

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARAIT

## "QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES"

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

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

@48. \*Dr. Nafisa Shah:  
(Deferred from 48<sup>th</sup> Session)

Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the laws and amendments that restrict on the freedom of expression as guaranteed in Article 19 of the Constitution of Pakistan at present?

Reply not received.

81. \*Shazia Marri:

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- the per unit tariff of electricity determined by the NEPRA and notified by the Government on 31-12-2008, 31-12-2012, 31-12-2013 and 17-11-2017; and
- whether it is a fact that prices of electricity have increased manifold during the last four years; if so, the reasons thereof?

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** a) NEPRA's determined tariffs, on National average basis is as under:-

| NEPRA's Determined Tariff |            |            |            |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Rs./kWh                   |            |            |            |
| FY 2012-13                | FY 2013-14 | FY 2014-15 | FY 2015-16 |
| 14.66                     | 13.81      | 12.32      | 11.38*     |

And;

GoP notified National average tariffs is as under:-

| GoP's Notified Tariffs |       |   |
|------------------------|-------|---|
| Rs./kWh                |       |   |
| FY 2012-13             | 11.07 | Notified w.e.f. July 2012 till September 2014       |
| FY 2013-14             | 11.52 | Notified w.e.f. October 2014 till June 2015         |
| FY 2014-15             | 11.45 | Notified w.e.f. June 10, 2015 and is still in place |

b) The prices of electricity have dropped over a period of time as evident from table under part A of question. Further in addition to tariff reductions, reduction in the form of negative fuel price adjustment has also passed on to the end consumers which has further resulted in reduction of net tariff. GoP/ MoF however has imposed surcharges on the tariff.

82. **\*Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- a) *the present status of residential telemetry meters/telemetry system;*
- b) *whether contract in this regard has been awarded; if so, the name of company thereof;*
- c) *the experience in the field of telemetry of the said company; and*
- d) *the steps taken by the Ministry to create awareness amongst the public for the said system?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a), (b), (c) & (d) DISCO-wise detail is placed as **Annex-A**.

(Annexures has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

83. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

*Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry to avoid tripping of electricity due to smog?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** Company-wise detail of steps being taken to avoid tripping of electricity due to smog, are placed as **Annex-X**.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

84. **\*Shazia Marri:**

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that the number of women registered as voters is less than the men voters; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- b) *the steps being taken by the Government to ensure registration of women voters efficiently?*

**Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed):** a) All the citizens having the National Identity Cards are registered as voters from time to time. Therefore, the gap between men and women voters is due to the gap in Civil Registration (NADRA). The voter registration is directly linked with the issuance of National Identity Card. As the gap of men and women registration improves in the Civil Registration, the same shall be reflected in the voter registration. The current gender breakup of voter registration in Pakistan is as under:

| <i>Male Voters</i>      | <i>Female Voters</i>    | <i>Total Voters</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>54,598,176 (56%)</i> | <i>42,424,418 (44%)</i> | <i>*97,022,591</i>  |

*\*As on October, 2017*

- b) I). Election Commission of Pakistan declared the elections of a provincial constituency PK-95 Lower Dir (KPK) null and void on the ground that no women voters came out to vote in the said constituency. The decision was set aside by the KPK High Court and ECP was asked to notify the Returned candidate. ECP however challenged the

decision of KPK High Court in the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the matter is still pending with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan. Furthermore this stance of ECP has also been endorsed in the Election Act 2017 by inclusion of law on the issue.

II) ECP is initiating a "Female NIC and Voter Registration Campaign" in 79 districts of Pakistan in the second week of November, 2017. The initiative will target 8,80,000 women and will mobilize/ facilitate them to NADRA registration centers for acquisition of NIC. This will help in bridging the gap between male and female voters of the country.

III) ECP has introduced a column in Form-XIV i.e. Statement of the Count (which is prepared by the Presiding Officer at close of the poll) requiring information on the number of women voters who cast their votes at each polling station enabling ECP to ascertain the number of women who exercise their right of vote across the country.

IV) ECP has included a module with the name of "Gender and Elections" in the capacity building trainings of ECP Officers so that a gender sensitized environment is created in ECP.

V) The gender affairs wing of ECP has created a "Gender and Disability Electoral Working Group (GDEW)" with the aim of main streaming women and other marginalize group in to the political process. This working group will enlist the support of all stake holders and other organizations working in the field. In this regard meetings at all the four provincial headquarters with all the stake holders have already been conducted.

VI) ECP has established District Voter Education Committees at District level which is headed by the District Election Commissioner concerned and consist of members from both the government and the civil society organizations of the area. The DVECs organize a number of mobilization activities for the registration of women.

85. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- a) *the funds released for the underground gasification of electricity project in Tharparkar;*
- b) *the time by which the said project will be completed; and*
- c) *the quantum of electricity that will be produced therefrom?*

(Disallowed on reconsideration)

86. **\*Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that the services of the non-gazetted employees working on contract/ contingent/ temporary/ daily wages basis in the Federal Tax Ombudsman, Islamabad and its Regional Offices in the country are not being regularized since long; if so, the reasons thereof; and*

- b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize the services of the said employees as per the Establishment Division's U.O.53/1/2008-SP(Pt) dated 3-4-2017; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Law and Justice:** (a) A few contract employees are working in Federal Tax Ombudsman under the projects from 2012 onwards. The services of these employees were shifted to Non-Development side in the F.T.O Secretariat w.e.f. 01-07-2016. No case for their regularization has been considered yet because no new recruitment has been done. As and when recruitment is initiated they will be given fair chance.

- b) Once recruitment process will be initiated they will be given fair chance to participate in accordance with the Establishment Division O.M.No.F.53/1/2008-SP, dated 11-05-2017.

87. **\*Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- a) *as to when the Islamabad High Court's Bench will start to work in FATA; and*  
 b) *the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Law and Justice:** (a) The High Court will start to work in FATA when the Bill introduced in the National Assembly is enacted by the Parliament and the President directs under Article 247 of the Constitution that the enacted law shall apply to FATA.

- b) The Supreme Court and High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction to Federally Administered Tribal Areas) Bill, 2017 has already been introduced in the National Assembly on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, in this regard.

88. **\*Ms. Aisha Syed:**

*Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to provide justice at public door steps as well as to make reforms in judicial system?*

**Minister for Law and Justice:** Dispensation of justice in the country is one of the top priorities of the present Government. The Prime Minister had constituted a Law Reforms Committee for consideration, inter-alia, of the law reforms for provisions of expeditious and unexpensive justice to people. After extensive deliberations by the Law Reforms Committee, Bills are finalized to help in reducing the time involved in litigation, help to reduce burden on courts and streamline the procedures for effective administration of justice. So far the following laws in this regard have been made by the parliament:-

- (a) The Cost of Litigation Act, 2017 (XVII of 2017). Purpose is to discourage frivolous litigation and unnecessary adjournments. Both Civil and Criminal cases have been covered. It would help in curtailment of delays and speedy disposal of cases.  
 (b) The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Act, 2017 (XVI of 2017). The procedure for trial and sanction of trial has been simplified.  
 (c) The Alternate Dispute Resolution Act, 2017 (XX of 2017). ADR both in civil and criminal (compoundable offences). The Bill when enacted will help in reducing the burden on courts, reducing backlog and speedy disposal of cases.  
 (d) The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 2017 (XXIII of 2017).

- (e) The Illegal Dispossession (Amendment) Act, 2017 (XXVIII of 2017). Land grabbing is quite common and in some cases organized groups are involved.
- (f) The Criminal Law (Amendment) (offences in the Name or on Pretext of Honor) Act, 2016 (XLIII of 2016).
- (g) The Criminal Law (Amendment) (offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016 (XLIV of 2016).
- (h) The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 2017.
- (i) The Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act, 2017 (Act No. XXI of 2017) providing for protection, security and benefits of witnesses to avoid delay in trial of offences due to security threats;
- (j) The Constitution (Twenty-third Amendment) Act, 2017 (Act No. XII of 2017) relating to speedy trial of offences of terrorism, etc;
- (k) The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Act, 2017 (Act No. XI of 2017) relating to speedy trial of offences of terrorism, etc;
- (l) The Islamabad Subordinate Judiciary Services Tribunal Act, 2016 (Act No. V of 2016) to speed up deciding cases of subordinate judiciary through a special tribunal, for avoiding delay in such cases by the service tribunal;
- (m) The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. VI of 2016) providing for designation of separate Electricity Utilities Court for trial of offences relating to electricity;
- (n) The Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016 (Act No. XI of 2016) providing for Gas Utility Courts for expeditious disposal of cases;
- (o) The Offences in Respect of Banks (Special Courts) (Amendment) Act, 2016. (Act No. XXII of 2016) providing for opportunity to prefer appeal against an order passed by Special Court (Offences in Banks); and.

The following Bills are pending legislation in the Parliament.

- i. Evening Courts Bill, 2017
- ii. The Juvenile Justice System Bill, 2017

A comprehensive review of the Pakistan Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code was also undertaken by the Law Reforms Committee. The recommendations have been sent to interior Division for consultation with stakeholders and processing the legislation under the Government Rules of Business, 1973.

A Bill "The Civilian Victims of Terrorism (Relief and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2017" providing for compensation to Civilian Victim of terrorism (to the extent of ICT) has also been prepared by the Law and Justice Division and has been forwarded to the concerned Division for further processing.

The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017 prepared by the Law and Justice Division and approved by the Law Reforms Committee is also in the pipeline.

Moreover, the web site of Law and Justice Ministry is being revised, updated and simplified so that the common man can easily understand and utilize laws which cater to present-day requirements. The process of translation of laws into plain Urdu language has also been started for creating more awareness about laws.

**TABLE OF LEGISLATIVE REFORMS (ENACTED)**

| S.N | Legislative Reforms   | Purpose   |
|-----|---|---|
| 1.  | The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Act, 2017 (XXVI of 2017)   | The procedure for trial and sanction of trial has been simplified   |
| 2.  | The Costs of Litigation Act, 2017 (XVII of 2017)  | Purpose is to discourage frivolous litigation and unnecessary adjournments. Both Civil and Criminal cases have been covered. It would help in curtailment of delays and speedy disposal of cases. |
| 3.  | The Alternate Dispute Resolution Act, 2017 (XX of 2017)   | ADR both in civil and criminal (compoundable offences). The Bill when enacted will help in reducing the burden of courts, reducing backlog and speedy disposal of cases.                          |
| 4.  | The Witness Protection Security and Benefit Act, 2017 (XXI of 2017)                                   | Act to provide for protection and security of witness and benefit programme   |
| 5.  | The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 2017 (XXIII of 2017)  | Land grabbing is quite common and in some cases organized groups are involved   |
| 7.  | The Original Law (Amendment) (Offences in the Name of or Pretext of Honour) Act, 2016 (XLIII of 2016) |   |
| 8.  | The Original Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2015 (XLIV of 2015)                     |   |
| 9.  | The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2015 (XLVIII of 2015)                                    |   |
| 10. | The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act, 2017   | It would help in elimination of frivolous cases   |

89. **\*Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

- a) whether the Government is taking notice of excessive wastage of natural gas on daily basis; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*
- b) whether a consultant has been hired by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority;*
- c) whether the said consultant has revealed that bill of almost one-third of gas is not being paid; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- d) whether the said losses of gas are being charged from consumers; if so, the justification thereof; and*
- e) the steps being taken by the Government to plug the aforesaid loopholes and bring unmetered/unbilled consumers into gas billings network?*

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):**

- a) The gas utility companies are already making all out efforts for reducing gas losses to desirable level. These include efforts to control key UFG contributing factors:
  - Leakage Management Program
  - Theft Control Program
  - Replacement of defective/Suspected and tampered meters.
- b) Yes. OGRA has recently finalized the UFG bench mark study through a consultant in line with international practices.
- c) No.
- d) UFG Benchmarks were fixed by OGRA in consultation with the stakeholders at 4.5 %. Up to this benchmark, the losses were passed on to the consumers and any loss over and above this benchmark is to be borne by the respective gas company.
- e) The Government and gas utility companies are taking following steps to control gas losses in the country:
  1. The promulgation of Gas (Theft Control & Recovery) Ordinance, 2016 and involvement of Law Enforcement Agencies has created deterrence among the gas thieves.
  2. FIA teams are being engaged with gas utility companies for carrying out raids against Gas thieves.
  3. Surveillance activities have also been increased manifold in order to comb the areas where UFG level is high.
  4. Gas utility companies are publishing advertisements in newspapers related to gas theft in order to create awareness amongst the general masses.
  5. Almost all Industrial customers have been Cyber Locked by restricting unauthorized access to the Customer Meter Stations and allowing entry to authorized personnel only.
  6. Electronic Volume Correctors have been installed at almost all the industries in order to have strict check & balance on Gas Consumption / Abnormalities.
  7. Pre Inspection & Post Inspection Analysis of customers.
  8. A dedicated Police Station at Karachi has been earmarked for dealing with gas theft issues.

90. **\*Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**

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

- a) the province-wise gas being produced in the country at present;*
- b) the total number of new gas units added since 01-01-2013;*

- c) whether any approval has been given in the meeting of the Cabinet to provide new gas connections in Punjab;
- d) whether the production of gas is less than its demand at present;
- e) if the answers to part (c) and (d) above are in the affirmative, the reasons thereof?

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):**

| Province           | Million Cubic Feet/day | Percentage Share in total production of the country |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Sindh              | 2,506.90               | 65.36   |
| Balochistan        | 769.47                 | 20.06   |
| Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 424.90                 | 11.08   |
| Punjab             | 133.98                 | 3.49  |
| Total              | 3,835.26               | 100.00  |

Provinces wise details of each field is also attached herewith as Annexure-I

- b) The details of total number of new gas units (fields) added since 01-01-2013 is attached herewith as Annexure-II
- c) Yes. The Cabinet has lifted above moratorium on "as and when available basis" for RLNG based supplies throughout the country.
- d) Yes.
- e) As stated in para (c) above.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

91. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the cases of rapes and domestic violences are increasing in the country;
- b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to control the same?

**Minister for Human Rights (Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar):**

- a) The Ministry of Human Rights regularly takes up the cases of Human Rights violation identified through media monitoring and direct complaints for their redressal. However owing to social, cultural and economic factors, the incidence of rape and domestic violence cases are fluctuating/increasing in the country.
- b) The Government of Pakistan is committed to ensure Protection and Promotion of Women Rights as envisaged under the Constitution of Pakistan as well as international commitments by adopting all possible measures. The Government gives special attention to implementation of laws for protection of Human Rights with special focus on Rights of Women & Children. In this context, a number of legislatives measures have been taken including:-
1. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Honor Killing) Act, 2016.
  2. The Criminal Law (Amendment) (Offences relating to Rape) Act, 2016.
  3. The Criminal Law (2nd Amendment) Act, 2016 (Child Protection).

Following steps are particularly highlighted for redressal of the human rights violations:-

1. The Action Plan for Human Rights, is being implemented which provides for the following interventions to ensure protection of Women's Rights:
  - i. Formulation of National Policy Guidelines on Gender Based Violence (GBV);
  - ii. Review all discriminatory legislation against women;
2. Toll Free Helpline 1099 for Legal Advice on Human Rights Violations has been launched by the Ministry of Human Rights. The Helpline provides referral service to address grievances of the victims.
3. National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) has been established with a broad mandate and powers to take suo-moto actions. The Ministry of Human Rights has also notified the NCHR Complaint Rules.
4. National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) has been established to exclusively work on women issues. Its mandate is to examine policies, programs and other measures taken by the Government for women's development and gender equality; besides review of laws, rules and regulations affecting the status of women; as well as monitoring mechanisms and institutional procedures for redress of violations of women's rights and individual grievances. NCSW has taken serious actions to minimize the incidents of rape and domestic violence in the country by launching national wide campaigns to create awareness about pro-women laws through seminars, TV, Radio, Social Media and Print Media.
5. "Family Protection & Rehabilitation Centre for Women" is working in Islamabad to provide protection and legal assistance as well as psycho-social support to the women victims of violence. Shelter Homes/ Dar-ul-Ammans are also working in the provinces for similar services.

The Ministry of Human Rights has initiated Public Awareness Campaign on Human Rights Education and Sensitization under the Action Plan for Human Rights 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. Details are annexed.

**Annex**

MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS PERTAINING TO AWARENESS CAMPAIGN UNDER  
ACTION PLAN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The campaign focuses promotion of Women Rights, besides our values for creating a culture of tolerance and respect in order to end violence mainly against weaker segments of the society including Women & Children. In this regard, the following activities have been undertaken:

- i. 70 Seminars on Human Rights Education, Sensitization and Awareness have been organized in various Universities during 2016 and 2017.
- ii. 3 Day Public Awareness Campaign on Pakistan Radio Network, PTV and ATV has been launched for awareness raising among general masses.
- iii. Moreover, 6 Day Public Awareness Campaign has been launched on print media through publishing half page/quarter page advertisements.
- iv. "Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Material on Human Rights Issues" has been developed and disseminated as a part of Public Awareness Program. The material also contains messages on Women related issues.
- v. International Human Rights Day (10th December), Universal Children Day (20<sup>th</sup> November) and International Women's Day (08th March) are celebrated

as regular feature in order to create awareness among the masses. On these occasions, special supplements containing messages of the President, Prime Minister and Minister for Human Rights alongwith achievements of the Government are issued.

**A National Institute of Human Rights** has been established at the cost of Rs. 58 (M) for capacity building, training, research and development on human rights related issues, including violence against women.

**Endowment Fund for Free Legal Aid for Poor Victims of Human Rights Violations**, Amounting to Rs. 100 Million is being created.

**District Human Rights Committees** are being established to monitor human rights situation, in the country. Female representation is being ensured with a view to focus protection of Women Rights.

92. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the construction work of Lowari Tunnel has been completed?*

**Minister For Communications (Hafiz Abdul Kareem):**

The civil works of Lowari Tunnel Project comprising of two tunnels of length 8.5 km & 1.9 km, four bridges, approach roads, access road and platform have been completed. However, keeping in view the safety of commuters, current volume of the traffic and as part of soft operations of the tunnels, provision of LED Lights, Jet Fans for ventilation system and Intelligent Transportation system (including CCTV Cameras, RFID Readers, Public address system, emergency telephone system and Fire Extinguishers) are being placed inside the tunnels as temporary arrangement.

The financial Bid received for Permanent procurement of Electrical and mechanical works is currently under evaluation, Two years time has been envisaged for completion of permanent E&M works of the tunnels after its commencement.

As additional safety measures following rescue vehicles have been placed at site:-

- 02 No. of Fire Tenders
- Recovery Vehicles
- Ambulance
- Water Bowsr

93. **\*Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister (PM) has given approval for supplying of gas to various areas of the country;*
- b) whether it is also a fact that approval to supply of gas to Buner has not been given by the PM; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- c) the time by which gas will be supplied to Buner?*

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):**

- a) At present, approval for new gas development schemes is given by the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted by the Federal Cabinet vide case No. 67/03/2017 dated 12.04.2017.
- b) & c) The matter has not been placed before the Prime Minister or the Cabinet Committee. However, the survey of the said locality has already been carried out by SNGPL and an amount of Rs. 2355.087 million is required for provision of gas to Buner. Gas will be supplied to District Buner after receipt of approval along-with funds.

94. **\*Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**

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

- a) the present status of construction works of the Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park (QASP); and*  
*b) the contribution of electricity from QASP to the National Grid at present alongwith the per unit price thereof?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park is an area of approx. 5000 acres earmarked by the Punjab Government in Bahawalpur District for development of 1000 MW solar power projects. Several project sponsors have been issued Letter of Intent (LOI) and allocated land by Provincial Government for development of solar projects within Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park.

The following four (04) solar projects of 400 MW cumulative capacity (100 MW each) have been completed and are operational at present;

| Sr. No. | Name of Project IPP        | Capacity (MW) | Date of Completion (COD) |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1       | QA Solar Pvt. Ltd.         | 100           | 15 Jul, 2015             |
| 2       | Appolo Solar Pakistan Ltd. | 100           | 31 May, 2016             |
| 3       | Crest Energy Pakistan Ltd. | 100           | 31 Jul, 2016             |
| 4       | Best Green Energy Pak Ltd. | 100           | 31 Jul, 2016             |

- (b) At present, four solar power projects operational at QASP are providing 400 MW to the national grid at the upfront tariff determined by NEPRA as shown in the table below:

| Sr. No. | Name of Project IPP        | Capacity (MW) | Tariff (US Cents/kWh) |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1       | QA Solar Pvt. Ltd.         | 100           | 14.15                 |
| 2       | Appolo Solar Pakistan Ltd. | 100           | 14.15                 |
| 3       | Crest Energy Pakistan Ltd. | 100           | 14.15                 |
| 4       | Best Green Energy Pak Ltd. | 100           | 14.15                 |

95. \***Engineer Dawar Khan Kundi:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that it was decided by the Government to construct twelve new grid stations in various parts of the country to end the power crisis; and*  
*b) whether it is also a fact that no progress has been made in this regard so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) It is emphasized that installation of a suitable number of 500 kV and 220 kV grid stations has been planned all over the country for delivery of power to respective load centers to overcome the power crisis.

(b) In this regards, various grid stations have already been completed during last three years and delivering power to respective load centers through relevant distribution companies. Moreover, construction of remaining grid stations is in progress and expected to be completed in current financial year. Details of all the projects is enclosed as Annex-I.

**Annex-I.**

**A- Projects completed during last three years:**

- i) 500 kV Shikarpur
- ii) 500 kV Dera Ghazi Khan
- iii) 500 kV Lahore
- iv) 220 kV Toba Tek Singh
- v) 220 kV Lora Lai
- vi) 220 kV Chishtian
- vii) 220 kV Gujrat
- viii) 220 kV Khuzdar
- ix) 220 kV Okara

**B- Projects under construction (Expected completion in 2017-18)**

- i) 500 kV Rahim Yar Khan
- ii) 220 kV Mansehra
- iii) 220 kV Nowshera
- iv) 220 kV Lalian
- v) 220 kV D.I Khan
- vi) 220 kV Chakdara
- vii) 220 kV Ghazi Board Lahore

**C- Projects ready for Implementation**

PC-I for the following projects have been approved by ECNEC, and these projects are ready for implementation:

- i) 500 kV Islamabad West
- ii) 500 kV Faisalabad West
- iii) 500 kV Lahore North
- iv) 500 kV Chakwal
- v) 220 kV Zhob
- vi) 220 kV Mirpur Khas
- vii) 220 kV Punjab University
- viii) 220 kV Zero Point Islamabad

## 96. \*Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that a number of accidents have occurred on the National Highways due to smog and fog in the country since 01-01-2017;
- whether it is also a fact that a number of persons have died in the said accidents;
- if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the responsables thereof; and
- whether it is further a fact that neither reflectors nor sign boards on turning points of the National Highways have been installed by the Government which cause accidents on daily basis?

**Minister for Communications (Hafiz Abdul Kareem):**

- a) Detail regarding number of accidents occurred on National Highways and Motorways due to smog and fog during the year 2016 and 2017 is as under:

| Year             | Fata | Non-Fata | Total |
|------------------|------|----------|-------|
| 2016             | 6    | 11       | 17    |
| 2017 (till date) | 3    | 0        | 3     |
| Difference       | -3   | -11      | -14   |

- b) Number of persons killed in accidents occurred on National Highways and motorways due to smog and fog is as under:

| Year             | Injury | Details |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| 2016             | 91     | 21      |
| 2017 (till date) | 7      | 25      |
| Difference       | -84    | +4      |

- c) NH&MP area of jurisdiction on National Highways is as under:

- N-5 (Peshawar to Karachi)
- Lyari Expressway Karachi
- N-10 Coastal Highway (Gawadar to Makola)
- N-25 RCD Highway (Hub-Othal & Kalat Quetta-Saranam)
- N-75 (Islamabad to Murree)

At the start of the foggy season special instructions have been passed to field formation from Central Police Office for strict compliance which is placed at (A/A). Accordingly, all the zonal commanders prepared a fag action plan to deal with the situation which is placed at (A/B). Due to which only 03 accidents occurred on motorways and highways of the country due to fog. On the basis of accidents analysis report the FIRs were lodged against the delinquent drivers on their negligence.

Moreover, following precautionary measure are also adopted by NH&MP to reduce traffic accidents on motorways and national highways (N-5).

- Weather updates broadcasted through FM Radio and TV channels.
- At the time of zero visibility during fog, closure of motorway/national highways (N-5) is also carried out. Information in this regard is also broadcasted through FM Radio and TV channels.

- The Public Relation Officer (PRO) and other focal persons of NH&MP of the respective areas remains with constant contact with the print and electronic media.
  - Call agents of NH&MP on 130 helpline are also update about road situation round the clock.
- d) No, this is not a fact that neither reflectors nor sign boards on turning points of the National Highways have been installed. The matter of fact is that there are three types of signs which are installed on National Highways & Motorways, namely, mandatory/regulatory signs, warning signs and guide/information signs. The signs used on curves include chevrons and reflectors and fall under warning sign category. NHA tries to install all signs as per international best practices on all National Highways & Motorways on need basis. However, these signs are costly items and are stolen at times. But utmost effort is carried out to replace these on urgent basis. It is pertinent to mention here that NHA spends about 6% of the Annual Maintenance Plan's budget for highways safety improvement works which include installation of such signs, pavement marking, fixation of reflectors and other safety devices. In recent years, NHA has carried out a major study for identification and removal of black spots on National Highways and Motorways and has allocated an amount of Rs. 3.2 billion for this purpose. Therefore, NHA is taking all possible steps to ensure safe and smooth travel of commuters on National Highways & Motorways.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

97. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

*Will the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state whether the Election Commission of Pakistan will use watermarked ballot papers in the next General Elections?*

**Minister for Parliamentary Affairs (Sheikh Aftab Ahmed):** Yes under section 71 (4) of Election Act 2017, the Commission shall use special water-marked paper for printing of ballot papers.

98. **\*Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- a) *the volume of theft of electricity in term of billion rupees as on June 1st, 2013 and at present; and*
- b) *the province-wise average theft-of electricity for the last four years?*

Reply not received.

99. **\*Mr. Muhammad Jamal-ud-Din:**

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

- a) *whether it is binding by law upon Oil and Gas exploring companies to provide employment to locals of the area;*
- b) *whether it is also binding upon the said companies by laws to launch welfare projects and development schemes in the surrounding areas/sites of exploration of Oil and Gas;*

- c) if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the instructions/guidelines of the Government in this regard;
- d) the details of such projects and schemes initiated/completed by the said companies at Oil and Gas exploration sites (GPF-II) and surrounding areas of Shahdadpur-Tando Adam Road, District Sanghar, Sindh;
- e) the details of ongoing welfare projects and development schemes of the said areas at present; and
- f) the tehsil-wise details of persons to whom employment provided by the said companies in the said areas alongwith names, CNIC numbers and designations thereof separately?

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):**

- a) In terms of Petroleum Concession Agreements (PCA)s, the Exploration and Production companies are bound to give preference to locals for employment in unskilled category.
- b) In terms of Petroleum Concession Agreements (PCA)s and Social Welfare Guidelines, the Exploration and Production companies are bound to deposit the Social Welfare obligations in the joint accounts of concerned DCOs/DCs, which has to be utilized through a district level committee headed by the MNA(s) of the concerned constituency.
- c) Article XVII of Model PCA 2013 stipulates (inter alia) as under:  
"The operator including its contractor(s) shall ensure the employment of unskilled workers of the area, at local/district level, to the extent of at-least 80% of their unskilled workers category."
- d) The Guideline for Utilization of Social Welfare Fund 2017 is attached at Annex-A.
- e) Social Welfare projects and schemes initiated / completed by PPL at a site (GPF-II) and surrounding areas of Shahdadpur-Tando Adam Road, District Sanghar, Sindh is attached at Annex-B.
- f) The details of on-going welfare projects and development schemes in the said areas is attached at Annex-C.  
Requisite information is attached at Annex-D.

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

100. **\*Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

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

- a) the progress made on the purchase of eight F-16 aircrafts from the United States of America; and
- b) whether Pakistan has paid the price for the said aircrafts?

**Minister for Defence (Engr. Khurram Dastagir Khan):**

- a) Pakistan had reached an understanding with US to buy 08 x F-16 Planes worth US\$ 699 M. Under the deal Pakistan was required to pay 40% from its national funds whereas US was supposed to provide 60% from its Foreign Military Funding (FMF). During 2016, US Congress blocked the subject deal due to political reasons.
- b) Pakistan has not made any payment to US side on account of purchase of F-16s.

101. **\*Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

a) whether it is a fact that Metro Bus Project from Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport has not been completed so far; if so, the actual date of completion of the said Project; and

b) the time by which the construction work of the said Project will be completed?

**Minister for Communications (Hafiz Abdul Kareem):**

a) Yes, it is a fact that Metro Bus Project from Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport has not been completed so far.

However, the package-wise actual completion date was/is as follows:

| Sr. No. | Package | Start Date                 | Scheduled Completion |
|---------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1       | I       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017  | 13th November 2017   |
| 2       | II      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017  | 13th November 2017   |
| 3       | III     | 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 | 12th December 2017   |

b) The construction work of the said project will be completed in two phases i.e., Road works and Station works. Their revised date of completions are as follows:

Road Works:

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Package I   | 30th January 2018 |
| Package II  | 30th January 2018 |
| Package III | 30th January 2018 |

Station Works:

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Package I   | 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018      |
| Package II  | 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018      |
| Package III | No stations in the scope of work |

102. **\*Sheikh Salahuddin:**

*Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the residents of various sectors in Islamabad have been suffering from low pressure of gas during the last five years; if so, the steps being taken to improve the same in the current winter?*

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):** SNGPL has reported that during the last five years residents of certain sectors of Islamabad were facing low pressure due to the increased gap between demand and supply of natural gas especially in peak hours during winter. Recently in order to avert low pressure, the Company has undertaken system augmentation, looping of lines, re-drilling of service tees, establishment of emergency teams to resolve low pressure complaints Operational teams are working around the clock for this particular activity.

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

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

a) whether it is a fact that Un-Official Note No.3(NA-06)/2016/PAU-II/KP dated 24-05-2017 regarding Chain Augmentation of overloaded transformers of the National Assembly

*Constituency No.06, Peshawar was sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Peshawar Electric supply Company (PESCO);*

*b) if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether it is also a fact that no reply has been given by the PESCO thereon so far?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):**

- a) Yes, it is fact that Un-Official Note No.3(NA-06)/2016/PAU-II/KP dated 24-05-2017 with subject "complaint against XEN Arbab Farooq, P&E Department PESCO" was sent by Prime Minister's Office to Peshawar Electric Supply Company.
- b) No, it is not the fact that PESCO has not responded in the matter. PESCO placed Mr. Arbab Muhammad Farooq under suspension vide its office order dated 07-09-2017 and proceeded with compilation of the requisite information. The requisite detail will be shared with the Prime Minister's Office at an early date.

104. **\*Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Iran has offered to supply 3000 Megawatts electricity to Pakistan;*  
*b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):**

- a) Yes it is fact that Iran has offered to supply 3000 MW electricity to Pakistan.
- b) An MoU was signed between Iran and Pakistan on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 for supply of 1000 MW to Pakistan. Later, during the meeting between Iran and Pakistan on February 23, 2015, it was proposed to increase the capacity to 3000 MW. In this regard both sides agreed that 1000 MW may be treated as Phase-I of the overall project for which necessary studies have already been completed, while for remaining 2000 MW a separate study needs to be undertaken for its economical and Commercial viability.

105. **\*Ms. Aisha Syed:**

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

- a) the details of Motorways and Highways to be constructed in the country under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor;*  
*b) the expenditures to be incurred thereon; and*  
*c) the time by which the same will be completed?*

**Minister for Communications (Hafiz Abdul Kareem):**

- a) The details of Motorways and Highways to be constructed in the country under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor are as under:

| Name of Highways/Motorways Project  | Length (KM) | Cost (Rs. in Billion) | Remarks   |
|---|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Rehab & Imp of Raikot- Thakot (N-35):<br>(Remaining work under Chinese Financing) | 136.4       | 8.548                 | Project readiness completed. Chinese funding awaited. |

|                                |     |       |   |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|---|
| Khuzdar - Basima (N-30)        | 110 | 19.76 | Project readiness completed. Chinese funding awaited. |
| D. I. Khan (Valk) -Zhob (N-50) | 210 | 81    | Project readiness completed. Chinese funding awaited. |

- b) The expenditures will be incurred on start of these projects.  
c) These projects are expected to start by mid 2018 and will be completed by end of 2021.

106. **\*Mr. Junaid Akbar:**

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that the Lakhara Coal Power Plant has been closed; if so, the reasons and present status thereof;*  
b) *the impact of the said Plant on the National Grid; and*  
c) *whether said Plant can be made functional; if so, when it will be implemented?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):**

- a) The Power Plant was under shutdown due to fire incident which happened in the underground Cable Tunnel on 20-07-2017. The renovation work has been carried out and necessary tests are under way. The Plant will be put back on bar within the month of December-2017.  
b) Lakhra FBC Power Plant has 02 out of 03 functional units of 50MW each at derated capacity of 30 MW. Furthermore, the plant helps to maintain voltage of the system.  
c) Plant was shut down due to fire-incident on 20-7-2017. The same has been repaired successfully. Necessary tests are underway. The Plant will be put on bar within this month.

107. **\*Ms. Saman Sultana Jaffri:**

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that the Government has investigated overcharging of the electricity units by the DISCOs during the last four years; if so, the details including responsables; if not, the reasons thereof; and*  
b) *the steps being taken by the Government to declare over billing/overcharging a crime and punish the responsables therefor?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):**

DISCO-wise response for overcharging of electricity units is placed as Annex-X.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

Islamabad, the  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

**TAHIR HUSSAIN,**  
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

"UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES"

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

@7. **Ms. Surriya Asghar:**

(Deferred during 48<sup>th</sup> Session)

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- a) the names of training institutions/academies working under the Power Division for capacity building of its employees at present;
- b) the details of teaching faculty of the said institutions alongwith their qualifications and experiences;
- c) the syllabus being taught in the said institutions at present;
- d) the institution and post-wise number of employees trained during the financial year 2015-16;
- e) the institution-wise total expenditures incurred thereon; and
- f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the institutional capacity of the said institutions/academies?

Reply not received.

@9. **Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan Jadoon:**

(Deferred during 48<sup>th</sup> Session)

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- a) whether any proposal has been approved to install the 100/200 KVA transformers at various Union Councils of Tehsil Abbottabad by the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO); if so, the Union Council-wise details thereof;
- b) whether work orders have been issued in this regard; if so, the details thereof;
- c) the time by which the transformers will be installed therein; and
- d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install the 100/200 KVA transformers for the Mohallah Kunj Qadeem, Union Council Urban City, Tehsil and District Abbottabad; if so, the time by which it will be installed?

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) Yes, 38 proposals under Chain Augmentation (DOP Head) for installation of 100/200 KVA transformers at various union councils of Tehsil Abbottabad have been approved in 2016-17. Union Council wise detail is as at (Annex-A).

(b) Yes, work orders have been issued for installation of transformers at the above referred 38 Union Councils. (list of these is at Annex-A).

(c) 21 transformers out of 38 approved 100/200 KVA transformers have been installed at site. Whereas, rest of transformers are being arranged for completion of the said works.

(d) Presently, 2x200 KVA and 2x100 KVA transformers have already been installed in Mohallah Kunj Qadeem Union Council Urban City, Abbottabad and no over loading has been reported in the area. Hence, no proposal for augmentation of existing 100/200 KVA is under consideration.

## Completed

| S.No | Name of Division | Location                  | Union Council  |
|------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | City Abbottabad  | Kaseel                    | Havelian       |
| 2    | City Abbottabad  | Chammakkah                | Hajia Chamnaka |
| 3    | City Abbottabad  | Village Kassaki Kalan     | Chamhad        |
| 4    | City Abbottabad  | Okriala                   | Okriala        |
| 5    | City Abbottabad  | Kumar Bandi               | Pawa           |
| 6    | City Abbottabad  | Kokal Barleen Shari Shari | Havelian       |
| 7    | City Abbottabad  | Bilal Nai Abadi Havelian  | Havelian       |
| 8    | Rural Abbottabad | Narrian Sarbana           | Sarbana        |
| 9    | City Abbottabad  | Kashka                    | Jhangra Kashka |
| 10   | City Abbottabad  | Moh: Kharai Khas Desal    | Desal          |
| 11   | City Abbottabad  | Janda Khela               | Janda Khela    |
| 12   | City Abbottabad  | Bodla Bazar               | Bodla          |
| 13   | City Abbottabad  | Hajia                     | Hajia Chamnaka |
| 14   | City Abbottabad  | Ghoal Malkan              | Malkan         |
| 15   | City Abbottabad  | Dhakkan Chamankka         | Hajia Chamnaka |
| 16   | City Abbottabad  | Dheri Kehal               | Rajoyia        |
| 17   | Rural Abbottabad | Maira Khurd Namli Maira   | Namli Maira    |
| 18   | Rural Abbottabad | Maira Khurd Namli Maira   | Namli Maira    |
| 19   | Rural Abbottabad | Dehri Khela               | Dehri Khela    |
| 20   | Rural Abbottabad | Rahi Chorlan              | Rahi           |
| 21   | Rural Abbottabad | Hothala Ziarat Masoom     | Ziarat Masoom  |

## Remaining

|    |                  |                                   |                  |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1  | City Abbottabad  | Iqbal Khan Chowk                  | Urban Abbottabad |
| 2  | City Abbottabad  | Bus Adda Abbottabad               | Urban Abbottabad |
| 3  | City Abbottabad  | Karwala-I                         | Lora Chowk       |
| 4  | City Abbottabad  | Mohallah Hospital Havelian        | Havelian         |
| 5  | City Abbottabad  | Bilal Colony Mansehra Road Mirpur | Mirpur           |
| 6  | City Abbottabad  | Kholiyan Daya                     | Baldhair         |
| 7  | City Abbottabad  | Moh: Sinjlian Sheikhulbandi       | Sheikhulbandi    |
| 8  | Rural Abbottabad | Moh: Chimai Nawanshehr            | Nawanshehr       |
| 9  | Rural Abbottabad | Usman Abad                        | Jhangi           |
| 10 | Rural Abbottabad | Sher Shah Street Jhangi           | Jhangi           |
| 11 | Rural Abbottabad | Al-Badar Colony Mandian           | Jhangi-II        |
| 12 | City Abbottabad  | Bandi Phullan                     | Pawa             |
| 13 | City Abbottabad  | Near RHC Rajoya                   | Rajoyia          |
| 14 | City Abbottabad  | Phulwali Bhagwal                  | Havelian         |
| 15 | Rural Abbottabad | Khushi Kot                        | Khushi Kot       |
| 16 | Rural Abbottabad | Maira Khurd Namli Maira           | Namli Maira      |
| 17 | Rural Abbottabad | Chandi Chowk Supply               | Jhangi           |

@ 10. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

(Deferred during 48<sup>th</sup> Session)

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- the funds disbursed to PESCO under ELR/DOP and Chain Augmentation heads during the period from 04-06-2013 to 30-06-2017; and
- the details regarding the amount utilized under said heads in the National Assembly Constituency No.06, Nowshera-II during the year 2016-17?

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) The requisite detail of funds distributed to PESCO under ELR/DOP and chain augmentation heads during 4/6/2013 to 30/6/2017 is attached as Annex-A.

(b) Total amount of Rs.6.23 million has been utilized in NA-06 for completion of 15 works during 2016-17 under ELR/DOP head.

**Annex-A**

| STATUS OF BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2013-14 TO 2016-17 |       |                     |        |         |
|--|-------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Budget allocated in MLN 2013-14                  | Head  | Total Budget in MLN | Booked | Remarks |
|  | DOP   | 200                 | 296.49 | -96.49  |
|  | ELR   | 150                 | 221.07 | -71.07  |
|  | Total | 350                 | 517.56 | -167.56 |
| Budget allocated in MLN 2014-15                  | Head  | Total Budget in MLN | Booked | Remarks |
|  | DOP   | 350                 | 428.31 | -78.31  |
|  | ELR   | 450                 | 537.50 | -87.50  |
|  | Total | 800                 | 965.81 | -165.81 |
| Budget allocated in MLN 2015-16                  | Head  | Total Budget in MLN | Booked | Remarks |
|  | DOP   | 500                 | 501.09 | -1.09   |
|  | ELR   | 450                 | 276.84 | 173.16  |
|  | Total | 950                 | 777.93 | 172.07  |
| Budget allocated in MLN 2016-17                  | Head  | Total Budget in MLN | Booked | Remarks |
|  | DOP   | 300                 | 382.09 | -82.09  |
|  | ELR   | 400                 | 366.34 | 33.66   |
|  | Total | 700                 | 748.43 | -48.43  |

29. **Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that the final seniority list of Senior Engineers (Non-Generation) was issued by the PEPCO on 17-10-2017;
- whether it is also a fact that the said list is contained the names of XENs of NTDC;
- if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the reasons for making promotions from XENs to S.Es of the NTDC itself instead of the PEPCO; and
- the details of such promotions made since 01-01-2010?

Reply not received.

**30. Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

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

- a) the details of all those cases of up-gradation/promotion of officers made by the PEPCO, NTDC and DISCOs since 01-01-2010 by allowing effectiveness from previous dates irrespective of holding of meeting of Promotion/Up-gradation Board alongwith reasons thereof separately; and*
- b) if a officer is eligible for up-gradation/promotion on a certain date and a disciplinary case is pending against him that is decided at a later stage by imposing a minor penalty by the competent authority, in such case from which date he shall be entitled for up-gradation/promotion in the said office/company?*

Reply not received.

**31. Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the OGDCL's management has reached an agreement with the CBA Union for implementation of the Prime Minister's Assistance Package for families of the Government employees who die in service;*
- b) if so, the progress made with regard to those who are eligible under the said package; and*
- c) the expected time by which assistance will be provided to the eligible persons under the said Package?*

**Minister of State for Petroleum Division (Mr. Jam Kamal Khan):** (a), (b) and (c) Prime Minister's Assistance package was announced for the families of Government employees who die in service. Whereas OGDCL is a listed Company working under administrative control of Ministry of Energy and its employees fall under the definition of Corporate Services. However, Memorandum of Settlement with CBA is signed after every 02 years. Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) submits its charter of demand which contains various clauses for the benefits of in-service employees including deceased employees which includes gratuity, GPF, pension EOBI pension, Insurance, distress grant, employment, medical facilities, education and funeral charges etc. Further any advance/loan owned by the employee, also gets waived off. After death of an employee, all the benefits are processed/arranged to the beneficiaries within a period of 01 month in routine cases.

**32. Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the Post Office Branch has not been established at Village Phalkot Katli, Village Council-III, Distirct Abbottabad so far;*
- b) if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to open/establish a Post Office Branch in the said location; if so, when it will be established; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- c) whether there is also any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide Telegram facility in the said Post Office Branch; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

33. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that low voltage of electricity is being supplied to the houses of Mr.M. Nawaz Khan S/o Wali-ur-Rehman, Mr. Muhammad Ashiq Khan S/o Daud Khan and Mr. Shakeel Khan S/o Daud Khan, Village Upper Shahother/Ochari, Tehsil Balakot, District Mansehra; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide standard voltage of electricity to the said residents in the near future; if so, when it will be supplied; if not, the reasons thereof?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) Yes, the low voltage problem in the village upper Shahoter/ Ochari Tehsil Balakot, District Mansehra is due to over loading of 100 KVA transformer installed in the said village.

(b) To overcome the low voltage problem, a proposal for installation of additional 50 KVA transformer was approved. But during execution of the work the inhabitants did not allow the execution & material was returned to store. Later on another proposal for augmentation of the said 100 KVA transformer by 200 KVA transformer was prepared and has been approved. The work will be completed within a week.

34. **Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that electricity is being supplied through two phase transmission line to the residents of Gali No.16, G-6/2, Islamabad which is inefficient as per electricity load of the said Gali;*
- b) if so, the steps are being taken to upgrade the said transmission line at the earliest?*

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) It is a fact that electricity was being supplied through 2-phase transmission line to the residents of Gali No.16. G-6/2, Islamabad because the low tension bush of transformer was damaged.

(b) The damaged bush has been replaced with healthy one and now 3-phase stable supply has been restored for the street.

35. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- a) whether the Government has taken notice of disarranged/tangled lines and poles of electricity in Mohallah Mazharabad, Rawalpindi;*
- b) if the answer to part (a) above is in the negative, whether any survey has been conducted to improve existing infrastructure of electricity in the said area; if so, the details thereof; and*
- c) the steps being taken to upgrade existing infrastructure of electricity in the said area?*

Reply not received.

36. **Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- a) *whether it is a fact that Mohallah Ahmadabad/Westridge falls under the purview of the Cantonment Board, Rawalpindi;*
- b) *whether it is also a fact that there is no place to dump garbage in the said area since long;*
- c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in the affirmative, the reasons thereof; and*
- d) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make a system therefor; if so, the steps are being taken in this regard?*

**Minister for Defence (Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan):** (a) Mohallah Ahmadabad, Dhamial Road and Westridge are two separate vicinities located far away from each other, however, both fall within the territorial jurisdiction of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board.

(b) The whole area of Rawalpindi Cantonment inclusive of afore-mentioned localities are given special attention in terms of hygiene/sanitation and there are number of Garbage Collection Points in these areas. Details are given below:

**(i) Ahmadabad / Dhamial Road**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Rubbish Containers | = | 07 |
| Rubbish Points     | = | 02 |

**(ii) Westridge Area**

**Westridge-I**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Rubbish Containers | = | 12 |
| Rubbish Points     | = | 10 |

**Westridge-II**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Rubbish Containers | = | 04 |
| Rubbish Points     | = | 13 |

**Westridge-III**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Rubbish containers | = | 36 |
| Rubbish Points     | = | 03 |

RCB is efficiently managing the garbage collection from these areas and the garbage collection vehicles travel along distance for disposal of garbage outside the Cantt limits.

(c) N.A.

(d) Rawalpindi cantonment Board is managing multiple municipal functions from its own resources. There always exists room for improvement, for disposal of garbage to meet higher standards for which, assistance of Federal Government in shape of a comprehensive package of grant OR appropriate land/space for Dumping Ground for disposal of collected rubbish/ refuse etc. is solicited.

37. **Ms. Aliya Kamran:**

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

- a) *the total number of toilets/bathrooms established for General Public in the Islamabad High Court;*
- b) *whether the said toilets/bathrooms are non functional since long; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- c) *whether any action has been taken against the responsables; if not the reasons thereof;*
- d) *whether bathrooms/toilets for women have been established in the said Court; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*

- e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to construct ladies bathrooms/toilets in the said Court; if not, the reasons thereof;
- f) whether there is no place for ladies to offer prayers in the said Court at present; and
- g) whether there is any proposal under consideration to reserve a place for ladies to offer prayers in the said Court; if so, when it will be implemented?

Reply not received.

**38. Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that the transformer installed in village Abdur Raheem Sanjrani, District Sanghar is out of order for the last one month; if so, the time by which the same will be replaced; and
- b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to shift the electricity transmission line of the said village; if so, when it will be implemented?

**Minister for Power Division (Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari):** (a) The transformer was malfunctioning and the same has been replaced on 24-11-2017.

(b) There is no proposal under consideration for shifting of transmission line.

**39. Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Manzoor Hussain, USM (Ticket No.1187), employee of the Central Ordnance Depot (COD), Rawalpindi died on 17-12-2005 during his service;
- b) if answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether it is also a fact that his son is not being appointed in COD, Rawalpindi under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package for Families of the Government employees who die in service; if so, the reasons thereof;
- c) whether it is also a fact that a plot is not being allotted to the widow of the said deceased employee; if so, the reasons thereof;
- d) the action taken against the responsible thereof;
- e) the time by which appointment will be made under the said package; and
- f) the steps taken by the Ministry to avoid such lapses in future?

Reply not received.

**40. Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- a) whether it is a fact that a survey was conducted by the Islamabad Electric Supply Company regarding installation of electric poles during the last year on the application submitted by M/S Noor Muhammad, Mulazim Saeed and Asim Zia residents of Village Chakri Wakilan, Tehsil Gujarkhan;
- b) if so, the progress made thereon so far; if not, the reasons thereof;
- c) the time by which the said work will be completed alongwith the action taken so far against the officials who delayed the said work; and
- d) the steps taken by the Ministry to avoid such delay in future?

Reply not received.

Islamabad, the  
12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,  
Secretary.