

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 21st May, 2018

85. * Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) the names of those projects on which work is in progress for preserving water of rivers, streams and nullahs at present; and*
- b) the time by which they will be completed alongwith the reasons of delay in these projects?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) & (b) Federal Government is sponsoring a number of water sector projects being executed by WAPDA and provincial Irrigation Departments in the country under the PSDP. At present, 26 projects are being constructed for preserving water of rivers, streams and nullahs, details of which are as under. Major hindrance in starting/completion of dams is availability of funds as required in the respective financial plans of the projects and prevailing security situation in some of the area.

#	Project Name/location	Live Storage (MAF)	Expected completion date	Status
1	Nai Gaj Dam, Dadu, Sindh	0.160	Dec, 19	Physical progress of project is 50.95%
2	Kurram Tangi Dam Project (Stage-I), North Waziristan Agency	0.00 (It is a diversion weir. Live storage of the project will be developed after construction of Stage-II)	April, 19	Stage-I (Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power Project) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised PC-I of Kurram Tangi Dam (Stage-I) amounting to Rs.21.059 Billion approved by ECNEC on 22.4.2016.• Physical progress of project is 19.12%

3	Diamer Basha Dam, Indus river near Chilas	6.40	2025-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far 31,695 acres of land has been acquired out of total required land of 37,419 acres • Construction of infrastructure/preliminary works i.e project colony at Thor valley, composite model village at Harpan Dan and right bank periphery roads are in progress. • Work on main Dam is yet to be started
4	Construction of Ghabir Dam, Chakwal	0.026	June-20	Pre-construction activities are in progress
5	Construction of Papin Dam Rawat Town in Distt. Rawalpindi	0.032		Included in PSDP 2017-18, approved by ECNEC on 7.2.2018
6	Construction of Small Dams, Delay action Dams, Recharge weirs and I.S.S.O Barrier in Sindh	0.087	June-20	Out of 9 individual approved PC-Is, 05 PC-Is completed comprising of 29 Small Dams.
7	Construction of Sanam, Palai and Kundal Dams	0.003	June-19	Palai Dam completed. Work on Kundal dam is in progress while Sanam Dam yet to be start.
8	Construction of 20 Nos. Small Dams in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	0.007	June-21	PC-Is of 9 Small Dams approved, 06 completed. Work on remaining Dams is in progress.
9	Construction of Small Dams in District Mansehra.			
	1 Construction of Ichar Nullah Project 2 Construction of Manchara Dam Project, Mansehra	0.000221 0.002455	June-19	Approved by CDWP on 11.04.2017
10	Raising of Baran Dam, Bannu	0.1	Aug-21	Approved by ECNEC on 29-8-2017
11	Construction of 100 Delays Action Dams in Balochistan (Package-II, 26 Small Dams)	0.055	June-18	Physical progress of project is 91%
12	Construction of 100	0.188	June, 2020	Physical progress of project is 6%

	Delays Action Dams in Balochistan (Package-III, 20 Small Dams)			
13	Construction of Mangi Dam Quetta	0.03	June 20	Work in progress
14	Toiwar/Batozai Storage Dam Project	0.095	December 2019	Physical progress of project is 65%
15	Construction of Basol Dam Tehsil Ormara District Gwadar	0.0218	June 2020	Physical progress of project is 36%
16	Small Dams in Tehsil Khaliqabad Kalat	0.000165	June 18	Physical progress of project is 81%
17	Wam Tangi Dam District Harnai	0.000946	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 20%
18	Construction of small storage dams Yousuf Kach, Rud Mulazai, Pishin	0.003463	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 8%
19	Mara Tangi Dam, Loralai	0.005874	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 5%
20	Pissijal Dam and Command area development, Khuzdar	0.004520	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 55%
21	Uchwari Chotair Ziarat	0.001898	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 20%
22	Umarzai Dam Pishin	0.001935	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 33%
23	Construction of 100 small Dams in tehsil dobandi, Gulistan & Chaman	0.012	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 24%
24	Construction of 200 small Dams in K. Abdullah, Gulistan & Dobandi tehsils	0.05	June 2020	Physical progress of project is 5%
25	Abato, Diasra & Sanzala Dams, Chaman	0.01	June 2019	Physical progress of project is 11%
26	Garuk Storage Dam District Kharan	0.025	Dec-2022	PC-I approved by ECNEC on 24-11-2017
Total		7.323277		

52. * Ms. Aasiya Nasir
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that Nelum Jehlum Hydropower Project has not been completed so far; if so, the reasons and names of responsables thereof;*
- b) *the total expenditure incurred on said project;*
- c) *whether additional cost is to be incurred thereon; if so, the responsables thereof;*
- d) *whether any company has been declared black list thereof; and*
- e) *the time by which said project will be completed alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) Yes, it is a fact that Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project has not been completed so far. The main reasons for delay in the project include, inter alia, significant change in scope of work owed to rock-burst in tunnel area where Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) 696 was working, shifting of dam axis downstream of its original axis after the studies conducted in view of earthquake of 2005 and introducing steel lining in the tunnel crossing the Jhelum River. The Project is presently under commissioning stage whereby the Water Way system pressurization was commenced on 01-03-2018. Generation from its 1st unit is scheduled from 13-04-2018.

(b) The total expenditure including Interest During Construction and payable Retention Money/IPCs up to 31-01-2018 is Rs.372,874.92 million.

(c) The third revised PC-I of the project was approved by ECNEC on 19-12-2015, at a total cost of Rs.404,321 million. Now the fourth revised PC-I of the project is under process in the Planning Commission with the estimated cost of Rs.500,343 million. The increase in cost is mainly due to the escalation and the cost of construction, which has increased for Rs.165 billion in the third revised PC-I to Rs.198 billion in the fourth revised PC-I.

In order to ascertain the responsibility of the increase in cost, an Inquiry Committee was constituted by WAPDA on the directions of the erstwhile Ministry of Water and Power, which has determined that the increase in cost of the project could have been avoided if the NJHPC/WAPDA would have incorporated Rs.192 billion as the estimated cost of construction provided by the Consultant before approval of the third revised PC-I instead of Rs.165 billion.

In this regard, the Inquiry Committee fixed the individual responsibilities on the concerned officers/officials of WAPDA/NJHPC, who, allegedly, deliberately failed to include the updated costs of various components in the 3rd revised PC-I and it was perceived by the Committee that the then CEO/MD NJHPC Lt. Gen (R) Muhammad Zubair, Ex-CFO Mr. Abdul Sattar Jajja, Ex-Additional CFO Dr. Uzma Ikram, Ex-Chief Engineer (Contracts) Mr. Fareed and Mr. Nayyar Alauddin, the then Director (Technical) now PD/CE, had the knowledge of probable increase in Cost of Works due to revision of already issued variation orders and initiating new variation orders. But they did not incorporate the revised cost of variation orders.

(d) No company has been declared black listed so far.

(e) The 1st Unit will generate electricity by 13-04-2018 with remaining 3 units coming online after 1 month interval each. The whole work is expected to be completed in June 2018.

67. * Shaikh Rohale Asghar
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state whether water in all the dams is quite sufficient to meet the needs of the country; if not, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): The maximum water storage capacity in various dams in the country is about 14 million acre-feet (MAF) which becomes 10% of annual river flows in Pakistan. This storage capacity is not sufficient to meet the needs of the country.

During the current year, IRSA's Advisory Committee in November 2017 anticipated water shortage of 36% for the Rabi Season (October 2017 to March 2018).

The reasons for the shortage of water are as under:

- Non-development of new large water reservoirs.
- Sedimentation in existing reservoirs.
- Increase in population and water demand.
- Climate change.

As regards the present water storage situation, on 4th April 2018, available storage of water in the three main reservoirs is at its lowest (0.018 MAF) as compared to last year storage (0.506 MAF), average last five years storage (1.421 MAF) and average last ten years storage (0.580 MAF).

68. * Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.24 replied on 12-01-2018 and to state the details of Global Fund distributed among federating units to control AIDs, Tuberculosis and Malaria alongwith the criteria of distribution thereof?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar):

- i) Country envelope was decided in the Global Fund (G.F) board meeting (December 2016) amounting to US\$ 204 million for three disease components i.e, AIDS, TB & Malaria, through new funding grant based on respective disease burden.
- ii) Inter-disease split was also provided by the Global Fund Board as under:
 - HIV/AIDS 35 million including private sector recipients
 - TB 130 million including private sector recipients
 - Malaria 39.9 million including private sector recipients
- iii) The inter disease split was endorsed by Country Coordination Mechanism Pakistan.
- iv) Additional funds of US\$ 14 million were provided to Pakistan through Catalytic Funding for TB component (US\$ 01 million to National TB Program (NTP) Pakistan for Health System Strengthening and US\$ 13 million to Indus Health Network for active case finding).
- v) The table below explains the allocation of grant among Principal Recipients (PRs) in public sector for AIDS, TB & Malaria.

Disease Component	HIV/AIDS	TB	Malaria	Total US\$
AIDS	17.479			17.479
TB		89.163		89.163
Malaria			29.939	29.939
			Total=	136.581

- vi) There was a series of consultative meetings with all Principal Recipients, and Secretary, NHS,R&C, and a consensus was developed based on interventions designed for the control of three diseases in Pakistan. The detail of Global Fund distribution is as under:

	Primary Recipient NAME	PUNJAB	SINDH	KPK	BALUCHISTAN	ICT (NACP/NTP/ DOMC)	AJK, GB, FATA	Total amount in Million US\$
HIV-AIDS	NACP	8.594	6.613	1.377	0.344	0.551		17.479
TB	NTP	36.490	24.110	11.991	4.915	10.796	0.862	89.163
MALARIA	DOMC	1.419	8.000	7.927	7.642	4.951		29.939
TOTAL:		46.503	38.723	21.295	12.901	16.297	0.862	136.581

vii) **Criteria of distribution of funds**

The distribution of money among Principal Recipients (PRs) is based on disease burden and nature of interventions. In case of TB the interventions done by private partners are in community outreach like General Practitioners (GPs) engagement, mobile van for case detection, Mass media campaign etc is resource intensive. The public sector in general is doing passive case finding which is comparatively low cost.

ISLAMABAD:
The 20th May, 2018

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

"UN-STARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES"

for Monday, the 21st May, 2018

11. **Syed Waseem Hussain**
(Deferred during 46th Session)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state:

- a) the location-wise land of the Ministry/Auqaf department in the country at present; and*
- b) whether the said land has been given on lease during the last five years till date; if so, the names of persons alongwith details thereof?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

37. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan**
(Deferred during 52nd Session)

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) the details of the Prime Minister directive issued for the establishment of 46 new hospitals out of which 14 are due to be completed within three years; and*
- b) the progress made on the said 14 hospitals by the Government so far alongwith the locations thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) Government is contemplating enhanced and improved medical facility for all its people throughout Pakistan.

In this regard, for ensuring objective spending of money and equitable health converge, the Ministry is making a sincere effort for early completion of a feasibility study to understand requirement of improved health facilities.

- (b) We are using all possible avenues to make it happen at the earliest.

15. **Ms. Shahnaz Saleem Malik**
(Deferred during 54th Session)

Will the Minister for Water Resources be pleased to state:

- a) the quantity of electricity to be generated and water to be acquired from the construction of Munda Dam; and*
- b) whether the same has been inaugurated; if so, the time by which it will be completed?*

Minister for Water Resources (Syed Javed Ali Shah): (a) Mohmand (Munda) Dam Hydropower Project has an installed capacity of 800 MW and upon completion; 2.862 Billion units (2,862 GWh) of electricity will be produced annually.

The project will have the capacity to store 0.676 MAF (Live storage) of Water and will irrigate 16,737 acre of land on both banks (left side 9,017 & right side 7,720 acres).

In addition to this, the project will provide 13.32 cumec of drinking water to Peshawar. The project will also play an important role in mitigating the floods.

- (b) The expected stone laying of the project is scheduled for May 2018 and expected commencement is planned for November 2018. The expected completion of project is June 2024.

1. MR. SIRAJ MUHAMMAD KHAN

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:

- a) *whether it is a fact that there is no accredited Laboratory of World Health Organization in Pakistan for test and analysis of samples of medicines at present;*
- b) *whether said Laboratory is the requirement for International pharmaceutical trade; and*
- c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish such Laboratory in the country in the public interest?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar): (a) The Drug Testing Laboratories at Federal and Provincial levels are working as per relevant laws in cohesion with the World Health Organization (WHO) parameter/guidelines.

- DRAP under Federal Government has initiated the process of WHO prequalification of Central Drugs Testing Laboratory (CDL), Karachi to strengthen the quality control of drugs used in the country. The two phases of WHO-Quality Management System (QMS) have been completed. After successful completion of 1st & 2nd phases, the 3rd phase of proficiency test results have also been submitted to WHO.
- WHO and United States Pharmacopeia-Promoting the Quality of Medicines (USP-PQM) pre-audit teams are also providing support to Central Drug Laboratory (CDL), Karachi, DRAP through training of officials.

(b) The requirements for international Pharmaceutical trade are country dependent.

- The Central Drug Testing Laboratory has tested/analysed 2499 samples during the year 2017. The achievement of successful levels of WHO-Quality Management System (QMS) indicates the performance of CDL with the international guidelines regarding capacity, proficiency and acceptance of results.

(c) Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan is in process of strengthening of Quality Management System (QMS) and Vigilance sections. Number of initiatives have been taken by DRAP. The CDL Karachi is under massive renovation program and will be completed in due course of time.

2. MR. SIRAJ MUHAMMAD KHAN

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state:

- a) *the total number of employees working on daily wages in the Utility Stores Corporation (USC) at present;*
- b) *the number of years they have served in USC; and*
- c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to regularize the services of said employees?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) At present 3592 daily wages are working in the Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan.

(b) The number of daily wages employees with number of years served in Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan as under:

Ser	No of Daily Wages	Working Years
1	284	Working since 2007
2	350	Working since 2008
3	228	Working since 2009
4	440	Working since 2010
5	1233	Working since 2011
6	144	Working since 2012

7	51	Working since 2013
8	127	Working since 2014
9	121	Working since 2015
10	336	Working since 2016
11	278	Working since 2017
Total	3592	

(c) The case for regularization of Daily Wages has already been referred to USC Board of Directors for consideration.

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The 20th May, 2018

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Secretary.