works of M-2 have not been completed so far; if so, the reasons and responsibilities thereof?

Minister for Communications: It is apprised NHA has signed a Concession Agreement with M/s MORE (FWO) for Overlay, Rehabilitation and

Modernization of Lahore-Islamabad Motorway M-2 on BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) basis for a period of twenty (20) years, said project was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 15-12-2014.

As per the Concession Agreement, the completion period for reconstruction work was three (03) years which was reduced to two (02) years in accordance with the directions of Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Concessionaire (M/s MORE) has completed the reconstruction/ overlay activities on entire Motorway M-2 in less than (02) years, well before stipulated construction period. However, some ancillary works *i.e.* repair of expansion joints on all bridges on M-2, repair of approaches of entry/exit loops, repair of flyovers etc. are yet to be completed by the concessionaire which are being carried out and shall be completed within stipulated time.

68. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to appoint Amicus Curiae in order to hear cases for expeditious disposal of pending cases in the Courts?

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Law and Justice.

69. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of times when the toll taxes on vehicles were increased by the National Highway Authority during the last three years alongwith the present rates thereof;*
- (b) the total taxes collected therefrom; and*
- (c) the mode of utilization of said revenue/taxes alongwith the authority that conducts its audit at present?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Toll rates were last rationalized in 2014 for National Highways and Motorways. The rates are given hereunder:

National Highways

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	30		
Wagon upto 12 Seater	40		
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	40		
Buses	90	<i>No Increase</i>	
2 Axle Truck	110		
3 Axle Truck	110		
Articulated Trucks	220		

M-1 (Peshawar-Islamabad)

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	200	210	210
Wagon upto 12 Seater	330	350	350
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	460	480	480
Buses	660	690	690
2 Axle Truck	860	900	900
3 Axle Truck	860	900	900
Articulated Trucks	1050	1110	1110

M-3 (Pindi Bhattian-Faisalabad)

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	80	90	90
Wagon upto 12 Seater	120	140	130
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	170	200	190
Buses	240	280	270
2 Axle Truck	320	370	350
3 Axle Truck	320	370	350
Articulated Trucks	390	460	430

M-4 (Faisalabad-Gojra)

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	-	90	90
Wagon upto 12 Seater	-	130	130
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	-	190	190
Buses	-	260	260
2 Axle Truck	-	350	350
3 Axle Truck	-	350	350
Articulated Trucks	-	430	430

M-4 -Extension (Khanewal-Multan)

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	-	80	80
Wagon upto 12 Seater	-	130	130
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	-	180	180
Buses	-	250	250
2 Axle Truck	-	340	340
3 Axle Truck	-	340	340
Articulated Trucks	-	410	410

M-9 (Haydarabad-Karachi Motorway)

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	40		
Wagon upto 12 Seater	60		
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	60		
Buses	90	<i>No Increase</i>	
2 Axle Truck	110		
3 Axle Truck	110		
Articulated Trucks	220		

M-2 (Lahore-Islamabad) BOT Model

Category	F.Y 2014-15	F.Y 2015-16	F.Y 2016-17
Car	440	510	580
Wagon upto 12 Seater	730	850	970
Coaster / Mini Bus Upto 13 to 24 seater	1020	1190	1360
Buses	1460	1700	1940
2 Axle Truck	1890	2210	2530
3 Axle Truck	1890	2210	2530
Articulated Trucks	2330	2720	3110

(b) Detail of toll revenue collected during the said period on National Highways and Motorways is as under:

<i>Rs. In Million</i>				
Sr #	Network	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	National Highways	10,199	12,813	13,559
2.	Motorways	3,791	*3458	**2065
Total		13,990	16,271	15,625

* M-2 toll collection is for 6 months (Jul- December, 2014) further handed over to M/s MORE on BOT basis

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(c) The above mentioned collected revenue is being utilized on the maintenance of NHA network (over 12,000 KM) on need basis through Annual Maintenance Plan (Budget Estimate). Audit of the accounts of NHA is undertaken by DG (Audit Works) as well as by commercial auditors *i.e* private Chartered Accountant firms. However, heads for utilization of toll receipts under RMA rules are as follows:

- (i) Rehabilitation of Highways
- (ii) Periodic Maintenance
- (iii) Routine Maintenance
- (iv) Highway Safety
- (v) Emergency Maintenance
- (vi) Geometric Improvement

70. ***Begum Tahira Bukhari:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the heads under which the income from National Highways Toll plazas is spent at present?

Minister for Communications: The revenue collection including toll is transferred to dedicated account *i.e.* Road Maintenance Account (RMA) utilized for maintenance and improvement of NHA network in accordance with RMA rules under following heads:

- i. Rehabilitation.
- ii. Periodic Maintenance.
- iii. Routine Maintenance.
- iv. Highway Safety.
- v. Emergency Maintenance.
- vi. Geometric Improvement.

71. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state the names of Government/ Private bills introduced in the National Assembly during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the date of introduction thereof?

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): One hundred (100) Government Bills were introduced in the National Assembly during the tenure of the present Government (from 01-06-2013 to 29-11-2016) (**Annex**). The status of Private Members' Bill is maintained by the National Assembly Secretariat, therefore, the information regarding Private Bills may be obtained directly from National Assembly Secretariat.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

72. ***Moulana Ameer Zaman:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the agreements have been made with residents of colonies of the Loralai Cantt, Balochistan for hundred years; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the total monthly rent deposited in account of the Government therefrom alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It is not a fact that tenancy agreements were made for 100 years. Moreover, tenancy agreements were conditioned with good moral and law abiding conduct of tenants. 34 tenants out of 184 have been found involved in immoral / illegal activities, hence their agreements have been cancelled / revoked.

The monthly rent of quarters was fixed at Rs. 200/- per month each quarter. Total quarters / tenants were 184. This meager total of Rs. 36800/- per month was spent on maintenance / upkeep of the area.

73. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the location-wise total number of Toll Plazas on the National Highways and Motorways in the Country at present;*
- (b) *the year-wise income earned/taxes collected therefrom during the last three years; and*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the said Toll plazas are being given on contract?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Presently 91x Toll Plazas are operational on NHA network out of which 68x Toll Plazas are on National Highways and 23x on Motorways. Detail is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) Detail of toll revenue collected during the last three years on National Highways & Motorways is as under:

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(c) The operators for Operations & Management of toll plazas are hired through open competitive bidding as per PPRA rules-2004 and relevant provisions of NHA Code. Advertisements are given in National Dailies as well as the same are uploaded on NHA & PPRA website.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has failed to implement the code of conduct with reference to holding of elections within prescribed parameters; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the code of conduct for elections in the country in letter and spirit?*

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): (a) It is not correct that the Election Commission of Pakistan has failed to implement the Code of Conduct for Elections. ECP issues Code of Conduct after consultation with Political Parties and implements it with their cooperation.

(b) Not applicable.

75. ***Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- (a) whether the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) has taken notice of unhygienic, contaminated and sub-standard packed Milk which has been selling in market;*
- (b) if so, the details of brands of such Milk identified so far; and*
- (c) the steps taken by the concerned authorities to control the sale of said Milk?*

Minister for Science and Technology (Rana Tanveer Hussain):

(a) Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) is R&D organization working under administrative control of Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) and do not a regulate quality assurance of the food items. However. It has the requisite lab facilities to carry out tests on request.

The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) is another organization working under Most, has the mandate to monitor the quality of food items falling under the Compulsory Certifications Marks Scheme. PSQCA presently, notified 38 food items (**Annexure-A**) in its mandatory list including Packaged Liquid Milk.

Recently, as per instructions of Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan on 15-09-2016. PCSIR conducted analysis of total 16 brands of packaged liquid milk of two different categories:

- (i) 06 samples of Ultra High Temperature (UHT) treated milk.
- (ii) 10 samples of pasteurized milk.

PCSIR checked/ analyzed the samples as per the following parameters:

1. Total Solids	15. Solid Not Fat
2. Ash	16. Sodium
3. Starch and boric acid	17. Fatty Acid Profile
4. Total Coliforms	18. Fecal Coliforms
5. Antibiotic Residues	19. Hydrogen peroxide
6. Malamine	20. Lead
7. Cadmium	21. Urea
8. Detergent	22. Cane sugar
9. Sorbitol	23. Aflatoxin
10. Total Protein	24. Arsenic
11. Potassium	25. Formalin
12. Total Bacterial Count	26. Quaternary ammonium compounds
13. E.coli	27. Total Fat
14. M-1	

(b) The PCSIR never undertook sampling on its own However, results of the tests undertaken on the directions of Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan is as reflected below:

(a) PCSIR analyzed following 06 brands of Ultra High Temperature (UHT) milk samples:

1. Olper
2. Nestle Milk Pack
3. Day Fresh
4. Good Milk
5. Nurpur Original
6. Haleeb Full Cream

All UTH milk brands samples were found safe for human consumption except Haleeb Milk which was not safe due to presence of formalin and cane sugar.

(b) In addition following 10 brands of pasteurized milk samples were also examined/ analyzed:

1. Anhar Milk
2. Daily Dairy
3. Doce Milk
4. Gourmet Milk
5. Nurpur
6. Nutrivo
7. Al-Fajar
8. Accha Milk
9. Prema Milk
10. Adams

Only Prema milk was found safe for human consumption, whereas other pasteurized milk samples were found unsafe in respect of microbiological parameters.

The results were presented in the Supreme Court of Pakistan on 8th December 2016.

(c) Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) has the mandate to monitor the quality of products falling under the Compulsory Certification Mark Scheme. The Packaged Liquid Milk earlier was not included in the mandatory list of PSQCA however, taking consideration of the issues raised in the print and electronic media regarding the selling of sub-standard packaged liquid milk in the country, Packaged Liquid Milk PSS: 5344-2016 has now been included in the mandatory list of PSQCA.

After inclusion of Packaged Liquid Milk in the mandatory list, PSQCA is responsible to control and monitor the quality of packaged liquid milk. PSQCA has started its initiatives in this regard to bring the milk manufacturers in the Certification Marks license regime.



Annexure-A



PAKISTAN STANDARDS & QUALITY CONTROL AUTHORITY
STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
(CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT DIRECTORATE)

LIST OF MANDATORY FOOD ITEMS NOTIFIED BY THE
GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 14 OF PSQCA ACT VI OF 1996

Sr. #	Name of Items	Relevant PS:#
1	Banaspati Ghee.	221
2	Refined Maize (Corn) Oil.	1562
3	Cooking Oil.	2858
4	Refined Soybean Oil.	1563
5	Refined Sunflower Oil.	1564
6	Cotton Seed Oil.	21
7	Mustard Oil.	25
8	Palm Oil Edible.	1561
9	Sesame Oil.	98
10	Coconut Oil (Expelled).	99
11	Margarine.	1653
12	Biscuits (Excluding Wafers Biscuits).	383
13	Wafers Biscuits.	614
14	Natural Mineral Water.	2102
15	Bottled Drinking Water.	4639
16	Carbonated Beverage.	1654
17	Iodized Salt.	1669
18	Milk Powder (whole and skim)	363
19	Condensed Milk	364
20	Tea Black	439
21	Fruit Squash	506
22	Marmalade	514
23	Concentrated Fruit Juice	527
24	Food for infants and children	1688
25	Chilly Powder	1742

26	Orange Juice	1738
27	Apple Juice	1739
28	Curry Powder	1741
29	Turmeric (Ground & Powdered)	1820
30	Refined Sugar & White Powdered)	1822
31	Butter	1831
32	Honey	1934
33	Jams (Fruit preserve) & Jellies	2096
34	Flavoured Milk	3189
35	Synthetic Vinegar	3602
36	Mayonnaise	3947
37	Pickles	520
38	Packaged Liquid Milk	5344

76. ***Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the province and location-wise oil and gas are being extracted/ drilled out at present?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): The requisite information is at Annexure-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

77. ***Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**

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

(a) the total number of cases of corruption registered against employees of the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited and Pakistan State Oil since 01-01-2013; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government against them?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) (1) Two corruption cases have been registered in OGDCL one each by FIA and NAB:

(i) The Corporate Crime Circle (CCC) of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) conducted an inquiry into alleged charges of corruption in land acquisition for flow-line at Sinjhoru Oilfield, District Sanghar.

Based on the findings of the inquiry, FIR has been registered against eight officers of the Company.

- (ii) A reference before Accountability Court at Karachi is pending against some officers of the Company wherein it has been alleged that contract for LPG extraction was awarded on higher rates.

(2) Four corruption cases have been registered against employees of Pakistan State Oil, Company Limited since 01-01-2013.

(b) (1) Both cases in OGDCL are pending before the concerned courts and are at an initial stage. Charge has so far not been framed. Appropriate departmental action will also be taken against those who are held responsible by the Courts.

(2) The action taken against the employees of PSOCL are at Annexure-A

Annexure-A

S. No.	Corruption cases registered against PSO employees	Action taken against employee
1.	FIR # 118/2013 under section 409, 420, 468, 471, 472A, 109 PPC and 5(2) PCA 1947 against Mr. Idrees Ahmed-Officer Chakpirna Depot.	Dismissed from service without terminal benefits
2.	FIR # 18/2015 under section 161, 409, 420, 468, 471, 34, 109 PPC and 5(2) PCA against Mr. Naveed Alam Zuberi SGM-Projects.	In compliance of orders of the Honourable High Court of Sindh, the company concluded the inquiry within 3 months and submitted the report dated 14-10-2016 for record, perusal and consideration of the Honourable High Court of Sindh.
3.	FIR # 171/14 Theft of Lube oil drums from LMP (C) by Mr. Irfan Ali - Officer	Dismissed from service without terminal benefits
4.	FIR # 18/2016 dated 11-02-2016 under section 173 against Mr. Ikramullah Hussainy and Mr. Ghulam Murtaza (Contractor Staff)	Under FIA investigation at Multan. However, Mr. Ikramullah Hussainy has already been Compulsory Retired from Company Service in another case.

78. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that new interchanges have been constructed on the Motorways during the tenure of the present Government; if so, the location wise names thereof?

Minister for Communications: During the tenure of present government, following new interchanges have been constructed on the existing motorways (M1, M2 & M3).

Peshawar - Islamabad Motorway (M1):

Col. Sher Khan Interchange	Statrted in the tenure of previous government and completed during the tenure of present Government.
Wali Interchange	
AWT Interchange	Recently completed and will be inauguratged on 27-01-2017.

Islamabad - Lahore Motorway (M2)

Neela Dulha Interchange	Completed in Jul-2016 and opened for traffic.
Hiran Minar Interchange	Completed in June-2013 and opened for traffic.
Kot Pindi Das Interchange	Proposed
Monsoranwala Interchange	Proposed
Farooqabad Interchange	Proposed
Sill River Interchange	Proposed
Thallian Interchange	Proposed
Khushab Interchange	Proposed

Pindi Bhattian - Faisalabad - Multan Motorway (M4):

Sangla Hill Interchange

Completed in Dec-2016 and opened for traffic.

79. ***Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total number of violations of Line of Control made by India since 01-01-2013;*
- (b) *the year-wise damages borne by Pakistan therefrom alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the Government to control such violations?*

Reply not received.

80. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the names of the Government/Private Institutions working for the protection of human rights in the country at present?

Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Kamran Michael): The Ministry of Human Rights with its Headquarter at Islamabad and four Regional Offices at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta, is responsible to monitor human rights situation in the country. Ministry of Interior is also a key Ministry, besides the Federal and Provincial Home Departments also have the mandate to protect human rights of citizens, in the country.

Names of other major Federal/ Provincial Government institutions which are working for protection of human rights in the country at present, are as under:

National/Federal:

1. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHIR).
2. Toll Free Helpline (1099) for Legal Advice on Human Rights violations.

3. National Commission on the Status of women (NCSW).
4. National Commission on Minorities (NCM).
5. National Commission for Child Welfare and Development (NCCWD).
6. National Child Protection Center (NCPC).
7. Family Protection and Rehabilitation Center, (Islamabad).
8. Human Rights Cell, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad.
9. Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) Secretariat, Islamabad.
10. Federal Ombudsman for Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace Islamabad.

Punjab:

1. Human Rights and Minority Affairs Department, Government of the Punjab.
2. Home Department, Government of the Punjab.
3. Women Development Department, Govt. of the Punjab.
4. Provincial Commission on the status of Women (PCSW), Punjab.
5. Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Government of the Punjab.
6. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Centers for Women.
7. Human Rights Cell, Lahore High Court.
8. Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman), Regional Office.

Sindh:

1. Law, Prosecution, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh.
2. Home Department, Government of Sindh.
3. Sindh Human. Rights Commission, Government of Sindh.

4. Member Inspection Team (II) Incharge, Human Rights Complaints Center, Sindh High Court, Karachi.
5. Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman), Regional Office, Karachi.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

1. Directorate of Human Rights, Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. Home Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
3. Child Protection and Welfare Commission, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Empowerment Department, Govt of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
4. Provincial Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
5. Human Rights Cell, Peshawar High Court, Khyber Road, Peshawar.
6. Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman), Regional Office, Peshawar.

Balochistan:

1. Social Welfare, Special Education and Human Rights Department, Government of Balochistan.
2. Home Department, Govt. of Balochistan
3. Women Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan.
4. Human Rights Cell, High Court of Balochistan, Quetta.
5. Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman), Regional Office, Quetta.

NAME OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:

Ministry of Human Rights also collaborates with the civil society organizations, NGOs/ INGOs for the protection of Human Rights. Names of

major NGOs/ INGOs working with the Ministry for Protection of Human Rights in the country are as under:

1. UN Women, Pakistan.
2. UNICEF, Pakistan.
3. The Asia Foundation, Pakistan.
4. Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO).
5. The Aurat Foundation, Pakistan.
6. Sahil, Pakistan.
7. The Rutgers Pakistan.
8. Al -Wakeel Trust, Pakistan.
9. The Plan Intentional, Pakistan.
10. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan.
11. SOS Children Villages.
12. Edhi Homes.
13. Idara Faiz-ul-Islam.

81. ***Moulana Ameer Zaman:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that ejectment notices have been issued to some of the residents of Loralai Cant, Balochistan; if so, as to why the rest of the residents have not been served the same notices;*
- (b) *the names and addresses of residents of said area to whom aforesaid notices have been issued alongwith the reasons thereof;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that a transparent inquiry will be conducted regarding said matter; and*
- (d) *whether any action will be taken against responsible thereof; if so, when it will be implemented; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif: (a) The ejectment notices have been issued to 34 tenants out of 184 on their basis of their involvements in objectionable (immoral / illegal) activities. As the rest of the tenants are law abiding and morally sound, hence no action has been taken against them.

(b) The notices have been issued to 34 tenants of Risala lines, Loralai Cantt. The list of tenants given notices is available for scrutiny (**Annex-A**).

(c) Transparent inquiry to an issue, if any, cannot be denied to any citizen when necessary. However, these 34 tenants have been evicted after thorough credible inquiry and verification.

(d) The notices have been issued as per law and against those tenants who were involved in illegal / immoral activities. Hence no action against anyone responsible for issuing notices under consideration.

Annex-A

**LIST OF BAD REPUTED INDLS/FAMILIES-LLI CANTT &
RISALA LINE**

Sr. No.	House No.	Name / Father's Name
1.	C-156	Muhammad Azam S/O Ghulam Rasool
2.	C-176	Muhammad Nawaz S/O Gul Asghar
3.	C-155	Muhammad Javed S/O Muhammad sharif
4.	C-152	Rehmat khan S/O Sher Muhammad
5.	C-75	Muhammad Ameer S/O Muhammad Amin
6.	C-80	Khuda-e-Rahim S/O Rozi khan
7.	B-77	Shadi khan S/O Faiz Muhammad
8.	C-159	Muhammad Qaiser S/O Anwar Ali
9.	C-104 (S-12)	Sardar Aziz Ullah S/O Sardar Nasrullah
10.	CSL-43	Muhammad Wali S/O Yar Muhammad
11.	C-81	Anwar Zaman S/O Juma Khan
12.	C-76 (CBL)	Abdul Bari S/O Juma khan
13.	LS-79	Sher Zaman S/O Hag Nawaz

Sr. No.	House No.	Name / Father's Name
14.	C-117 (S-24)	Naseer ud Din S/O Paindi Khan
15.	C-165	Ghulam Fareed S/O Noor Muhammad
16.	C-177	La 1 Muhammad S/O Jamal Khan
17.	C-151	Muhammad Nadeem S/O Hakim Yar Khan
18.	A-3306	Muhammad Nadeem S/O Karam Khan
19.	CBL-08	Shanti W/O Arjan
20.	S-52	Jamshed Iqbal S/O Allah Bakhsh
21.	C-82	Shimla Khan S/O Yar Muhammad
22.	C-106	Aziz Ahmed S/O Ghulam Fareed
23.	CBL-55	Sarwar Alim S/O Mian Khan
24.	C-120C (S-30)	Akhter Bibi W/O Jahangir
25.	C-26	Faiz Ullah S/O Ameer Jan
26.	CBL-123	Muhammad Arif S/O Safdar Zaman
27.	CBI-14	Naheed Khan S/O Ameer Afzal
28.	CBL-4	Tariq Mehmood S/O Ameer Afzal
29.	C-170	Chandarbahan S/O Sher Singh
30.	Muhallah Peer LSFC Bukhari Burbar	Zulfiqar S/O Rasool
31.	C-144	Abdul Karim S/O Khasho Khan
32.	C-89	Rehmataan S/O Anzar Khan
33.	C-91	Asmat Ullah S/O Baz Khan
34.	C-101(S-9)	Juma Khan S/O Mewa Khan

82. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the per day loadshedding of gas in the country at present alongwith the district-wise details thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): There is no gas loadshedding in domestic and commercial sectors in the country. However gas is being curtailed/ managed, on as and when required basis, in Industrial, Fertilizer, Cement, CNG and Power sectors to ensure uninterrupted gas supplies to top priority domestic and commercial sectors.

83. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the prices of petroleum products increased in the International Market since 01-01-2013; and*
- (b) *the relief provided by the Government to the domestic consumers as a result thereof during the said period?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) The prices of Petroleum products not increased but decreased in International Market since 01-01-2013 are as under:—

Product	Prices on 1-1-2013	Prices on 1-1-2017	Decrease
Petrol (\$/BBL)	123.96	63.75	60.21
Diesl (\$/BBL)	126.94	60.50	66.44
Kerosene (\$/BBL)	128.19	61.77	66.42

(b) The relief provided by the Government to the domestic consumer is as under:—

Product	Prices on 1-1-2013	Prices on 1-1-2017	Relief
Petrol (Rs. litre)	103.07	66.27	36.80
Diesel (Rs. litre)	109.21	75.22	33.99
Kerosene (Rs. litre)	99.90	43.25	56.65

During said period the prices of petrol and diesel were at lower/ reasonable limit in Pakistan as compared to neighboring countries of the region as on 26-12-2016 is as under: —

Country	Petrol (Rs./Liter)	Diesel (Rs./Liter)
India	109.76	91.28
Sri Lanka	89.61	66.51
Bangladesh	112.84	82.41
Nepal	94.42	72.09
Pakistan	66.27	75.22

84. ***Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**

Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.37 replied on 15-12-2016 and to state whether any latest development has been made for giving right of votes to more than eighty lacs Pakistanis who are living abroad at present?

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed): The matter regarding grant of right to the Overseas Pakistanis to cast their vote is under consideration. Recently, meeting of Sub-Committee on Electoral Reforms was held on 19th December, 2016 in the Parliament House, where NADRA presented a technical solution / proposal of Internet Voting for Overseas Pakistanis. Further the Chairman of the Sub-Committee directed NADRA authorities to share detailed solution / proposal with the Hon'ble Election Commission, where the project road-map will be finalized. The matter relating to legal and operational issues regarding Overseas Voting has been recommended to be discussed and finalized in the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms.

85. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that LNG is being imported in the country at present; if so, the present status thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to control the loadshedding of Gas in current winter season?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes. LNG is being imported since March 2015 and so far 58 LNG cargoes have been imported in the country.

(b) Both the gas utility companies *i.e.* SNGPL and SSGCL have been reported no load shedding is being observed however, load management/ curtailment is being done in low priority sectors to provide un-interrupted gas supply to top priority domestic and commercial consumers. This has become possible due to the following steps:

- Injection of 40 MMCFD gas from Mardan Khel.
- Injection of Re-gasified LNG (RLNG) into the system.
- Further, both the gas utility companies are taking re-inforcement schemes to boost up undersize network along with replacement of leaky & old network.

86. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state the total number of CNG Stations to whom licenses for the sale of LNG issued by the present Government alongwith the province and year-wise break-up thereof?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): All CNG stations are licensed from OGRA for sale of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) only. Any CNG station having valid marketing license (issued by OGRA) may sell indigenous or imported gas after compressing the same. Region-wise number of CNG stations using R-LNG at present is given below:

Region	No. of CNG Stations availing R-LNG
Bahawalpur	65
Faisalabad	86
Gujranwala	39
Gujrat	53
Islamabad	159
Lahore	143
Multan	118
Rawalpindi	179
Sahiwal	35
Sargodha	40
Sheikhupura	43
Sialkot	29
Total:	989

87. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the new gas connections are being supplied in the country at present; if so, the days in which gas connections are being provided after the submission of applications in the country?

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): Yes. At present, waiting period for domestic gas connections is approximately 30-36 months in SNGPL's area of operation *i.e.* Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJK and Federal Capital Territory of Islamabad.

The prescribed period for the provision of new gas connection to domestic customers is 45 days after completion of formalities and receiving of payments in SSGC's area of operations *i.e.* Sindh & Balochistan.

88. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the new technologies have introduced by the National Highway Authority for producing formal and informal raw material for the maintenance and construction of the National Highways and Motorways during the tenure of the present Government; if so, the benefits accrued to the country therefrom?

Minister for Communications: Introduction of new technologies in the transportation sector is essential for gradually replacing the old technologies for achieving more performance efficiency and enhanced economic savings. Over the course of time and with the help of ongoing research throughout the world, miscellaneous new technologies have been introduced for the first time in Pakistan which deal with production and/or usage of formal and informal raw materials for the maintenance and construction of the National Highways. The technologies are listed as under:—

1. Hot & Cold Recycling of Asphalt Concrete Pavements.
2. Polymer Modified Bitumen (PMB).
3. Crumb Rubber Modified Bitumen (CRMB).
4. Stone Mastic Asphalt Technology (SMA).
5. Cellulose Fibre Technology by Forta F 1 Fibres.
6. Rigid Pavement Technology, sometimes also referred as Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP)
7. Composite Pavement Technology.
8. Geo-grid Reinforcement of Pavements.

Above technologies lead to technical benefits and financial advantages of varied nature to the country. These advantages are assessed and quantified through detailed research and trial projects. NHA is employing above mentioned new technologies on its national highways through test sections for monitoring and evaluation. Their salient details are attached at **Annex - A**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

89. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the National Highways/Roads are more dilapidated conditions in Balochistan than other provinces at present;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether the Ministry has taken notice in this regard; if so the details thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the National Highways/Roads in said province?*

Minister for Communications: (a) No, it is not fact that National Highways/ Roads in Balochistan are in more dilapidated condition; rather condition of roads in Balochistan province is similar to other provinces. According to results of latest survey data, around 83% of the National Highways in this province are in fair to good condition and remaining 17% are in poor condition:—

Condition (RSL)	Road Length (Km)	Road Length (%)
Fair	1902	72.13
Good	286	10.85
Poor	443	16.80
Very Poor	6	0.23
Total:	2637	100%

(b) Besides the fact that condition of roads in Balochistan province is similar to other provinces, NHA is making continuous efforts to improve National Highways in this province through allocations under Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) prepared each year. In this regard, an amount of Rs. 10,121 Million (approx.) has been incurred during last three years for maintenance of roads in Balochistan province.

(c) As stated above, NHA is making continuous efforts to improve National Highway/Roads in Balochistan province. For this purpose, an Annual Maintenance Plan is prepared each year through which, repair/ maintenance of poor road sections is carried out. Currently, improvement of 77 Km road length is underway in Balochistan. During last three years, an amount of Rs. 10,121 Million has been incurred for repair/maintenance of roads in Balochistan:—

AMP	Expenditure (Rs.)		
	Balochistan North	Balochistan South	Total (Rs.)
2015-16	2,472,653,437	1,093,272,021	3,565,925,458
2014-15	1,763,408,424	1,553,582,216	3,316,990,640
2013-14	2,459,320,646	779,699,125	3,239,019,771
	6,695,382,506	3,426,553,362	10,121,935,869

ISLAMABAD:
The 29th January, 2017

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Monday, the 30th January, 2017

6. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

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

- (a) *the names of Government employees who opted plea bargain with the National Accountability Bureau so far alongwith the posts, departments, nature of alleged misappropriations and amount thereof; and*
- (b) *whether bargain amount deposited in the national exchequer; if so, the case-wise details thereof?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Mr. Zahid Hamid) : (a) The names of Government employees who opted plea bargain so far, along with the details thereof as desire is at **Annex-A**.

- (b) Same as above.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

7. **Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the concern authorities have taken notice of the practice of extortion in the name of parking fee from vehicles under the pretext of Army Camping Ground at Kallar Syedan Road, Rawat by some influential people;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to curb such practice and hold the responsables accountable?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) & (b)

- (i) Land measuring 95.79 Acres known as “Camping Ground Rawat” is Defence Land under the management of DD (QMG).
- (ii) The land of Camping Ground Rawat is under the active possession of Army Authorities and is being used as FWO Equipment Yard and GHQ, Survey Group. Moreover, some portion of this land is being utilized by Station HQs Rawalpindi under the provision of A-1 land use Policy.
- (iii) However, neither any piece of land out of said Camping Ground is being used for parking purpose nor any fee is being charged on this account.

8. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the purposes for the establishment of newly operational Inter-change on the M-I before Exit to Islamabad;*
- (b) *the vehicles queues at the said Inter-change are increasing at alarming level; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide relief to the public in this regard?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Pursuant to the handing over of M-2 to M/s MORE on BOT basis for a period of 25 years for modernization and overlaying, temporary toll plaza on M-1 was established to segregate revenue of M-1 from M-2.

(b) Generally the traffic flow is quite smooth. However, on weekends especially in evening some queues are seen for which efficient staff is placed in the booths and they clear the lanes within minimum possible time.

(c) Yes, a proposal for construction of 16x lanes permanent toll plaza on M-1 is under process at NHA HQ. The new toll plaza will be at 300 meters from Fathejang Interchange. Design of the said toll plaza is in final stages.

10. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that SNGPL has failed to give connections of natural gas to the residents of Village Mangal, Tehsil Kallar Syedan, District Rawalpindi despite submitting the application and demand notice during the year 2010 vide consumer No.33722700003 dated 19-10-2010; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to give natural gas connections to said residents at the earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes. SNGPL has reported that the company could not provide the said connections due to the reason that company's gas network does not exist in front of applicant premises, which is located in Graveyard.

Since there is no proper demarcation of street and it is also a disputed land, SNGPL is unable to undertake extension of gas network in this instant case.

(b) Since provision of gas connection in the case is not technically possible, applicant has already been requested to submit original receipt for refund of security vide letter No. IS/NOG dated 05-10-2012.

11. **Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

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

- (a) *the increase made in the production of gas during the year 2015-16; and*

- (b) *whether there is a gas loadshedding in the country at present; if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Around 410 MMCFD of gas was added to the system during 2015-16. Most of which has offset the rapid depletion. The production of gas during 2014-15 was 4010 MMCFD and 4050 MMCFD during 2015-16. Net average addition was 40 MMCFD.

(b) There is, no gas load shedding for top priority domestic and commercial sectors. However, due to increase in gas consumption during peak hours in severe cold season, low gas pressure problem may arise in some corners.

To ensure uninterrupted gas supply to domestic and commercial sectors, gas is being curtailed in other sectors *i.e.* Industrial, Fertilizer and CNG. However, SNGPL is also supplying RLNG to those consumers who opt for it. Further; the gas utility companies are taking following steps to address the issue:

1. Implementing re-enforcement schemes to boost up the undersize network.
2. Removal of illegal connections from supply main. Replacement of sticky & old network.
3. Round the clock visits of vigilance teams to check/ maintain adequate pressures at TBs's/PRS's.

13. **Ms. Amra Khan:**
(*Deferred during 38th Session*)

Will the Minister for Defence Production be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise total number of international exhibitions participated by the employees of the Ministry to promote its products during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the plan has been made for coming year therefor; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for Defence Production (Rana Tanweer Hussain): (a):

- (i) Participation in defence exhibitions does not yield immediate results but certainly help in promoting the products of defence industries of

Pakistan. Exhibitions serve as a platform for “networking” and engaging with politico-military hierarchy and CEOs of firms participating therein. Therefore, the results are achieved in long term.

- (ii) Apart from four commercial purposes, participation in some defence exhibitions is evaluated in terms of diplomatic benefits to create inroads into decisions making hierarchies and to facilitate interacting with politico-military leadership.
- (iii) During the tenure of the incumbent Government, Ministry of Defence Production took part in a total number of 30 international defence exhibitions, as per the detail, as shown below:—

YEAR: 2013

Sr. No.	Name of the Exhibition	Date/Year	Attended by
1.	ADEX, South Korea	28-31 Oct, 2013	Secretary
2.	Def & Security, Thailand	4-7 Nov., 2013	Minister
3.	Dubai Air Show, UAE	16-19 Nov., 2013	Minister
4.	BRIDEX, Brunei	2-6 Dec., 2013,	Minister

YEAR: 2014

1.	IDEX, UAE	22-26 Feb., 2014	Secretary
2.	LAAD, Brazil	14-17 April, 2014	Secretary
3.	DSA, Malaysia	17 April, 2014	Minister & Addl Secretary
4.	BSDA, Romania.	14- 16 May, 2014	Minister
5.	KADEX, Kazakhstan	22- 25 May, 2014	Minister & Deputy Secy
6.	EUROSATORY, France	16-20 June, 2014	Secretary
7.	MILEX, Belarus	9-12 July, 2014	Addl. Secretary
8.	Zhuhai Air Show, China	10-17 Nov,2014	Secretary

YEAR: 2015

1.	IDEX-2015 Abu Dhabi (UAE)	24-26 Feb, 2015	Minister & Secretary
2.	IDEF, Turkey	5-8 May, 2015,	Minister & Addl. Secretary
3.	Le Bourget Air Show,	15-19 June, 2015	Secretary France
4.	General Aviation Exhibition Show, Romania	19-20 June, 2015	Secretary
5.	PARTNER, Serbia	23-26 June, 2015	Minister & Addl. Secretary
6.	23rd MSPO-Poland	01-04 Sept, 2015	Minister & Addl Secretary
7.	DSEI, UK	15-18 Sept, 2015	Minister & Addl Secretary
8.	Def & Security, Thailand	2-5 Nov., 2015	Minister & Joint Secy(FC)
9.	Dubai Air Show-15	8-12 Nov, 2015	Minister

YEAR: 2016

1.	DSA, Malaysia	18-21 April, 2016	Minister & Addl. Secretary
2.	HE MUS 2016, Bulgaria	23-28, May, 2016	Deputy Secy
3.	KADEX, Kazakhstan	2-4 June, 2016	Minister & Addl. Secretary
4.	“Army-2016”, Russia	6-7, Sept, 2016	Joint Secy(FC)
5.	MSPO, Poland	08-11 Sept, 2016	Joint Secy(FC)
6.	AAD-2016, South Africa	14-16 Sept, 2016	Minister & Addl Secretary
7.	ADEX, Azerbaijan	27-30, Sept, 2016	Minister & Deputy Secy
8.	Arms & Security, Ukraine	11-14 Oct., 2016	Minister & Deputy Secy
9.	Indo Def Expo, Indonesia	2-5 Nov., 2016	Joint Secy(FC)

(b) Participation in Exhibitions hinges on formal invitation from the host Government (Minister). Therefore, no definite plan has been made for coming year. It is decided on case to case basis subject to approval of the Prime Minister.

14. **Mr. Abdul Waseem:**
(Deferred during 38th Session)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *the year-wise details of mega projects regarding Highways and Motorways started in Balochistan during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the present status of the said projects alongwith the time by which said projects will be completed?*

Minister for Communications: (a) Year 2015

NIL

Year 2016

1. Yakmach - Kharan Highway Project (Kharan-Shahi Garhi)/ Section-I)=50 Km
2. Zhob-Mughalkol Highway (N-50)
 - i. LOT-I (Zhob-Killi Khudal Nazari= 49Km
 - ii. LOT-II (KilliKhudai Nazar-Mughalkot) =32 KM
3. QillaSaifullah-Loralai-WaigumRud Highway (N-70)
 - i. Lot-I (QillaSaifullah-Loralai) =50km
 - ii. Lot-II (Loralai-WaigumRud) = 68km

(b)

Sr. No.	Project	Status/ Progress	Completion Date
1	Section-I (Yakmach Kharan)	Ongoing/ 13.69%	Mar 2018
2	Zhob-Mughal Kot (N-50) Lot-I & Lot- II	Ongoing/ 6.78 %	Aug 2018
3	Qila-Loralai- Waigum (N-70) Lot-I & Lot-II	Ongoing/ 6.19 %	Aug 2018

15. **Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for the welfare of handicapped persons in the country?

Transferred to Capital Administration and Development Division for answer on Nexy Rota Day.

16. **Ms. Shazia Mubashar:**

Will the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of areas/villages in the country to whom Sui Gas has not been supplied by the Ministry so far; if so, the funds allocated by the present Government to supply Sui Gas in said areas/villages?

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

The present Government has approved various schemes worth Rs. 9689.043 million. To supply sui gas to various areas / villages.

17. **Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that solar lights installed on G. T. Road from Lahore to Gujranwala are totally defective at present; if so, the*

*steps taken by the Government to fix the responsibility thereof;
and*

(b) the punishment awarded to said responsables so far?

Reply not received.

18. Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.11340 of sui gas bill for November, 2016 sent by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) against the Consumer No.27048330008 and Meter Number GN 25995531, Sector G-10/3, Islamabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that without meter readings/estimated bills of sui gas are being sent to the said resident since long by the SNGPL;

(c) whether it is further a fact that a number of complaints have been registered to the concerned office therefor;

(d) if the answers to part (a), (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to take necessary action against responsables therefor within one month and adjust the same amount of bill in the forth coming sui gas bills; if not, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) SNGPL has reported that sui gas bill amounting to Rs. 11,340/- for month of November has been issued against consumer No. 2704833000 and meter No. GN 25995531 Sector G-10/3 Islamabad.

The company has further reported that the bill issued to the consumer based on his consumption and actual reading of the meter.

19. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ministry has stopped the fresh hiring of houses/accommodations for its employees; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which the hiring of houses for the said employees will be restarted?*

Minister for Defence (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): “The Ministry has not stopped the fresh hiring of houses / accommodations for its employees”.

20. **Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

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

- (a) *the names of countries/companies with which the Government of Pakistan is negotiating for the import of LNG at present alongwith the terms and conditions thereof; and*
- (b) *the price quotation under consideration for the import of said LNG?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Following international oil & gas companies have shown their interest in supplying petroleum products and LNG to Pakistan:—

- i. Oman Trading International (OTI), Oman.
- ii. State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR), Azerbaijan.
- iii. Kuwait Petroleum International Limited (KPIL), Kuwait.
- iv. Turkish Petroleum International Company (TPIC), Turkey.

- v. Sinopec, China.
- vi. Gazprom, Russia.
- vii. Rosneft, Russia
- viii. Petronas. Malaysia.
- ix. ENI, Italy
- x. Engie, France

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources will consider import of LNG on case to case basis with these companies to mitigate energy shortage in Pakistan with the approval of the Cabinet.

- (b) The price is not yet known.

21. **Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

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

- (a) *the quantity of POL products being imported annually by the Ministry and its subordinate departments/organizations; and*
- (b) *whether the said POL products being imported/shipped through Pakistani and foreign ships/tankers; if so, the details thereof separately?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Import of deficit petroleum products has been deregulated under the Government policy. However, there is only one Oil Marketing Company in the public sector under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources namely Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSO). Quantities of POL products imported by PSO during the last three financial years are as under:

(Million M. Ton)

Year	Total Import of Petroleum Products
2013-14	10.0
2014-15	9.8
2015-16	10.2

(b) The quantity of POL products imported/ shipped through Pakistani and foreign ships/ tankers are as under:

(Million M. Ton)

Year	Imported through Pakistani Ships (PNSC)	Imported through Foreign Ships
2013-14	7.1	2.9
2014-15	7.0	2.8
2015-16	4.7	5.5

22. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that an application for installation of sui gas meter was submitted on 25-11-2014 by Mr. Said-ul-Haq resident of Kotkay, Tehsil Mansehra but the meter is not being installed at the said area; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which sui gas meter will be installed in the said area?*

Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources (Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi): (a) Yes. SNGPL has reported that the meter has not been installed at the said premises as the same is not on merit yet. Presently, applications received on or earlier than 30th June 2014 are being processed.

(b) The said application shall be processed for installation of gas meter on its turn/merit.

ISLAMABAD:
The 29th January, 2017.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.