

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 19th October, 2020

96. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

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

- (a) *the name of cities of the country in which Model Courts are working at present; and*
- (b) *alongwith total number thereof?*

Minister for Law and Justice (Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem):

(a) & (b) The information is not available in the Ministry as setting up of Model Courts is not the initiative of the Federal Government. The Model Courts are administered by the Supreme Court of Pakistan, therefore, the Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Federal Judicial Academy have been requested, to provide the requisite information, vide this Division's letter dated 7th February, 2020, 26th February, 2020, 1st April, 2020, 29th April, 2020, 3rd June, 2020, 10th July, 2020 and 4th September, 2020. Once the information is received the same will be provided to the National Assembly by this Division.

99. ***Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the increase in overall collection of power sector due to addition of electricity in the national grid during last five years; and*

(b) *whether such addition of electricity to national grid is sufficient to overcome load shedding in the country?*

Reply not Received.

30. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that when the installed transformers breaking down or becomes out of order, the local WAPDA authorities demand the local community to pay the amount of expenses incurred on the repair and maintenance of such transformers; and*

(b) *if so, whether it is a policy of Government and if not, what steps are being taken by the Government to stop such malpractice?*

Reply not Received.

31. ***Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

(a) *the increase and decrease situation being observed in the prices of Petroleum products in international market during the last three years;*

(b) *the complete details of relief provided to the public by the Government in the result of above situation in the prices of petroleum products in terms of international leveling?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) The requisite information is attached at Annex-I.

(b) The requisite information is attached at Annex-II.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

32. ***Mr. Raza Rabani Khar:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a ban has been placed on the extension of low-tension line, commonly known as LT line, to provide electricity to new/additional settlements; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that such ban is depriving of the residents of new settlements to get the facility of electricity;*
- (c) *if so, what corrective measures are being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Reply not Received.

33. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether concerned authority and departments have taken notice that a number of Balochistan districts particularly Qalat, Sorab and Mastung are facing extremely low voltage of electricity;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken in this regard;*
- (c) *the detail of amount of funds released during last two years to cope with this issue alongwith detail of amount which have been utilized from the funds; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve voltage in above areas/districts?*

Reply not Received.

34. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the Motorways where Petrol Pumps do not exist and the reason thereof?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): Details regarding provision of fueling facility at various service areas on motorways are as under:

Operational Sites:

Sr. No.	Service Area	Motorway	Remarks
1	Hakla	M-1	Operational under Contracts awarded and managed by NHA.
2	Rashakai	M-1	
3	Sukhekhi	M-2	Operational under BOT concession Agreement being managed by M/s FWO since Dec, 2011.
4	Sial More	M-2	
5	Bhera	M-2	
6	Kallar Kahar	M-2	
7	Chakri	M-2	
8	Magic River	M-2	
9	Tandliyanwala	M-3	Operational under Contracts awarded and managed by NHA
10	Sahianwala	M-4	

Awarded but sites are not yet operational:

Sr. No.	Service Area	Motorway	Remarks
1	Nankana Sahib	M-3	Contracts have been awarded and construction work at sites is in progress.
2	Muridwala	M-3	
3	Quttub Din Shah	M-5	
4	Azampur	M-5	
5	Uch Sharif	M-5	

Award in process and sites are yet to be established:

Sr. No.	Service Area	Motorway	Remarks
1	Rohri	M-5	After completion of bidding, award of Contract to highest bidder is in process.
2	Mansehra	CPEC/HT	After completion of bidding, award of Contract to highest bidder is in process.

Sites available but not yet procured:

Sr.No.	Service Area	Motorway	Remarks
1	Koza Banda	CPEC/HT	
2	Dandewal	M-4	Sites are available and NHA has planned to start the procurement in coming days.
3	Jumani	M-4	
4	Tatapur	M-4	
5	Multan	M-5	
6	Zahirpir	M-5	

In addition, status regarding M-9, Hyderabad-Karachi Motorway and M-II Lahore-Sialkot Motorway are as under:

Since September, 2015, M-9 has been handed over to by M/s SCORE (a subsidiary of FWO) under BOT concession agreement. Although planned Service Areas could not be established on M-9 due to subjudice land mutation issues with Sindh Govt., **however, fueling facilities are available on the motorway through already established filling/ CNG Stations functional at the time when this road was a highway.**

M-11, is also constructed/ operational under BOT/PPP concession agreement through subsidiary of FWO. One Service Area is planned which is yet to be established along with fueling facilities by the concessionaire.

35. ***Mr. Muhammad Riaz:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state the percentage of public in the country to whom all human rights are available in terms of envisaged international principles?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): The Government of Pakistan is a signatory to Universal Declaration of Human Rights which protects all the human rights and also emphasizes the fact that all human beings are entitled to these rights by virtue of their birth and without distinction of any kind. Furthermore, the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973 protects the fundamental rights of all citizens of Pakistan through Articles 8 to 28. Thus every human being is entitled to fundamental rights and freedoms.

Furthermore, Ministry of Human Rights has ratified seven United Nations Human Rights Conventions/ Treaties which protect various civil, political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights. In order to ensure implementation of these conventions, Government of Pakistan has taken various legislative and policy initiatives to benefit all citizens of the country. Some of the key legislative initiatives taken recently are briefly discussed as below:

- Promulgation of “The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Act, 2020” by the Parliament of Pakistan and “ICT Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2020”. Both these Acts are milestones as the former ensures protection of right to life and safety of children and later ensures protection of various rights of persons with disabilities in line with UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by Pakistan.
- Promulgation of Legal Aid and Justice Authority Act, 2020. MoHR prepared this Act in consultation with Ministry of Law and now it is implementing this Act. The Board of Governors to make the Authority functional has been notified.
- Ministry of Human Rights through a Gazette Notification enforced cabinet’s decision to proscribe child domestic labour in ICT. Thus, “Child Domestic Work” has been inserted in part I of Schedule of the Employment of Children Act, 1991.
- Ministry of Human Rights is implementing Transgender Person (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018. A National Committee has been constituted in this regard. Organized TOT at Islamabad for the members of the Committee. Ministry is establishing Protection Centers for Transgender Persons to provide shelter, rehabilitation and other medical and psychological care. Besides, separate ward for transgender in PIMS Hospital have been allocated through intervention made by MoHR.
- In addition to this, MoHR has drafted laws which are under process and will help to protect fundamental rights and freedoms of all citizens of Pakistan. These laws include Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill,

2020, Christian Marriage and Divorce Bill, 2020, ICT Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2020, Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizen Bill, 2020.

36. ***Pir Syed Fazal Ali Shah Jillani:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that new Gas connections are not being provided to domestic consumers of Rural Areas in Islamabad particularly for Bhara Kahu, Simly Dam Road Phulgran during the last three years; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the time by which new domestic connections would be issued to consumers?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) No. it is not a fact that new gas connections are not being provided to rural area of Islamabad. SNGPL has provided 4536 number of new gas connections in Bhara Kahu, 156 connections in Simly Dam Road and 348 connections in Phulgran during the last three years. Phulgran was commissioned only three months ago.

(b) The domestic gas connections are being given on turn / merit basis.

37. ***Raja Pervaiz Ashraf:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that numerous projects of provision of natural Gas, which were initiated during the years of 2008-2013;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that most of them were completed partially and put in halt during recent years in Tehsil Gujar Khan, District Rawalpindi;*
- (c) *if so, the details of such projects alongwith percentage of its completion;*

- (d) *whether it is further a fact that suspension of work on aforesaid projects is increasing alongwith their cost due to which people of the area are badly suffering;*
- (e) *if so, what steps are being taken by the Government to complete aforesaid projects expeditiously?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Yes, it is a fact that a total of six (06) schemes for laying in different localities of NA-58 (Old NA-51) were approved by GoP during F.Y 2008-2013

(b) Domestic gas connections are being given on turn / merit basis.

(c) In line with the available GoP share of Rs. 1245.9 million against these six (06) projects, revised cost of the projects with proportionate share of SNGPL is Rs. 2,835.900 million.

(d) So far, an amount of Rs. 2,817 million (99.37%) has been sanctioned. Supply Mains and Distribution Network, in NA-58 out of which (98%) have been laid.

Projects are completed up to 99.37% in monetary terms.

(e) Projects are completed up to 99.37% in monetary terms.

38. ***Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state the detail with break-up names and locations of the Oil and Gas reservoirs discovered in the country during the last five years alongwith year-wise and province-wise detail indicating also the estimated volume and value of oil and gas discovered in each of the above?

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): A total of 90 discoveries of oil and gas were made during last five years as per details attached as Annexure-I. Year wise and province wise detail is also given below:

Year wise detail is as under:

Year	No. of Discoveries
2015	12
2016	24
2017	17
2018	22
2019	12
2020	03

Province wise detail is as under:

Province	No. of Discoveries
Punjab	10
Sindh	69
KPK	08
Balochistan	03

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

39. ***Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *names and official status of each individual, who was part of entourage of Prime Minister in foreign tours alongwith justification of being part of such tours since August, 2018; and*
- (b) *whether private individuals were made part of such tours; if so, the details of the above alongwith justification thereof?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): (a) Lists of entourage for the Prime Minister's visits to various international destinations since August 2018 are attached. All Ministers and Officials accompanied the Prime Minister for discharge of their respective official duties.

- (b) No private individual was part of the Prime Minister's entourage.

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40. ***Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps taken or being taken by Government to protect citizens of Pakistan residing in Iraq in current warlike or disorder situation between Iran and United States?

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is closely monitoring developments in US-Iran relations and maintains cognizance of rising tensions between the US and some Iraq militias. Pakistan has consistently emphasized the importance of diffusion of tensions, avoidance of any conflict in this already volatile region, and resolution of disputes and differences through diplomacy and dialogue. It may be further noted that Pakistan Mission in Baghdad facilitated evacuation of most of the Pakistanis from Iraq in past months amid Covid-19 restrictions. The remaining Pakistanis are either working or studying in secure environments. If the need arises, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will make necessary and required arrangements through the Embassy, for safety of Pakistanis in Iraq.

41. ***Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of PEPCO to revise its transfer/posting policy as regard to dislocation of officers on promotion; if so, the time by which the same will be implemented;*
- (b) the social and financial impact of dislocation policy;*
- (c) the details of officers transferred from one DISCO to the other locations during last three years on promotion and their dates of retirement;*
- (d) the details of officers transferred from one DISCO to the other stations during last three years other than those transferred/ dislocated on promotion giving justification/reason in each case also stating whether they are receiving dislocation allowance or otherwise and their dates of retirement; and*
- (e) the definition of term “transfer on administrative grounds”?*

Reply not received.

42. ***Ms. Shagufta Jumani:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the price of electricity being paid by a consumer upon consuming 300 units per month at present and the break-up taxes, duties and other charges, which are charged upon such 300 units;*
- (b) *detail subsidy which is provided to consumers, consuming 300 units and criteria by which such subsidy is distributed among them; and*
- (c) *the rate of average bill of electricity of per month of 300 units, as on March, 2013 May, 2018 and also at present?*

Reply not received.

43. ***Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the approval to construct grid station in Kapootu and Qalat was granted worthy Members on the recommendation last year;*
- (b) *whether the funds have also been issued in this respect;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the details thereof and the time by which the work on it will be started and its date of completion?*

Reply not received.

44. ***Mr. James Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) *names of the African countries where Pakistani embassies are being established in near future; and*
- (b) *the time by which these will be established?*

Minister for Foreign Affairs (Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi): (a) In following five African countries Pakistani Embassies are expected to be established in near future;

1. Djibouti
2. Rwanda
3. Ghana
4. Uganda
5. Ivory Coast

(b) The plan is to open three (03) Missions during the current financial year, and two (02) in the next year.

45. ***Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether an “agreement” or Memorandum of Understanding, signed between a group of power producing companies and Government, recently;*
- (b) *if it is an agreement, as referred by the Prime Minister, the details thereof;*
- (c) *if it is a MOU, the stage-wise details of measures, which need to do by both sides to reach an agreement at a later point in time;*
- (d) *how did or will the matter of alleged “excessive profits” that is said to make by such power producing companies by misrepresenting their costs or their fuel consumption or their efficiency levels, address in the aforesaid agreement or MOU; and*
- (e) *up to what extent, such agreement or MOU will be effective to reduce power bills of consumers alongwith its details thereof and the manner in which same will be worked out in terms of above?*

Reply not received.

46. ***Ms. Zille Huma:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to make power sector efficient to avoid loss and implementation of anti theft campaign for transmission lines; and*
- (b) steps being taken by the Government for upgradation of transmission lines of electricity?*

Reply not received.

47. ***Sheikh Fayyaz Ud Din:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the names of agreements signed by Government with Independent Power Producers alongwith the conditions thereof in details?

Reply not received.

48. ***Jam Abdul Karim Bijar:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) how long more, Neelum-Jhelum (NJ) surcharges will be collected or remain enforced alongwith date of collection;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that over and above collection is being made under the head of NJ surcharge from consumers; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) is there any legal statutes, which empowers the Government to make such collection up till now;*
- (d) the estimated over and above collection in recent years; and*
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to refund over and above collection of NJ surcharge; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

@49. ***Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether Ministry has taken notice that people in general, women and children in particular do not have proper awareness of laws, which pertain to them;*
- (b) *if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to create awareness of such laws among the people in general, women and children in particular in national, regional and in their native languages; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to ensure true implementation of such laws with the collaboration of provinces?*

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): (a) Yes, the Ministry of Human Rights has taken notice regarding lack of proper awareness among people in general, women and children in particular. The Ministry of Human Rights has taken various initiatives to create awareness of laws among the masses.

(b) Following initiatives has been taken in this regard:

- The Ministry of Human Rights has launched a PSDP Project with title “Human Rights Awareness Program” to create awareness of Human Rights including laws related to women and children.
- A media campaign by Ministry of Human Rights regarding family laws and women’s inheritance was conducted with support of the Council of Islamic Ideology. Messages on issues of child and forced marriages, women rights, birth registration processes and sexual harassment at workplace have also been telecast on public and private media channels.
- In order to create awareness, Ministry of Human Rights and provincial Women Development Departments celebrate

International Women's Day on 8th March to highlight the socio-economic, legal and political development of women. President, Prime Minister and Chief Ministers reaffirm the Commitment of the Government for development and empowerment of women through participation in various events. Celebration of International Human Rights Day (10 December), Universal Children Day (20 November), Girl Child Day (11 October) and International Day for Persons with Disabilities (3 December) further help in creating awareness.

- Ministry of Human Rights has hosted an innovative digital film festival from 4-25 August, 2020 to address the event gap left by the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown. The festival showcased films and documentaries on human rights concerns in Pakistan focusing on rights of women and children. The aim of the festival was to build a deeper understanding on these rights through the artistic medium of films.
- The Minister for Human Rights has visited various public and private schools in ICT, wherein, she addressed parents, teachers and students on the issue of child abuse and related laws. The Information Education and Communication (IEC) material has also been disseminated.
- The Ministry of Human Rights has conducted campaigns on
 - Prevention of Child Abuse
 - Women Rights to inheritance.
 - Nikah.
 - GBV/ Prevention of Rape
 - Girls' Right to education.
- The Ministry of Human Rights has constituted 15 Child Protection Committees at ICT level comprising of local teachers, doctors, religious and local political leaders, psychologists, house wives, philanthropists, businessmen, youth representatives and social workers, etc. In order to sensitize these Committees on child rights/abuse, orientation session has been conducted and awareness sessions on Child related laws are being conducted in

the various communities of Islamabad while observing strict Covid SOPs.

- A National Plan of Action on Child Abuse has been prepared in consultation with relevant stakeholders. The component of prevention/awareness is an integral part of the Plan. Under the Plan, Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material will be disseminated in native languages.
 - National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) ran short public awareness messages on TV spots on the four crimes namely, acid crime law, child marriages, harassment against women at workplace and rape, which were telecasted by PTV.
 - NCSW is collaborating with UN Women to produce a drama on human trafficking. The television campaign will comprise of 25 episodes highlighting different forms of human trafficking of women and girls (and children).
 - To reach out to a larger public, especially women inside households, NCSW started an awareness campaign on the radio which consists of a series of weekly radio programs to create awareness on the rights, roles, and responsibilities of women in different spheres of their public and private lives. The first series of programs was on psychosocial aspects of COVID-19. The second series of programs was on the most common legal issues women face in their lives including marriage, divorce, inheritance, custody of children and maintenance.
 - NCSW actively makes the use of Social Media platform for women awareness raising activities. The Commission continuously works on creating women centric content which is easy to understand for the larger public and ensures that it reaches the target audience.
- (c) • National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017 has been enacted. Under this Act, a Commission has been established to oversee the overall situation of child rights in the country and examining the legal instruments including treaties/ conventions etc.

- Ministry of Human Rights is implementing Transgender (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018. As part of its implementation, Ministry of Human Rights undertook a sensitization workshop for ICT Police on rights of transgender persons in 2019. Posters were designed to enhance awareness on best treatment by the police when engaging with the transgender community. These posters were disseminated across 200 police stations in ICT.
- The Ministry of Human Rights is planning training workshops of the relevant stakeholder at National and Provincial levels for implementation of human rights laws.
- Under ICT Child Protection Act, a Child Advisory Board has been established to monitor and oversee the implementation of the said Act.
- The Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Act, 2020 has been enacted which provides for protection of missing and abducted children by raising nationwide alert, respond and recover missing and abducted children.
- Treaty Implementation Cells have been set up at federal and provincial level to oversee implementation of various Human Rights conventions including UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and CEDAW.
- The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) is monitoring the implementation of laws that protect women, particularly with reference to the Violence Against Women (VAW). Using a systemic approach NCSW has developed standardized indicators on VAW, and on the basis of these indicators, developed a template and shared it with Gender Crime Cell of the National Police Bureau with the request to provide information on a quarterly basis on the reported cases of VAW from all over Pakistan.
- The Commission has close coordination and collaboration with the provincial departments and Women Commissions through Inter Provincial Ministerial Group (IPMG) which meets three to four times a year and has been doing so for last five years. It facilitates

to assess situation, sharing and mutual support on women laws, policies and issues to ensure true implementation of pro-women laws in the country.

- Ministry of Human Rights concluded an initial training of 60 judges at the Sindh Judicial Academy through the Legal Aid Society. MOU has been signed with the SJA and additional training of all lower judiciary is scheduled this year. The training, titled Human Rights, Gender & Law, covered procedural and substantive elements of law contained within the constitution of Pakistan, the Pakistan Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Laws of Evidence. The training also had a special focus on sensitizing judges on gender related issues. This will be followed by training of lower judiciary in Balochistan.
- The present government has proscribed domestic child labour in part I (occupations) of schedule of Employment of Children Act, 1991. For the awareness and sensitization on the issue the Ministry of Human Rights has developed IEC Material and disseminated to all relevant stakeholders including all Police Stations of Islamabad.
- Ministry of Human Rights has also conducted training of prosecutors to sensitize them about exiting human rights framework in Pakistan.

50. ***Mr. Salahuddin Ayubi:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government for the provision of Gas to Chamman city in detail;*
- (b) *the reasons for not taking steps for the above?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) There is no proposal to supply gas for Chamman City at this time.

(b) The projects are unfeasible in terms of laying of network and its cost and would require Government Funding.

51. ***Mr. Jai Parkash:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the province-wise detail of number of licenses issued by OGRA for the import of LNG; and*
- (b) whether it is a fact that licenses were issued to such firms also who imports LNG and export CNG; if so, the province wise details thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) As per Section 3.1(d) of the LNG Policy, 2011 there is no license is required for import of LNG from OGRA, which is reproduced as under :

(Quote)

3.1 An LNG Developer or LNG Buyer as the case may be, will be allowed to import LNG in accordance with applicable import laws, rules and regulation. While issuing license to an LNG Developer or RLNG Seller, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) will take into account Government policy guidelines and will adopt following criteria to ensure sustainability of LNG chain.

(d) For avoidance of any doubt, it is stated that a license will not be required for import of LNG by LNG Developer and LNG Buyer, as the case may be.

(Un-Quote)

Moreover, import of LNG has been mandated by the GoP to the state-owned companies *i.e.* Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) on behalf of the Government of Pakistan.

(b) No License is required for import of LNG from OGRA as mentioned above, Moreover no CNG is being exported.

52. ***Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, as per statement made by the Prime Minister in a seminar, the country is going to face shortage of natural Gas in this winter and it will be more severe in the winter of next year;*
- (b) if so, the reason thereof; and*
- (c) the planning of the Government to minimize the impact of such shortage in advance to cope up completely with such shortage for the next year?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Yes, it is a fact that the country is going to face shortage of Natural Gas in this winter because of anticipated gap in demand and supply of gas.

(b) During the winter months, gas consumption by the domestic sector increases manifolds on account of use of room and water heaters. On the other hand, indigenous gas sources are continuously depleting and cannot meet the winter demand. SNGPL will face a shortfall of 370 MMCFD in Winter. On SSGC's network gas supplies during the month of September, 2020 is less (993 MMCFD) than the supplies of corresponding period of 2019 (1109 MMCFD) and for Winter they anticipate shortfall of upto 250 MMCFD.

(c) Both the Sui Companies are undertaking all out efforts to ensure smooth gas supply to all categories of consumers on their network especially to high priority domestic consumers, even during winter months.

In SNGPL's network enhanced demand of high priority domestic sector is met through diversion of RLNG to domestic consumers. During the peak winter months, some sectors may face the curtailment.

In order to meet the demand of the domestic and other customers in SSGC's network some sectors *i.e.* CNG, Captive Power of general industry may face gas load curtailments and zero indigenous gas to K-Electric, who will be supplied RLNG only.

53. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there any Sui Gas facility in Village Bhekha Syedan, Sector F-11/4, Islamabad;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that few residents of said area have facility of Sui Gas;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the time by which Sui Gas facility will be provided to the rest of residents; if not, reasons thereof?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) No, there is no sui gas facility in village Bhekha Syedan, Sector F-11/4, Islamabad.

(b) No, it is not a fact that few residents of the said area have facility of sui gas.

(c) This sector has been developed by CDA, gas facility would only be provided subject to the request and provision of funds by the Capital Development Authority, Islamabad.

54. ***Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that acute shortage of petrol was witnessed in the country during few months ago;*
- (b) *if so, whether such shortage was investigated alongwith the details thereof;*
- (c) *the individuals/companies who were held accountable on such shortage alongwith action/fines imposed thereupon alongwith detail of status of implementation of such action/fines in letter and spirit; and*
- (d) *what steps are being taken to save the country of such shortage in future?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a)

Currently, there is no shortage of petrol in the country. However, a shortage of petrol was witnessed during June, 2020 due to the following reasons:

- (i) Sharp volatility in the oil market, resulting in some OMCs not maintaining the mandatory 20 day stock.
- (ii) Hoarding and stock building by various retailers and dealers for profiteering.
- (iii) Panic buying, 28% higher sale of petrol was witnessed during June 1-25, 2020 in comparison to the sale of May, 2020.

(b) In pursuance of the recommendations of the Lahore High Court, the Prime Minister has constituted an Inquiry Commission, which is, at present, probing the shortage crisis of petrol in the country.

(c) On a preliminary basis, OGRA has penalized 9 OMCs for discontinuing supplies/ insufficient supplies to their petrol pumps under the provisions of Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation, Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2016. Names of OMCs are as under:

i.	Shell Pakistan Limited (SPL)	Rs.10 million
ii.	Total Parco Pakistan Limited (TPPL)	Rs.10 million
iii.	Attock Petroleum Limited (APL)	Rs. 5 million
iv.	Gas and Oil Pakistan Limited (GOPL)	Rs. 5 million
v.	Hascol Petroleum Limited (HPL)	Rs. 5 million
vi.	Puma Energy Private Limited (PEPL)	Rs. 5 million
vii.	Askar Oil Services Private Limited (AOSPL)	Rs. 5 million
viii.	Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited (BPPL)	Rs. 5 million
ix.	BE-Energy Limited (BEL)	Rs. 5 million

The final action against the involved companies / individuals will be taken, as recommended by the Inquiry Commission.

(d) Government is making all efforts to maintain the oil supply chain in the country. However, findings of the Inquiry Commission constituted by the Prime Minister are awaited, which will help in taking concrete steps to avoid shortage of petroleum products in future.

55. ***Agha Hassan Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the total percentage of Gas of the country produced by Balochistan;*
- (b) the total percentage of the area of Balochistan where the facility of Gas is available; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the facility of Gas is not available in most of the areas of Balochistan; if not, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) During 2019-20, daily average gas production in the country was 3597 mmcf/d out of which 465 mmcf/d has been operationally utilized in the shape of shrinkage, flare and fuel. The sale gas therefore, recorded as 3132 mmcf/d. Total gas produced in Balochistan during the same period was 780 mmcf/d which accounted for 21.69% of 3597 mmcf/d. Out of 780 mmcf/d Balochistan consumes 418 mmcf/d (*i.e.* 53.58%) on an average.

(b) Out of 32 District in Balochistan 15 Districts are gasified. The gas is supplying to 643 Town & Villages with 283,990 customers.

(c) In addition to above, 5 LPG plants are installed in different towns of the Balochistan supplying pipeline gas to 3446 customers.

56. ***Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) the authority, who issues postal tickets to Pakistan Post, which are used for different purposes in the Post Offices;*
- (b) the value of all nature of tickets which were actually issued, used and expired during the last seven years and amount against such tickets were deposited to the accounts of Governments;*

- (c) *how does Pakistan Post maintain the record of the value and volume of postal tickets, particularly with reference to distribution thereof to each Post Office, utilization and audit thereof on periodic basis;*
- (d) *what irregularities/anomalies found while issuing and utilization of tickets during the last seven years; if so, the value of such irregularities/anomalies alongwith remedial steps to hold responsible accountable;*
- (e) *is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to numeral all nature of tickets, differently with numbers; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) Under the section 16 (1) of the Post Office Act 1898, “the Federal Government shall cause postage stamps to be provided of such kinds and denoting such values as it may think necessary for the purpose of this Act. The Federal Government may make rules as to the supply, sale and use of postage stamps”. Under the Rule 196 of P.O Rules 1961, the Director General Pakistan Post is the authority to issue the stamps. The Commemorative Stamps are issued with approval of the Prime Minister.

(b) Pakistan Post issues stamps from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 30/- for affixing on the Postal Articles. The stamps issued during the last seven year *i.e.* 2013-14 to 2019-2020 alongwith value of Stamps is enclosed as **(Annexure-A)**. No stamps expired during the period.

(c) Under the Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones (PT&T) Initial Account Code Volume-I, the postal stamps are got printed from the National Security Printing Company (NSPC) Karachi on the annual forecast of the Postmaster General of each Postal Circle. The Stamps are supplied by the NSPC to the Central Stamp Store in the office of the Chief Contrail of Stamps Karachi where the record of value and volume of stamps is maintained. The Stamps are distributed / supplied to the Zonal Stamp Stores, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Quetta and Karachi and then to General Post Offices (GPOs) against their monthly indents. The GPOs, further distribute these stamps to the sub post offices. The post offices sell these stamps and the sale proceeds are

deposited as revenue to Government accounts on daily basis. The accounts are maintained by the Director of Accounts PPOD and audited by the D.G. Audit PT&T Lahore.

(d) Entire work of printing and supply of stamp is carried out under well elaborated Rules and no irregularly / anomaly is noticed as the stamps are printed by the NSPC Karachi.

(e) No proposal to put numeral on the stamps is under consideration, because,

- i. the stamps are printed by the NSPC Karachi by inserting the necessary security features, such as engraving, watermarks, perforation & special paper / Gum etc.
- ii. Pakistan Post issues fifteen (15) denominations of stamps ranging from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 30/- so to numeral the stamps would make the process very complicated.
- iii. stamps are printed in small size so it is difficult to accommodate the numerals on the stamps.
- iv. there is no practice to numeral the stamps by any Postal Administration of the world.
- v. There is no requirement to put numerals on the stamps as per Rules of Pakistan Post or the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

57. ***Mr. Riaz Fatyana:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that all restaurants in rest areas on all Motorways throughout Pakistan being provided substandard edible items or other items for passengers;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that conditions of washrooms available on these Motorways are in deplorable condition, no water taps are installed/available therein;*
- (c) *if answers to part (a) and (b) above in affirmative, the time by which needful would be done; if not, the reason thereof?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) No it is not true that all restaurants in Rest Areas on all motorways throughout Pakistan being provided sub-standard edible items or other related Items to commuters;

Matter of fact is that services areas along the motorways are leased to various operators. The operators further rent out the available facilities to vendors providing various services. Most of the food chains are reputable at national and International level, thus ensuring good quality food. Others arrange edible items from sources who provide fresh products on daily basis. Lastly, fresh food is prepared on orders in their Kitchens as per Menu. However, there may be instances where the shelf life of presented food item may a bit overdue and such events cannot be ruled out. It is purely the vendors own fault and is punishable. NHA with their concessioner are devising a mechanism to appoint a team which will ensure hygienic food availability under reasonable price. The team will focus only on Motorway available service areas.

(b) The Issue is only foreseeable on Motorway M-1 from Peshawar to Islamabad, and specially just before prayer times. NHA is already under way to improved and increase the facilities on Motorway M-1 in following 4-5 months.

(c) As above.

58. ***Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the Motorways, on which, Motorway Police have not been deployed at present?

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): The case for creation of 154 posts for Lahore Sialkot Motorway is under process with Finance Division; however Presently Local Punjab Police special Protection Unit is deployed for safety of Commuters.

59. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not issuing meters against those demand notices whereof payments have been made in Sarai Karbuza, Islamabad; and*
- (b) the number of those demand notices whereof payments have been made but the meters still to be installed and the time by which those meters will be installed?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) SNGPL informed that due to Covid-19 pandemic, all the operational activities were suspended till 30th June, 2020. Since start of operational activities 82 connections have been installed on turn / merit basis.

(b) Total 267 cases are pending for gas connections where payment against demand notices has been received. The gas connection will be installed on its turn / merit basis.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th October, 2020

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Monday, the 19th October, 2020**

4. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 13th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Peshawar High Court through its directions in 2011 and a decisions of the Federal Cabinet asked for dissolution of PEPCO; if so, the reasons for non-implementation of the above said decisions for dissolution of PEPCO;*
- (b) the legal status of PEPCO at present;*
- (c) the role and mandate of PEPCO in the energy sector;*
- (d) how far PEPCO has been successful in overseeing management of DISCOs;*
- (e) the specific role of PEPCO in the light of “Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 and amended Act of 2018 when GENCOs, NTDC, CPPA & DISCOs have their independent BoDs;*
- (f) the role of Power Division, PEPCO & BoDs of DISCOs in appointment and transfers of CEOs of DISCOs; and*
- (g) the role of NEPRA as a Regulator in DISCOs?*

Reply not received.

72. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 18th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the details of disciplinary cases not yet finalized during last one year in WAPDA, PEPCO, GENCOs NTDC and DISCOs after lapse of prescribed period as per rules, their impact on the promotion and retirement of such officers and the time by which these cases will be finalized?

Reply not received.

29. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 19th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) number of applicants of the recently advertised vacancies of Bill Distribution and Assistant Lineman in Islamabad Electric Supply Company with qualification required to apply for;*
- (b) details of marks obtained in NTS test of each candidate appeared in tests of aforesaid vacancies; and*
- (c) complete details in all aspects including NTS and SSC marks of shortlisted candidates for interview of aforesaid vacancies with the criteria adopted in shortlisting?*

Reply not received.

4. **Dr. Mahreen Razzaq Bhutto:**
(Deferred during 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) detail of increase made in the electricity bills during the last one year; and*
- (b) the detail of domestic and commercial consumers separately?*

Reply not received.

11. **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Khan:**
(Deferred during 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *how many cases of promotion of employees of Pakistan Post are pending since long;*
- (b) *how many cases of regularization of services and intervening period is pending since long;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the Post Master General (Metropolitan Circle) Karachi vide letter No.MCK/Staff/SA-8/2015 dated Karachi 14-03-2018, 31-07-2019 forwarded a case for decision/ approval for regularization of intervening period of Syed Shakeel Hussain, Clerk Kemari, NPO, Karachi by the competent authority M/o Postal Services, Islamabad which is addressed to the Dy. Director (PA&P) Directorate General Pakistan Post, Islamabad, almost two years lapsed, why the case not yet decided and lying pending with Secretary M/o Postal Services;*
- (d) *if so, the time by which cases will be decided alongwith clearance of dues?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) No promotion case of employees of Pakistan Post is unduly pending upto 30-06-2020.

(b) Total 15 cases for regularization of intervening period were pending with Ministry of Communications. However, recently the Ministry of Communications has clarified that the Director General, PPOD may decide the cases of intervening period. Accordingly, five (05) cases of intervening period have been decided, whereas; remaining will be decided / finalized after observing all codal formalities and record.

It is further added that a case for payment of arrears to daily wages staff whose services have been regularized was referred to Ministry of Communications for taking up with Ministry of Finance on 17-04-2017 for allowing the payment of arrears. However, the Ministry of Communications called for certain information for which the Circles / Regions have been directed. On completion of codal formalities, the case will be finalized area sent to Ministry of Finance through Ministry of Communications for release of funds

so that payment of arrears be made to daily wages staff whose services have been regularized.

Hence, it is clarified that regularization of intervening period and regularization of daily wages services are two separate cases.

(c) The Postmaster General Metropolitan Circle, Karachi sent claim case of Mr. Shakeel amounting to Rs. 238,937/- for the period 11-04-2004 to 07-02-2008. First Meeting of the Committee held on 10-03-2020. The observation on his case communicated to PMG Metropolitan Karachi who after removal of the objection sent the case again on 05-07-2020. Next meeting of Departmental Inquiry Committee will be held on 20-08-2020.

(d) Next meeting will be held on 20-08-2020. After approval by the Committee, sanction order will be issued.

15. **Sheikh Rohale Asghar:**
(Deferred during 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the employees of Power Division and its attached department went abroad at the expense of Government during the last four years; and*
- (b) *the detail of authority sent them abroad and the reasons therefor; and*
- (c) *the amount incurred on each employees?*

Reply not received.

5. **Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur:**
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names of XENs DISCO-wise who have raised objections over their seniorities to seniority list circulated by PEPCO on 09-12-2019 and the time by which these objections will be attended/resolved/finalized;*

- (b) *the names of XENs DISCO-wise who have preferred appeals to Chairman PEPCO against the decisions taken by M.D, PEPCO in disciplinary cases and the time by which final decisions on their appeals will be taken;*
- (c) *the name of XENs DISCO-wise whose cases for L.P.R in DISCOs are under process and the time by which the same will be finalized;*
- (d) *the names of XENs DISCO-wise whose cases for revision in their dates of upgradation are pending in DISCOs and the time by which the same shall be decided; and*
- (e) *the names of XENs DISCO-wise whose cases for deciding intervening periods are pending with PEPCO and the time by which the same shall be decided?*

Reply not received.

39. **Mr. Jai Parkash:**
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the 5 percent quota allocated for the minorities is being implemented in HESCO;*
- (b) *if so, the grade-wise number of the persons employed in the HESCO against the said quota during the last five years?*

Reply not received.

40. **Mr. Mohsin Dawar:**
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the detail of annual progress report of oil refineries in district Karak; and*
- (b) *the details of the contract?*

Reply not received.

41. **Mr. Mohsin Dawar:**
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a report was submitted by FIA regarding irregularities in Karak gas and oil;*
- (b) *if so, the details of action taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) No. This office has not received such report.

(b) No.

44. **Mr. Saad Waseem:**
(Deferred during 23rd Session)

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that customer ID 8700444417 Chak No.89-GB, Post Office 89/G-B, Tehsil Jaranwala, District Faisalabad submitted an application on 22-02-2020 for gas connection;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said department failed to issue the demand notice on priority basis inspite of submission of an application for issuance of demand notice on urgent basis;*
- (c) *if so, the reasons thereof alongwith the steps being taken to provide connection on urgent basis to the above said applicant?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Yes, it is a fact that customer ID 8700444417 chak No.89-GB, Post Office 89/GB, Tehsil Jaranwala, District Faisalabad submitted an application on dated 22-02-2020, for gas connection.

(b) Urgent fee bill of Rs.25,000 has been generated against Customer ID 8700444417 and dispatched on 08-09-2020 to the applicant on their mailing address.

(c) After deposit of Rs.25,000 (urgent fee) by the applicant, survey of the premises will be carried out, if online, Demand Notice will be issued. Gas connection shall be provided after deposit of connection fee.

12. **Syed Agha Rafiullah:**

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to refer to the Un-starred Question No.30 replied on 10-02-2020 and to state complete detail in all aspects of provision of pending late sitting claims for the year 2018-19 to Chowkidars of National Special Education for Hiring Impaired Children, H-9, Islamabad?

Minister for Human Rights (Dr. Shireen M. Mazari): The late sitting claims for Chowkidars of National Special Education Centre for Hearing Impaired Children, Islamabad were sent to AGPR, Islamabad for payment during the last Financial Year 2019-20 but were un-passed on the grounds that employees related expenses (ERE) of the department are in excess to the total budget allocation of the year. However, these are in the process for approval and will be awarded as soon as possible during the current Financial Year 2020-21.

There were 06 chowkidars whose claims for late sitting were not paid in the year 2018-19. Now the claim of 01 chowkidar is paid and claim amounting to Rs. 177,105/-of remaining 05 chowkidars is under process in AGPR, Islamabad for payment.

13. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

(a) *the time by which funds will be allocated for provision of 150 yards 4 core cable to provide electricity connections to the remaining part of Qureshi Gali from Shafique Cotton Store to Raja Khuram Shahzad Home, Mohallah Afzalabad, central Jail Area, Haripur; and*

(b) *the time by which work will be started?*

Reply not received.

14. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the time by which 100 KV transformer approved by PESCO proposal No.6411171 under work order No.11-64464 will be installed in front of Raja Shamrooz Home, Qureshi Gali, Mohallah Afzalabad, Central Jail Area, Haripur; and*
- (b) *the time by which work will be started?*

Reply not received.

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

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *the names, date of first and last posting and place of Sub Engineers, Senior Engineers and Regional Managers in Regional Offices of SNGPL (North);*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that Sub Engineers, Senior Engineers and Regional Managers remained posted for more than three years are showing disobedience/violation of Judgment of Supreme Court in case CP No.23/2012-ANITA TURAB dated 18-12-2012 read with Rule 21 of Rules of Business 1973;*
- (c) *whether the Sub Engineers, Senior Engineers and Regional Managers remained posted for more than three years in Regional Offices of SNGPL (North); and*
- (d) *the reasons for not transferring them in light of Supreme Court Judgment?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that the requisite details are attached as per following:-

Regional Managers and Senior Engineers- **Annex-I**

Sub Engineers- **Annex-II**

(b) We wish to apprise that Rules of Business, 1973 are applicable on Federal Government, its Divisions and Attached Departments. SNGPL is a non-funded Public Limited Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1913 now Companies Act, 2017. The Government of Pakistan is represented through its Directors on the Board. All rules / regulations regarding operations of the Company in every respect are made by its Board of Directors.

Moreover, The hierarchical setup / grading system in SNGPL is different from BPS structure of Government and employees of SNGPL are not Federal Government employees. Therefore, considering the status of the Company the Rules of Business, 1973 are not applicable/ binding on SNGPL. Transfers/ postings in the Company are made on operational requirements as per rules/ procedure approved by the Board of Directors.

(c) As mentioned above.

(d) As mentioned above.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

16. **Syed Mehmood Shah:**

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) several tunnels constructed on GT Road Peshawar on various points from 26 Number Choungi near Tarnol to Sangjani Tool Plaza, Rawalpindi/Islamabad for public to cross the safely from the heavy rush of transport;*
- (b) whether it is a fact that these tunnels are not maintained properly and are fluted with rain water due to which public is facing great inconvenience while walking through these tunnels;*
- (c) if so, what the steps are being taken by the concerned authority against said negligence and when these tunnels would be properly available for public use?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): There are two operational underpasses between 26 Number Chungi and Sangjani. One is at 26 Number Chungi and second is at Sara-e-Kharbooza.

(b)

i. Underpass at Chungi No.26

This underpass is under ground and covered at opening with sheds at entry and exit. This underpass is being cleaned at regular intervals as and when required and lightening arrangements have also been provided by NHA for smooth and safe movement of pedestrians. In addition to above works, damaged Fiber Canopy Sheds installed at entry and exist points have also been repaired to avoid entrapping of rain water and for facilitation of pedestrians.

Status.

Presently this underpass is cleaned and completely Operational with lightening arrangement.

i. Underpass at Sara-e-Kharbooza

This underpass was constructed under National Highway Improvement Programme (NHIP) C-09 with modified design and is opened to sky in the central median. Due to this reason rain water accumulates in the underpass. Further to above there was no proper drainage system provided in initial design.

Status.

Presently this underpass is cleaned and operational for movement of pedestrians. To cater up the discrepancies of design mentioned above, proposal for providing elevated shed along-with drainage system to drain out rain water is in process for approval of competent authority.

(c) These underpasses are cleaned as and when required. However, to cater up the discrepancies of design mentioned above, proposal for providing elevated shed along-with drainage system to drain out rain water is in process for approval of competent authority.

17. Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:

Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) *Sangjani Toll Plaza is located on GT Road Peshawar in the vicinity of Rawalpindi/Islamabad and the residents of the surrounding areas i.e locals are exempted from paying toll, however, the residents of Sector E-16 and E-17, Cabinet Division Employees Cooperative Housing, Islamabad (the Old Sarai Kharbuza) are forced to pay toll; if so, reason for this discrimination;*
- (b) *the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard; and*
- (c) *the time by which the said locality would be declared/notified as exempted from paying toll?*

Minister for Communications (Mr. Murad Saeed): (a) As per policy, only following vehicles are exempted from toll:

i. On National Highways

- a. Armed Forces of Pakistan (bearing broad arrow Number plates)
- b. Ambulances
- c. Fire Brigades
- d. Provincial Police
- e. Vehicles having High Court Flags/Insignia Plates.
- f. National Highways and Motorways Police.

ii. On Motorways Except BoT ie M-2 & M-9.)

- (a) National Highways and Motorways Police.
- (b) There is no such proposal under consideration regarding exemption to residents of E-16, E-17 or any other nearby locality as this is against toll exemption policy.
- (c) The said localities cannot be declared, notified as exempted for being not in line with NHA's Tolling Policy.

18. **Shazia Marri:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that transformer installed in Patoyoun, Tehsil Jam Nawaz Ali, District Sanghar have been overloaded, consequently, residents of the area have been facing problem of low voltage;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in addition to overloaded transformer, the transmission lines/cables and joints thereof have not been made as per laid down standards in the aforesaid locality;*
- (c) if the answer to part (a) and (b) above is in affirmative, is there any proposal under consideration of the Government to rationalize the load of transformer by installing an additional transformer and rectify the technical faults of transmission lines; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

19. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that FESCO had first installed electricity meter at Chak No.338-JB, Nia Lahore, Tehsil Gojra, District Toba Tek Singh against the consumer ID No.13031123697 and later removed; if so, the justification or reasons thereof; and*
- (b) what steps are being taken by the Government to reinstall the meter at an earliest?*

Reply not received.

20. **Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notice under the account Nos.75713385393 dated 17-01-2019, 27459884931 dated 05-03-2020, 78374628200 dated 10-08-2020, 21441897747 dated 05-03-2020, 63273811842 dated 18-08-2020 by residents of Chak No.81-JB Pandoori, Pansra Dijkot Road, Faisalabad and account No.97167138573 dated 25-09-2019 of a resident of Chak No.275-JB, Pansra Jhang Road, Faisalabad authorities concerned have failed to install meters of natural Gas against aforesaid demand notices;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to install meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that service lines have been installed to all applicants and meters shall be installed shortly against Account IDs mentioned below;

ACCOUNT ID

75713385393
27459884931
78374628200
21441897747
63273811842
9716713857

- (a) As mentioned above.
- (b) As mentioned above.

21. Rana Sana Ullah Khan:

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite the lapse of almost three years, the residents of Chak No.82-JB Jaggat Pur, Dijkot Pansra Road,*

Faisalabad and Chak No.81-JB Pandoori, Dijkot Pansra Road, Faisalabad under customer IDs No.7068692948 dated 31-08-2017, 7653271024 dated 10-05-2017, 1392492330 dated 05-09-2017, 4052312452 dated 16-03-2017, 1877250591 dated 18-08-2017 and 7875572779 dated 08-12-2017 the relevant authorities have failed to issue the demand notices against such IDs;

- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to do the needful at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that yes, the applicants applied for Gas connections as under:-

CUSTOMER ID	APPLICATION DATE
7068692948	31-08-2017
7653271024	10-05-2017
1392492330	05-09-2017
4052312452	16-03-2017
1877250591	18-08-2017
7876572778	06-12-2017

Demand Notice against above mentioned Customer IDs cannot be issued presently as the applications does not qualify Turn/Merit. Demand notices are being processed for those applications which have been submitted before 31-01-2017 at Faisalabad Main.

- (b) As mentioned above.
- (c) As mentioned above.

22. **Rana Sana Ullah Khan:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite depositing the amount of demand notice under the account Nos.48960896040 dated 29-07-2020, 13379418950 dated 30-07-2020, 11748799233 dated 29-11-2019, 88042221635 dated 10-08-2020, 64017575065 dated 11-02-2020 by residents of Chak No.82-JB Jaggat Pur, Pansra, Dijkot Road, Faisalabad, the authorities concerned have failed to install meters of natural Gas against aforesaid demand notices;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken to install meters against aforesaid demand notices at an earliest?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that service lines of the following applicants have been installed while Gas Meters shall be installed shortly:-

ACCOUNT ID

4896089604
13379418950
1174879923
88042221635
64017575065

- (b) As mentioned above.
- (c) As mentioned above.

23. Moulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali:

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

- (a) *whether there is any policy under consideration to introduce drone technology in agriculture sector; if so, the time by which this policy will be implemented whether an NOC has been issued by Ministry of Defence in this regard;*

- (b) *the amount earmarked for agriculture drone technology in the current fiscal year; and*
- (c) *the stage at which manufacturing of agriculture drone technology at locally level and the time by which agriculture drone technology would be started alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Fawad Ahmed): (a) A comprehensive draft on drone policy of Pakistan is under process in consultation with all stakeholders which also includes development of its technology especially for agriculture use (**Annex-I**)

(b) National Center for Robotics and Automation (NCRA), a consortia of eleven labs over thirteen universities of Pakistan with its center headquarter at NUST college of E & ME has been established. After approval of drone policy further projects for development of indigenous drone technology would be funded.

(c) As mentioned above, NCRA is developing agriculture drone technology to be exclusively used in agriculture sector (**Annex-II**).

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

24. **Agha Hassan Baloch:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that application for Gas connection of Account ID 6375098843, dated 20-02-2016 Chak No.275/ JB, Pensara, Tehsil and District Faisalabad and customer ID 6957343995, Chak No.82/JB, Jaggat Pure Pensra Dajkote Road Tehsil and District Faisalabad were submitted but despite that no demand notice is issued by the concerned department;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not providing Gas connection to the said consumers so far?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that yes, applicants applied for Gas connections as under:

CUSTOMER ID	APPLICATION DATE
6375098843	20-02-2016
6957343995	31-08-2017

Demand notice against A/c ID 6375098843 cannot be issued to the applicant as No Gas distribution network exist in front of applied premise.

Whereas, Demand Notice against Customer ID 6957343995 cannot be issued presently as the applications does not qualify Turn/Merit. Demand notices are being processed for those applications which have been submitted before 31-01-2017

(b) As mentioned above.

25. **Mr. Nisar Ahmed Cheema:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Customer ID Nos.3748804412 dated 02-02-2017, 6670479961 11-04-2017, 5986033716 15-02-2017, 6150249386 11-04-2017, 1197298038 11-04-2017 resident of Chak No.82/JB, Jaggatpur Dijkot Pansra Road, Faisalabad had applied for Gas connection and despite the application for issuance of demand notice concerned department has been failed to issue the demand notice;*
- (b) *if so, the reasons of above alongwith the steps being taken so far to provide the connection to said customers?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has reported that customers have applied for the gas connections. Applications detail is as under:

CUSTOMER ID	APPLICATION DATE
3748804412	02-02-2017
6670479961	11-04-2017

5986033716	15-02-2017
6150249386	11-04-2017
1197298038	11-04-2017

Demand Notice against above tabulated customer ID could not be issued as these applications are currently not turn/merit. Currently, Demand Notices are issued Faisalabad upto 31.01.2017.

(b) As mentioned above.

26. **Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to refer to the Un-starred Question No.25 replied on 09-03-2020 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that despite submitting the required amount of demand notice against the Consumer Account ID 8144042818, the SNGPL has failed to install the meter of natural Gas at the residence of consumer i.e Chak No.328/JB, Tehsil and District Toba Tek Singh; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *whether senior management of the SNGPL has taken notice of delaying tactics adopted by the concerned wing of the entity which is responsible to install meter of the natural Gas against the aforesaid ID; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) *what steps are being taken by the Government to install the meter against the said ID and hold responsables accountable for such delay?*

Minister for Petroleum Division (Mr. Omar Ayub Khan): (a) Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) has informed that all the applications are being processed as per turn/merit. Currently we are providing Gas connection to those applicants who have submitted applications before December 2016 in Toba Tek Singh. Application bearing No. 8144042818 of Mr Sardar Muhammad S/O Sadiq Ali is 27-04-2017 which is not on merit at present. Gas connection to the applicant shall be provided at his merit.

(b) As stated above, all applications are being processed strictly on merit in the light of quota approved by Board of Directors and Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). The said case will also be processed in accordance with merit policy of SNGPL.

(c) As mentioned above.

27. **Mr. James Iqbal:**

Will the Minister for Science and Technology be pleased to state the detail of locations where ventilators are being prepared in the country?

Minister for Science and Technology (Mr. Fawad Ahmed): Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) under the Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) has played a vital role in facilitating and assisting in manufacturing of the following Ventilators in public entities, private organizations and universities:-

Sr. No.	Ventilator Name	Organization (OEM)	Location	Manufacturing capacity per month
1	Safe Vent	NRTC Under license manufacturing from Turkey	Haripur	300-400
2	Alnno Ventura (HFNO/CPAP)	M/s Alsons Group Karachi	Karachi	200-300
3	Pak Vent-1	PMO (NESCOM)	Islamabad	50-70
4	i-live Vent	PAEC	Islamabad	40-50
5	Alnno Vent	M/s Alsons Group Karachi	Karachi	40-50
6	NED Vent	NED University & M/s Avtronics (The serial production will be started in M/s Avtronics, Karachi)	Karachi	30-40
7	NU Vent	NuTECH (The serial production will be started in NRTC, Haripur)	Islamabad	30-40
8	Cor Vent	POF (The students of PIEAS also associated in this Product)	Wah	30-40
9	N-Saviour Vent	NUST	Islamabad	15-20

In this connection, the design and technical parameters of 9 above mentioned ventilators/ High Flow Rate

Nasal Oxygen (HFNO)/ Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) have so far been vetted and approved by the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC). Out of which, two (2) products Safe Vent & Alno Ventura (HFNO/ CPAP) are registered with DRAP. Remaining 7 are approved for development of industrial grade version, which are under test/ trials at Pakistan Innovation and Testing Center (PITC) under PEC.

Two Pakistan Manufactured Ventilator System (PMVS) are awaiting for decision on Clinical validation protocols by DRAP. Once the clinical validation is completed as per acceptance procedure of DRAP, the registered ventilators will be ready for commercialization/ induction in health care sectors. Brief for the above PMVS is enclosed at Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

28. **Ms. Nasiba Channa:**

Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state the total number of complaints regarding over billing received in the country alongwith the break-up as the names of the province and district from which the most complaints were received alongwith the number of complaints which have redressed?

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th October, 2020.

TAHIR HUSSAIN,
Secretary.