

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”

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

Friday, the 19th February, 2016

99. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**
(Deferred during 21st Session)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to control the adulteration in fresh/unpacked milk and unhygienic injections being injected to Cows and Buffaloes to increase production of milk therefrom in Islamabad?

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

50. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that for medical check up, the Doctors of private hospitals/clinics in Islamabad charge more than Rs.1000 as fee at present; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Doctors mostly do not sit in Government Hospitals resultantly people are compelled to visit said clinics/hospitals; if so, the steps taken by the Government to bound such Doctors to serve full time in the Government Hospitals?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The fee charged from the patient for the treatment or consultation shall be as decided by the medical or dental practitioner. The treatment or consultation shall commence if that is acceptable to the patient, medical or dental practitioner and the hospital or clinic.

(b) Hospitals in ICT are under the administration of CAAD but view from Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), FGPC and National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM), Islamabad have been sought through M/o CAAD. They informed that all the doctors are present in hospitals during duty hours in all working days. These are territory care hospitals with two shifts OPD and 24 hours emergency services. All specialists and head of Departments perform their duty alongwith staff in the hospitals as per prescribed time of government.

144. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 17th September, 1998 for establishment of the Export Processing Zone in Sukkur; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that said Zone has not been established so far; if so, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Yes. EPZA has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 17th September, 1998 for establishment of Sukkur Export Processing Zone.

(b) The 100 acres of land in the Sukkur Industrial Estate was earmarked for Export Processing Zone. Sindh Industrial Trading Estate (SITE) is under obligation to carry out the development work but it could not start the work due to non-availability of funds.

21. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to control sale of haram/unhygienic meat in Islamabad?

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

28. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the present Government to stop food adulteration in Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that a number of persons have been arrested in such cases during the last three years; if so, the details thereof?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

163. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of persons are illegally occupying Government accommodations in Islamabad; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *the action taken by the Ministry since 1-6-2013 against the responsables therefor?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) & (b)

- (a) List attached at **Annex-A.**
- (b) List attached at **Annex-B.**
- (c) At Islamabad first of all they were served legal notices to vacate the houses. Most of the houses have been got vacated by enforcement branch of Estate Office. Some trespassers have got stay orders from different courts which are being pursued by litigation branch of this office to get vacated stay orders.

At Karachi the field office of Estate Office Karachi comprises one Inspector and one Sub Inspector for 7882 housing units in various

Federal Government colonies. Therefore, on receiving complaints against trespassing/subletting/misuse of Government accommodations, that office takes action under the provisions of Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002 and Central Government Land and Buildings (Recovery of Possession Ordinance), 1965. More than 3000 accommodations are in occupation of retired Federal Government employees or their families who are retaining the same beyond eligible period on the pretext of Government Policy to rehabilitate them. The matter has been taken up by the Standing, Committees of National Assembly and Senate on Housing and Works.

The Standing Committees of National Assembly on Housing and Works adopted and approved the following recommendations of its sub-committee in a meeting held on 6-1-2015.

- i. A fresh survey of Federal Colonies may be conducted to identify the retired/unauthorized occupants of the Government accommodations. For this purpose, it has been recommended that a meeting of all stakeholders including public representatives of areas be convened to discuss various aspects/proposals to settle the modalities prior to initiating the survey.
- ii. National Housing Authority may be given task to formulate a policy and to make viable proposals in respect of constructing new flats to rehabilitate the existing Government officials.
- iii. The sub-committee recommended that local authorities including Police, Home Department and Commissioner, Karachi may be requested to extend all possible cooperation to Survey Teams during operation. The representatives of the said departments, present in the meeting assured their cooperation when required. Subsequently, the matter was discussed in the Standing Committee of Senate on Housing and Works in its meeting held on 17/18 February, 2015 and following recommendations were made:
 - i. After consultation with National Assembly Secretariat a joint meeting of the Committees on Housing and Works

of both the houses may be convened at Islamabad to make the final recommendations for the retrieval of 3350 government accommodations from the illegal occupants/retired federal government employees at Karachi.

Hence, the joint meeting of Standing Committees of both houses of the parliament is expected in near future to discuss the issue and Ministry of Housing and Works/Estate Office will proceed according to the decision taken by the both committees.

- (d) At Islamabad 172 government accommodations have been got vacated from illegal occupants by the enforcement branch of Estate Office under the Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002. Detail is at **Annex-C**.

At Islamabad 268 accommodations of various categories. Detail is at **Annex-D**.

- (e) Estate Office is dealing with allotment/cancellation of government accommodation which are on their pool under the prescribed rules of AAR-2002. As far as encroachment is concerned, that Office has not received any complaint by allottees. Moreover, whenever such kind of incident will be reported/brought in the notice of Estate Office, then the case will be forwarded to Capital Development Authority and Pak PWD being the custodian of the houses.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

309. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish regulatory mechanism in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) in order to control and regulate the food industry/business; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the name of departments in ICT which are controlling and regulating the said business at present?*

Transferred to the Interior Division for answer on next rota day.

@47. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

(Deferred during 28th Session)

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to impose ban on private practice of the Government Doctors in Islamabad; and*
- (b) whether any step taken by the Government to stop the said practice; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination: (a) No, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to impose ban on private practice of the Government Doctors in Islamabad.

(b) As above.

121. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the total land on which the Patan Dam is being constructed at present; and*
- (b) the land acquired for the said Dam so far?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The Patan Hydropower Project will be constructed on 1,943 acres of land.

(b) At present, project is at study stage and no land is acquired so far.

122. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Akhori Dam is being constructed; if so, the location thereof; and*
- (b) the date on which the construction work of said Dam was started?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Akhori Dam Project is not in construction phase. Feasibility Study of the project was completed in 2006. Work on detailed design and preparation of PC-I for land acquisition will be started on achieving consensus among the provinces through the CCI.

Location of Akhori Dam site is near Akhori Village across Nandna Kas, a small tributary of Haro River in Attock District of Punjab.

(b) Construction schedule of the project will be firmed up after the Detailed Engineering Design and Tender Documents are completed.

123. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the construction work of the Neelum Jhelum Hydro Power Project is being delayed; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Originally, the completion date of Neelum-Jhelum Hydro Power Project (NJHPP) was October, 2015. As per revised schedule incorporated in 2nd revised PC-I approved by ECNEC in July 2013, the completion date was revised to November, 2016 due to the following reasons:—

- Land acquisition for the project was to be made by the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, which was delayed.
- Lack of un-interrupted and quality power supply hindered the physical progress of works of all three project-sites.
- In 2008, Consultants were engaged to review entire project design. After reviewing the design, Consultants recommended numerous changes in design on the basis of new seismic parameters dictated by the devastating earthquake-2005 and other technical issues, which were as follows;
 - New design of Dam (instead of concrete gravity dam, a composite concrete and rock filled dam).

- Shifting of dam location.
- Provision of stilling basin in the dam for energy dissipation
- Increase in diameter of the whole 48 Km Head Race Tunnels (HRT).
- Concrete lining of other than TBM portion of the HRT instead of shotcrete lining.
- Shallow crossing of HRT beneath the Jhelum River.
- Shifting of Power House location.
- Other miscellaneous technical changes.

As a result of these changes, the scope of work as well as cost of the project has significantly been increased. Due to increase in scope of work, cost and other reasons, it was not possible for the Contractor to complete the work within the scheduled period *i.e.* up to October, 2015. Therefore, the completion date of the Project has been extended up to November 2016.

Furthermore, NJHPP's HRT, which is being excavated by Tunnel Boring Machines, faced severe rock bursts and HRT under Jhelum River faced very high water ingress. These two technical challenges resulted in slow progress of excavation in the aforesaid portions of the HRT. The expected completion date of the NJHPP as per latest 3rd revised PC-I is July, 2017.

124. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the year-wise investment made by the Government in the power projects since 1-1-2008 alongwith details thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif):

WAPDA

The year-wise investment made by the Government in the power projects since 01-01-2008 is as under:—

(Rs. In Million)

Year	Cash Development Loan (CDL)	Foreign Loan	Total
2007-08	31.240	-	31.240
2008-09	-	-	-
2009-10	1,097.500	2,433.608	3,531.108
2010-11	3,700.000	3,402.048	7,102.048
2011-12	11,700.000	2,967.487	14,667.487
2012-13	3,785.000	786.059	4,571.049
2013-14	27,500.000	7,784.568	35,284.568
2014-15	15,000.000	19,163.653	34,163.653
Total	62,813.740	36,537.423	99,351.163

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Year wise Expenditur/Investment of 747 MW CCPP GUDDU

Financial Year	Investment for 747 MW CCPP, Guddu		Investment of USAID for repair/Rehabilitation through FARA
	Pak Rs.	FEC	US\$
2009-10	453,624,828	-	-
2010-11	975,848,773	6,986,772,494	-
2011-12	2,658,361,147	4,443,425,238	-
2012-13	3,486,046,311	30,844,356,763	15,512,790
2013-14	5,599,455,266	8,132,820,641	1,826,000
2014-15	6,098,793,062	2,363,169,646	1,571,940
2015-16	698,957,249	8,012,201,693	-
Total	19,971,086,636	60,782,746,475	18,910,730

125. ***Mrs. Shahida Rehmani:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the total outstanding amount of dues of the Ministry are still pending against the departments of the Government at present alongwith the details thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The information regarding the outstanding amounts of all Federal Government Autonomous Bodies and Provincial Autonomous Bodies of all power distribution companies as on December 2015 is placed at Annexure-A.

Annexure-A

GOVERNMENT RECEIVABLE AS ON 12/2015

COMPANY	TOTAL AMOUNT
LESCO	4,793,468,717
GEPCO	6,841,226,884
FESCO	-108,615,075
IESCO	43,026,573,487
MEPCO	1,274,469,190
PESCO	13,934,417,464
HESCO	36,054,871,355
SEPCO	40,789,934,668
QESCO	4,974,882,700
TESCO	1,199,452,014
TOTAL	152,780,681,408

126. ***Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state whether there is any plan/proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce agricultural reforms in the country; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): No

127. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the load shedding of electricity in the country cannot be controlled fully till 2018; if so, the reasons thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The load shedding will be decreased gradually and by 2018 it will be controlled.

128. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the control of the Gwadar Port is being handed over to the China Overseas Ports Holding Company Limited; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the control of said Port will remain in the hands of said company after the operational mode of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor?*

Minister for Ports and Shipping (Mr. Kamran Michael): (a) It is submitted that the Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) has transferred the Concession Rights to M/s China overseas Ports Holding Company Limited (COPHCL) for operation of the port. The details therefore are at Annex-I.

(b) The Concession Agreement was signed between Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) and the Concession holder on 06-02-2007 for a period of forty (40) years.

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF PORTS & SHIPPING**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STARRED QUESTION NO.128, MOVED
BY MS.MUSARAT RAFIQUE MEHESAR, MNA**

Since May 2013, M/s China Overseas Ports Holding Company Ltd (COPHCL) has purchased the Concession rights from the previous operator of Gwadar Port *i.e.* Port of Singapore Authority International. Port is operated on the basis of “Landlord” concept through a Concession Agreement Main points of the Concession are:

- (a) The entire projects, costing Government of Pakistan US\$ 288 million, handed over to the Concession Holder for a period of 40 years, for the above purpose. This includes all the port mobile and immobile, afloat and ashore assets, and superstructures, Infrastructures and systems.
- (b) 923 hectares of land to the Free Zone Company, on 40- yrs lease.
- (c) Complete freedom of operation and remittances to the Concession Holder.
- (d) Following tax exemptions to the Concession Holder and the port operating companies.
 - (i) tax holiday for the Concession-holder and the Operating Companies from corporate income taxes for a period of twenty years.
 - (ii) Exemptions of the Lenders from income tax on interest Income and stamp duties in respect of the financing Agreements.
 - (iii) Exemption of the Operating Companies from Sales Tax.
 - (iv) Exemption of the Operating Companies from all the provincial and local taxes, duties, charges anti levies etc for twenty (20) years.

- (v) Exemption of duties on ship bunker oils for Gwadar and the grant of bunkering licenses.
- (vi) Exemptions on import duties and sales tax on materials and equipment for construction/expansion and operations of the project for the term of the Agreement.

Under the Concession Agreement, the main responsibilities of the Concession Holder are:

- * All facets of port operations and management: stevedoring, Shore-handling, warehousing, bunkering, ship- handling and related services (pilotage, tugging, berthing)
- * Port maintenance
- * Cargo handling & management.
- * Safety and emergency response.
- * Terminal Security.
- * Commitment to invest US\$ 525 million in port expansion over next 5 years, subject to commercial viability.
- * Commitment to expand port further eastward to 4.2 Km in next 15 years, subject to commercial viability.
- * Commitment to construct container terminals to the west and north, subject to commercial viability.
- * Marking
- * Transfer to GPA any Port infra/superstructure raised by PSA during Concession period on completion of Concession period.

129. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the steps taken/being taken by the Ministry to control the shortage of houses for the employees of the Federal Government?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): To control the shortage of houses for the employees of the Federal Government, a Summary has been sent for approval of the Prime Minister for construction of new government accommodation (**Annex-A**).

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

130. ***Ms. Shamas Un Nisa:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage to generate energy from biogas in the country; and*
- (b) whether the funds are being provided by the Government therefor?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) AEDB is encouraging the use of biogas for energy generation. The use of biogas at small scale level in the rural areas is being promoted with the assistance of private and public stakeholders and through the support of donor agencies. In collaboration with Private Sector and through donor funding, 5360 Biogas Plants have been installed under Pakistan Domestic Biogas Program's 1st phase implemented in 12 Districts of central Punjab *i.e.* Faisalabad, Jhang, Sargodha, Toba Tek Singh, Khushab, Chiniot, Nankana Sahib, Shaikhupura, Gujranwal, Sahiwal, Okara and Pakpattan.

- (b) No funds are being provided by the Government in this regard.

131. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the fuel cost of the Nandipur Power Plant (NPP) is most expensive as compare to the Power Plants of public and private sectors in the country;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Power Purchasing Agency procures electricity from the NPP against the merit order;*

- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether the Government has taken notice thereupon; if so, the details alongwith the financial impacts on consumers; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the steps being taken by the Ministry to settle the issue and expensive production of said Plant once and for all?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It is not a fact that the fuel cost of the Nandipur Power Plant (NPP) is most expensive as compared to the Power Plants of Public and Private Sectors in the Country. The factual position is that it is being run on FRO fuel and its position in 7th out of 86 Power Plants in merit order.

(b) National Power Control Centre, being the system operator, on the behalf of Central Power Purchasing Agency, procures electricity from all the Power Plants as per merit order. NPP, being one of the cheapest power plant, it is also run according to its position in merit order.

(c) As replies of part (a) and (b) are not affirmative, so the reply of parts(c) may please be considered as NIL.

(d) As the reply of part (a) and (b) is not affirmative, so the reply of parts (d) may please be considered as NIL.

However gas conversion of the plant has been initiated to make it more economical in terms of fuel cost.

132. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the costs and benefits were gained prior to re-execution of the Nandipur Power Plant with reference to being most expensive Power Plant in the country; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to make the said plant financially feasible?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Work on Nandipur Power Plant commenced in October 2008 with scheduled commissioning date of April 2011. However, owing to certain financial reasons, the project got delayed and remained suspended for almost three years. Due to prolonged suspension the EPC contractor served the Termination Notice and submitted invoice for the payment of Termination cost amounting to USD 161 million. Termination of the contract would have meant huge financial loss to the National exchequer without obtaining any single unit of electricity.

The work was, however, resumed with M/s DECL (the EPC Contractor) after agreeing additional cost of USD 67 million, against USD 161.35 million Termination cost. So by re-execution of work with DECL, national exchequer was saved from huge financial burden.

(b) Nandipur Power Plant (NPP) has a combined cycle efficiency of 45% on oil. As such it is one of the economical plants compared to the other Power Plants in the public and private sectors in the country. The plant is being run on RFO fuel and its position is 7th out of 86 Power Plants in the merit order.

Further, gas conversion of the plant has been initiated to make it more economical in terms of fuel cost.

133. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the Power Projects will be completed by 31st December, 2017?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The list of power generation projects those will be completed by 31st December, 2017 is enclosed at Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

134. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the average daily shortfall of electricity in the country during the December, 2015?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The average dally shortfall of electricity in the country during the December, 2015 is attached at Annex-I.

NATIONAL GENERATION & DEMAND SCENARIO

December-2015

Date	AVERAGE								PEAK							
	Hydel	Thermal	IPPs	Total	KESC EXPORT	Demand	Shortfall	* Shortfall	Hydel	Thermal	IPPs	Total	Demand	Shortfall	* Shortfall	
	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	
1-Dec	3,583	922	4,750	9,256	613	12,490	3,235	1,930	4,436	897	4,963	10,295	14,017	3,722	2,493	
2-Dec	3,365	930	4,913	9,208	619	12,573	3,365	2,149	4,456	934	4,985	10,375	14,209	3,834	2,633	
3-Dec	3,278	925	4,946	9,149	606	12,445	3,296	2,132	4,288	883	5,379	10,550	14,253	3,703	2,500	
4-Dec	3,068	987	4,999	9,054	612	12,441	3,387	2,207	4,038	1,004	4,775	9,817	13,598	3,781	2,575	
5-Dec	3,178	868	5,134	9,180	599	12,243	3,063	1,905	4,193	899	5,255	10,347	13,813	3,466	2,264	
6-Dec	2,931	897	5,235	9,063	563	12,321	3,259	2,093	4,035	899	5,183	10,117	14,044	3,927	2,736	
7-Dec	3,229	998	5,087	9,314	606	12,637	3,323	2,155	4,231	962	5,230	10,423	14,287	3,864	2,642	
8-Dec	2,928	994	5,064	8,987	587	12,541	3,554	2,383	4,135	955	5,234	10,324	13,764	3,440	2,253	
9-Dec	2,772	974	5,285	9,031	602	12,310	3,279	1,980	3,425	985	6,051	10,461	14,091	3,630	2,352	
10-Dec	2,908	809	5,396	9,113	607	12,353	3,240	1,682	3,921	657	5,555	10,133	13,980	3,847	2,539	
11-Dec	2,800	779	5,216	8,795	595	12,139	3,344	1,828	4,308	771	5,180	10,260	13,971	3,711	2,596	
12-Dec	2,857	703	5,503	9,064	592	12,588	3,524	2,144	3,702	610	5,828	10,140	14,380	4,240	3,154	
13-Dec	2,567	691	5,710	8,968	537	12,525	3,557	2,267	3,924	643	5,688	10,255	14,355	4,100	2,896	
14-Dec	2,969	714	5,649	9,332	549	12,846	3,514	1,972	4,226	723	6,116	11,065	15,033	3,968	2,819	
15-Dec	2,574	802	5,491	8,867	568	12,584	3,717	2,517	3,213	763	5,982	9,958	14,312	4,354	3,237	
16-Dec	2,310	862	6,290	9,462	574	13,019	3,557	2,368	3,319	977	6,884	11,180	14,970	3,790	2,711	
17-Dec	2,525	1,150	5,952	9,627	572	12,891	3,264	2,027	4,201	997	6,083	11,280	15,143	3,863	2,701	
18-Dec	2,968	895	5,546	9,408	565	12,777	3,369	1,749	4,117	878	5,749	10,744	14,514	3,770	2,732	
19-Dec	2,686	871	5,884	9,441	587	12,800	3,360	2,177	3,697	856	6,353	10,906	14,626	3,720	2,639	
20-Dec	2,694	883	5,868	9,446	566	13,060	3,614	2,416	4,049	861	6,307	11,217	15,200	3,983	2,780	
21-Dec	2,755	897	5,955	9,607	554	13,272	3,666	2,460	4,143	942	6,308	11,393	15,548	4,155	3,030	
22-Dec	2,677	835	6,128	9,640	580	13,441	3,801	2,591	4,524	828	6,323	11,674	15,859	4,185	3,053	
23-Dec	1,849	1,057	6,998	9,904	560	13,482	3,578	2,392	2,610	1,232	7,706	11,547	15,442	3,895	2,849	
24-Dec	1,452	1,471	6,305	9,228	520	12,256	3,028	1,862	2,445	1,374	7,216	11,035	14,164	3,129	2,084	
25-Dec	1,057	1,835	6,178	9,070	544	12,194	3,124	1,428	2,148	1,833	6,317	10,298	13,776	3,478	2,261	
26-Dec	1,003	2,061	6,461	9,525	547	12,819	3,294	1,588	1,494	2,062	7,214	10,770	14,305	3,535	2,516	
27-Dec	977	2,166	6,220	9,362	592	12,583	3,220	1,503	1,613	2,227	6,477	10,317	14,253	3,936	2,831	
28-Dec	1,031	2,250	6,238	9,518	596	12,813	3,295	1,726	1,804	2,182	6,714	10,700	14,458	3,758	2,561	
29-Dec	639	2,191	6,754	9,583	591	12,829	3,245	1,456	1,225	2,169	7,471	10,865	14,337	3,472	2,210	
30-Dec	707	2,267	6,628	9,601	598	12,734	3,133	1,320	1,161	2,293	7,421	10,875	14,160	3,285	2,052	
31-Dec	604	2,326	6,656	9,586	609	12,802	3,216	1,507	1,170	2,174	7,196	10,540	14,202	3,662	2,400	
AVG	2,353	1,194	5,756	9,303	581	12,671	3,368	1,997	3,363	1,176	6,101	10,641	14,421	3,781	2,616	
MAX	3,583	2,326	6,998	9,904	619	13,482	3,801	2,591	4,524	2,293	7,706	11,674	15,859	4,354	3,237	
MIN	604	691	4,750	8,795	520	12,139	3,028	1,320	1,161	610	4,775	9,817	13,598	3,129	2,052	

*Shortfall excluding DISCO's & NTDC constraints.

135. ***Mr. Sufyan Yousuf:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the high level of lead and arsenic found in the Indus River bodies;*
- (b) *whether it is also fact that water of said River is being contaminated with the said chemicals;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?*

Tranferred to Climate Change Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

136. ***Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the name of company from whom transformers are being repaired by the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO); and*
- (b) *the payment being made by the HESCO to said company for repairing of each transformers?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The transformers are being repaired by the HESCO through following companies:—

- i. M/s Ajmeer Electric Engineering Works (Pvt) Ltd. Kotri.
- ii. M/s Al-Madina Electric Engineering Works, Hala Naka, Hyderabad.
- iii. M/s Transwave K.L.P. Road, Sadiqabad.
- iv. Pakistan Wapda Foundation T.R. (D) Workshop, Sukkur.

(b) The Payment is being made by HESCO to firms as per following unit rates:—

Sr. No	Capacity of Transformer	Unit Rate
1	25 KVA	Rs. 68,200/-
2	50 KVA	Rs. 98,500/-
3	100 KVA	Rs. 1,38,500/-
4	200 KVA	Rs. 2,22,900/-

137. ***Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that tens of millions of rupees are being earned by the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company from consumers of electricity under the head of overbillings; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said practice?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) No, it is not a fact that tens of millions of rupees are being earned by HESCO from consumers of electricity under the head of over billing. The utmost care is taken to issue the bills to the consumers on the basis of actual consumption recorded by the energy meters. However, if any complaint is received from consumers as regard to over/wrong billing, the same is properly handled and if the complaint is found proved, the bills are rectified accordingly.

(b) The following steps are being taken by HESCO to control over billing cases.

- (a) Prescribed checks of officials/officers in commercial Procedure.
- (b) Mobile Meter Reading has been started in 52-Sub-Divisions out of 67-Sub-Division and remaining Sub-Divisions will be covered upto March 2016 on Mobile Meter Reading.
- (c) Automatic Meter Reading has been started in Operation Sub-Division HESCO Qasimabad through which reading of meter is directly transferred to the HESCO MIS for billing without interference of Meter Reader. AMR also planned for industrial & Agriculture consumers.

138. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**

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

- (a) *the province-wise persons affected by Swine Virus during the last five years till date; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to control the said virus?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

(a) In June 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the new strain of swine-origin H1N1 as a pandemic because the virus contained genetic material from pigs and it was often called 'swine flu' by the public media. On August 10, 2010, the WHO declared the H1N1 influenza pandemic over, saying worldwide flu activity had returned to typical seasonal patterns. Since then this virus has been in circulation in the human population and is termed as Influenza A/H1N1 pdm09 in order to differentiate the virus from the old seasonal A (H1N1) viruses circulating in humans before the pandemic. Since then this the Influenza A/H1N1 pdm09 virus is considered a Seasonal influenza virus and continues to circulate in different parts of the world, causing variable levels of disease and outbreaks.

- * The Province wise summary of the persons affected by Influenza A Virus during last five years till date is given in the table below:

**Province wise persons affected by Influenza A (H1N1)
during last five Years till date**

Province/ Area	Year/ Area wise Cases						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Islamabad	360	16	26	48	75	74	599
Punjab	97	5	0	19	23	147	291
KPK	71	0	0	0	5	22	98
Sindh	78	0	1	0	1	2	82
Balochistan	05	0	7	0	4	0	16
GB	0	0	0	13	2	4	19

Province/ Area	Year/ Area wise Cases						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
AJK	0	0	01	0	5	0	6
FATA	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Total	611	21	35	80	115	252	1114

(b) The steps taken by the M/O NHSRC for the prevention and control of Influenza-A virus:

- * Provision of free of cost diagnostic facilities at NIH which is also the designated National Influenza Centre (NIC) since 1980s.
- * Setting up lab based Influenza Surveillance network in Pakistan with 7 sentinel sites functional for surveillance and/or molecular diagnostic facilities.
- * NIH continues to provide technical and logistic support to these sites since their establishment.
- * Multiple advisories and alerts issued.
- * Health professionals and authorities throughout the country are regularly sensitized through Seasonal Awareness and Alert Letters (SAAL) being issued by this Institute thrice a year since 2004.
- * Advisories on the subject matter have been issued to all stakeholders.
- * Updated guidelines have been shared with all stockholders.
- * Sensitization of health care personnel through seminars, physician trainings, Rapid Response Trainings, and laboratory diagnosis of seasonal influenza.
- * Contingency plan for communicable diseases with NHEPRN is being finalized.

- The Ministry is closely monitoring the current situation and is in continuous liaison with the provincial/ area health departments and coordinating to deal with untoward situation.
- The Field Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance Division and the Public Health Laboratories Division remains available on phone and through e-mail for any technical assistance in this context.

139. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether the Prime Minister's National Health Programme covers dental basic facilities; if not, the steps being taken by the Government to give quality dental treatment at cheaper rates?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

- Prime Minister's National Health Program (PMNHP) does not covers routine dental treatment for its beneficiaries. The procedures like Cavity Filling, Extraction, Installation& management of Braces, Root Canal, Scaling, Implants, Polishing, Extraction etc are not covered in the program. The only incidence when maxilla-facial surgery / dental treatment is done in Prime Minister's National Health Program is when a patient has received jaw injuries during a road traffic or other accidents or when such procedure is mandatory to save the life of the patient. Micro Health Insurance Programmes worldwide do not cover dental treatments in routine.
- The provision of dental services is provided in most of the public sector health care facilities in Pakistan. The services are available from Rural Healthcare Centers (RHC) to tertiary Care Hospitals in metropolitan cities. These services are being provided to masses on nominal cost in public sector hospitals.

140. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total funds given to the Khyber Paktunkhwa under the head of ELR alongwith the district-wise utilization thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Peshawar Electric Supply Company to improve the electricity system by replacing old wires, wooden poles and transformers?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Budget allocated to PESCO under ELR Head during, the financial year 2014-15 & 2015-16 is 800.00 Million & 500.00 Million respectively. District wise utilization of budget for HT/LT work orders during financial year 2014-15 & 2015-16 (upto 11-02-2016) is attached (Annexure-A&B)

(b) Re-conducting of HT/& LT line transformers added & augmented in respect of PESCO during financial year 2015-16 (up to 11-2-2016 are attached (Annexure C&D)

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

141. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) the location-wise total number of Drugs Testing Laboratories in the country at present alongwith the details thereof;*
- (b) the location-wise drugs surveillance laboratories in the country at present alongwith the details and present status thereof; and*
- (c) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organization has declared Pakistani manufactured medicines sub standard; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The location-wise total number of Drugs Testing Laboratories in the country is summarized as under:—

- There are 12 (Twelve) Drugs Testing Laboratories in the country, four are governed by Federal Government and 08 Labs are working under the Provincial Government's. The details are as under:—
- Laboratories under Federal Government:—
 - i. Central Drug Testing Laboratory, Karachi.
 - ii. National Biological Control Laboratory, Islamabad.
 - iii. Federal Drug Testing Laboratory, Islamabad.
 - iv. Appellate Laboratory, NIH, Islamabad.

• Laboratories under Provincial Government's:—

Five (05) Laboratories are in province of Punjab and one in each of provinces KPK, Sindh and Baluchistan:- The details are as under:—

- i. Drug Testing Laboratory, Quetta.
- ii. Drug Testing Laboratory, Bhawalpur.
- iii. Drug Testing Laboratory, Lahore.
- iv. Drug Testing Laboratory, Faisalabad.
- v. Drug Testing Laboratory, Rawalpindi.
- vi. Drug Testing Laboratory, Multan.
- vii. Drug Testing Laboratory, Karachi.
- viii. Drug Testing Laboratory, Peshawar.

(b) 01 Drug Surveillance Laboratory located in National Institute of Health, Chak Shahzad Islamabad. This laboratory is under the administrative control of Federal government.

It is newly established through PSDP funding not yet operational P'C-IV was submitted dated December 2014 and is under process to make it operational at the earliest.

(c) No, there is no WHO specific report regarding the substandard medicines manufactured in Pakistan.

142. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the percentage of increase made in the construction cost of the Neelum-Jhelum Hydro Power Project so far alongwith the reasons thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The construction cost of Neelum-Jhelum Hydro Power Project (NJHPP) has been increased by 378% *i.e.* from Rs.84.502 billion (February, 2002) to 404.321 billion (December, 2015) due to following reasons:—

In 2008, Consultants were engaged for NJHPP, who as a part of their agreement reviewed the whole design of the Project. After reviewing the design, Consultants recommended numerous changes in design on the basis of new seismic parameters dictated by devastating Earthquake-2005 and due to various other technical issues, which are as under:—

- New design of Dam (instead of concrete gravity dam, a composite concrete and rock filled dam).
- Shifting of dam location.

- Provision of stilling basis in the dam for energy dissipation.
- Increase in diameter of the whole 48 km Head Race Tunnel (HRT).
- Concrete lining of other than TBM portion of the HRT instead of shotcrete lining.
- Shallow crossing of HRT beneath the Jhelum River.
- Shifting of power house location.
- Change in price level.
- Procurement of 3 x 4 MW WARSILA Gen-sets to provide uninterrupted and quality power supply at all three sites of the project.

Besides technical reasons, other reasons of cost increase were:—

- Increase in cost due to enhanced exchange rate of US dollars.
- Arrangement of additional security measures.
- Additional cost of mitigation measures and land acquisition.
- Additional cost due to escalation.
- Increase in Interest During Construction (IDC) due to increase in construction cost.
- Increase in length of tunnel to be excavated by TBMs from 9.1 Km to 11.2 Km.
- Additional provision for further claims of the Contractor.
- Enhanced Taxes and Duties.
- Cost of extended insurance coverage for TBMs.
- Cost of additional performance security on insistence of development partners.
- Additional Consultancy cost.

143. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *the total amount received from Hujjaj during the Hajj-2015;*
- (b) *whether said amount has been deposited in banks; if so, the names of banks thereof; and*
- (c) *whether profit is being received on said amount by the banks; if so, the total amount is available in said banks under the head of profit at present?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) An amount of Rs. 19.267 Billion was received from the intending pilgrims during Hajj 2015.

(b) The following ten banks were authorized to collect Hajj applications along with Hajj dues from the intending pilgrims:

S.#	Name of the bank
1	Habib Bank Limited
2	United Bank Limited
3	National Bank of Pakistan
4	MCB Bank
5	Allied Bank Limited
6	Zarai Taraqiati bank
7	Bank of Punjab
8	Meezan Bank Limited
9	Bank Al-Falah
10	Habib Metropolitan Bank

(c) The banks earn profit on retention of Hajj collection money. For Hajj operation 2015, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the said banks and this Ministry. For retention of Hajj dues by the banks, profit on the following rates is/was paid by them:

Retention of Hajj Dues up to 60 days	5.00% on Daily Product Basis to be calculated from the closure date of Hajj applications as announced by the First Party.
Retention of money for more than 60 days and up to 120 days	6.75% on Daily Product Basis
Retention of money beyond 120 days.	Penal rate of 10% on daily product basis shall be charged.

On the basis of above rates, amount of profit comes to Rs. 295,260,467/-. The same is deposited in the Pilgrims Welfare Fund Account and spent on the welfare activities of pilgrims in Pakistan and in Saudi Arabia.

144. ***Syed Ali Raza Abidi:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

- (a) the performance made by the Fisheries Development Board (FDB) since its establishment;*
- (b) the total budget allocated to FDB during the last five years;*
- (c) the income earned therefrom during the period as mentioned in part (b) above;*
- (d) the current main projects of the Ministry; and*
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to initiate new projects in the near future; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a) 1. Promotion of high value fish species.

2. Field trial to demonstrate promotion of new technologies such as all male tilapia culture, fish cage culture, sea bass culture and catfish culture, etc.
 3. Promotion of cage farming.
 4. Capacity building through skill development across supply chain in the fisheries sector.
 5. Shrimp farming cluster development to enhance supply of raw material for seafood industry of Pakistan.
 6. Establishment of fish processing and training center in Islamabad.
- (b) No regular Budget allocated by the Government of Pakistan during the last five years.
- (c) Nil.
- (d) At the moment FDB has two projects in operation.
- Shrimp Farming Cluster Development to Enhance Supply of Raw Material for Seafood Industry of Pakistan (Funded by EDF)
 - Promotion of Shrimp Tilapia Poly-culture in pond conditions (Funded by Ministry of food security and research)

- (e) List of new project under consideration of the Ministry.
1. Promotion of Pen Culture in Coastal Area of Pakistan
 2. Freshwater Shrimp Farming In Mono and Polyculture with Tilapia in pond conditions
 3. Establishment of Pen Fish Farm of Sea Bass and Groupers along the Coastal Belt of Sindh Province Pakistan
 4. Establishment of Endowment fund for development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector
 5. Establishment of Trout Cage Farming In Gilgit Biltistan Areas.

145. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether there is any plan/proposal under consideration of the Ministry to send Pakistani Hujjaj to Saudi Arabia by Sea to reduce the Hajj expenses; if so, when it will be implemented?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): There is no proposal under consideration for sending Pakistani Hujjaj to Saudi Arabia by sea.

146. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to decrease the expenses of Hajj-2016?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): The Hajj package includes four types of payments as per detail given below:—

- * Accommodation charges
- * Air fare
- * Compulsory Hajj Dues.
- * Service charges

The accommodation is being hired by the Pakistan Hajj Mission. The intending pilgrim will require to pay these charges along with their applications which are charged on actual rate of the building where he / she will be accommodated. The balance amount if any will be refunded in Pak Rupees to the pilgrims before their departure.

The airfare is paid directly to the airlines and Ministry will negotiate with airlines for reduction in airfare as rate of fuel cost in the International market is at its minimum. However, the air fare charges are beyond the control of the Ministry.

Compulsory Hajj Dues are paid to respective Saudi Authorities in Saudi Riyals. Because of increase in the parity of Rupee-riyals, the pilgrims have to pay more in Rupees.

A nominal amount will be charged from each pilgrim on account of service charges which includes vaccination, training, awareness and provision of services/ staff to facilitate their stay in KSA.

The Government tried to keep the expenditure on hajj as low as possible and would continue the same in Hajj-2016. Due to the efforts of the Government Hajj Package 2015 is not exceeded from the package of Hajj 2014 as per detail given below:

Year	North region (Punjab & KPK)	South Region (Sindh & Balochistan)
2014	Rs. 272,231	Rs. 262,231
2015	Rs. 264,971	Rs. 255,971

The Policy for Hajj-2016 has not been finalized as yet.

147. ***Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government to secure grains in the country?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): PASSCO has 283x house type godowns and 28x concrete silos in all PASSCO zones. Total capacity of these godowns is 431,200 Metric Tons (334,200 of House Type & 97,000 M.Tons of concrete Silos).

Province-wise detail of PASSCO godowns is as under:—

Punjab	=	273
Sindh	=	5
KPK	=	3
Balochistan	=	<u>2</u>
		<u>283</u>

148. ***Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to reduce the expenses of pilgrims who will perform Hajj-2016 through the Private Hajj Tour Operators as compare to the Government Hajj Scheme?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): Each Tour Operator charge amount from the Hujjaj according to their package. The packages are offered on the basis of “offer and acceptance” between HGO and Pilgrims themselves. The packages are prepared on the basis of facilities to be provided to the Hujjaj.

2. This Ministry has created a new section namely Monitoring Section for proper scrutiny of documents, proper record keeping and track, Research and Developments for improvements of system and even proper implementation of existing rules/SOPs. This will help to control the packages prepared by the HGOs by monitoring their break up of packages. However in order to control and minimize the Packages of Tour Operator following steps were also taken:—

- (i) Each HGO is bound to sign an agreement with the individual Hajji regarding facilities offered.
- (ii) Every HGO is bound to sign Service Provider Agreement between Government of Pakistan and Company.
- (iii) For ongoing Monitoring throughout the year, Ministry has created a new section and evolved mechanism for the purpose.
- (iv) Ministry has invited estimated packages of newly enrolled companies and existing Tour Operator for creating healthy competition and to ensure reduction in packages of Tour Operators.
- (v) This Ministry obtains performance guarantee from HGOs to secure the booked Hujjaj.

149. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the total number of Dams being constructed in the country at present to conserve surface flow water being lost every year due to low storage capacity?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Government of Pakistan has prepared a plan to construct new dams to conserve surface flow water being lost every year due to low storage capacity in the country.

With the construction of below mentioned dams Pakistan would be able to store and additional 7.8167 MAF of water annually thereby the current water being escaped into sea would be reduced by the same amount. The detail of dams under implementation are as under:—

Sr. No.	Project Name	Location	Live Storage (MAF)	Status
UNDER IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS				
1	Darawat Dam	Nai Baran river in Thatta	0.087	Substantially completed.
2	Nai Gaj Dam	Gaj river North West of Dacu	0.160	47.50% completed.
3	Kurram Tangi Dam	Kurram river in North Waziristan Agency	0.90	Procurement process of Stage-1 (Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power component) of Kurram Tangi Dam Project is under process
4	Diamer Basha Dam	Indus River Near Chilas	6.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC-I amounting to Rs.894.257 billion approved on 20-08-2009. • Land acquisition is in progress through PSDP funding. So far 70% land has been acquired. • Project preparatory works at site are in progress through PSDP funding. • Financing for main works will be arranged through international donor agencies and financial institutions
5	Mohra Shera Dam	Distt Rawalpindi	0.0058	• Under construction
6	Mujahid Dam	Distt Rawalpindi	0.0039	• Under construction
7	Ghabir Dam	District Chakwal	0.26	• Under process for award of contract
Total			7.8167	
8	<p>Besides above, a number of Dams are being funded through PSDP for construction and for undertaking the feasibility/design studies through various federal and provincial execution agencies and development partners. Names of the said dam projects are; Wipdar Dam, Mohmand (Munda) Dam, Chiniot Dam, Papin Dam, Detailed Design & PC-I of small & medium Dams in Sindh, Construction of Small Storage Dams/ Delay Action Dams, Sindh, 20 Small Dams in KP, Small Dams in District Mansehra, Snam / Palai & Kundal Dams in KP, Shadicore Dam Gwadar, Small Dam in Tehsil Dobandi, Kila Abdullah, Small Dams in District Kalat, Mangi Dam Quetta, 100 Delay Action Dams, Balochistan, Toiwar Batozai Dam District Killa Saifullah, Feasibility study for water resources for construction of Dams in Balochistan, Basool Dam Tehsil Omara.</p>			

150. ***Dr. Shazia Sobia:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the province-wise total funds have been distributed amongst farmers in the country under Kissan Package so far alongwith the details thereof?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): The Prime Minister announced a Rs. 348 billion “Kissan Package” on 15-09-2015 for farmers with direct cash assistance to rice and cotton growers, subsidy on fertilizers and electricity and tax relief on import of agri. machinery. The package provides a direct benefit of Rs. 147 billion to small farmers across the country.

The Ministry of NFS&R was given the task of distribution of subsidy of Rs. 20 billion on phosphatic fertilizers. After following the procedure mentioned in the Notification of November 20, 2015 around 28 subsidy claims for October and November, 2015 amounting Rs. 10.814 billion have already been deposited in the SBP. So far SBP has made payment of Rs. 5.359 billion.

In case of cash subsidy of Rs. 5000/- per acre for cotton and rice crop growers around 1.070 million beneficiaries of 33 districts of Punjab were provided amount of Rs. 23.40 billion @ Rs. 5000/- per acre among farmers of province. The progress from other provinces is still awaited.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th February, 2016

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Acting Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Friday, the 19th February, 2016**

7. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**
(Deferred during 20th Session)

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there are no Government hospitals in the rural area of Islamabad Capital Territory including Tarnol and Bhara-kahu;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government to establish hospitals in the said the areas?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

39. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**
(Deferred during 20th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power pleased to state:

- (a) *the steps taken by the Ministry to prepare subject wise list of titles of all laws and rules made there under with reference to business allocated to it and its attached departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) *the subject-wise details thereof;*
- (c) *whether steps have been taken by the Ministry to consolidate and amend the said laws and rules to keep pace with changes in the society, if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof;*

(d) *the steps taken by the Ministry to determine the anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration of said laws and rules; and*

(e) *the details of Officers/Branches designated therefor?*

Reply not received.

31. **Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani:**
(Deferred during 27th Session)

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state:

(a) *the total number of Flour Mills in Islamabad at present;*

(b) *whether monthly quotas have been prescribed by the Government for the said Flour Mills; if so, the details thereof; and*

(c) *the month-wise quota received by said Mills separately during the years 2010 to 2015?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

4. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

(a) *whether it is a fact that new projects for power generation were launched during the last five years in the country;*

(b) *if so, the capacity alongwith the locations thereof?*

Reply not received.

11. **Dr. Shazia Sobia:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the year-wise total number of persons performed Umrah since 2008?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): The Umrah Affairs are being dealt by the private sectors, therefore, no information about the number of persons performed Umrah since 2008 is available with this Ministry.

19. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electricity has been supplied to Dera Master Rashid Ahmed, Village Pela Gujran, Tehsil Shakargarh without erecting proper poles; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the time by which the existing service cable will be replaced with silver cable in the said village; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to replace the improper electric poles overthere; if so, the time by which it will be replaced?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Dera Master Rasheed, Village Pela Gujran was electrified by erecting four L.T Poles on deposit basis. There is only one Dera at the that location.

(b) There is no Dera/population for which L.T proposal can be proposed for provision of electricity.

(c) The Dera was electrified in an un-authorized manner by extending five hundred meters PVC Cable. Since there is only one Dera, which can be electrified properly on deposit basis.

20. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Meter Readers of electricity do not visit physically for taking readings in Village Rambari, Tehsil Zafarwal, District Narowal;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the estimated/wrong bills are being sent in the said village;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government to send transparent electricity bills after taking actual readings in the said village?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a), (b) & (c) Proper meter reading is being carried out by taking snaps of meters which proves that Meter Readers are visiting sites physically. No wrong bills are being sent to the consumers of village, Rambri.

22. **Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to Un-Starred Question No.36 replied on 25-11-2015 and to state:

- (a) *the role of Government for allocation of funds for allignment of LT and aerial electricity wires, transformers and other works; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to do the said work by itself instead of relying on sponsoring agencies/functionaries?*

Reply not received.

93. **Ms. Mussarrat Ahmadzeb:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the loadshedding schedule for electricity in Swat has been fixed; if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

95. **Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**
(Deferred during 28th Session)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Ministry for the implementation on the comprehensive strategy formulated to handle the problems of the provision of energy and its prices, ineffective recoveries, governance and regulatory faults and lower capacity in distribution departments?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Power sector is playing a pivotal role in the development of national economy. In past due attention has not been tendered to meet with the upcoming demand of electricity, due to which this sector had suppressed in different ways, which includes demand and supply gap, less recoveries from consumers, excess T&D losses than NEPRA's targets etc.

Ministry of Water & Power has taken following steps to revamp the power sector and to address the issues.

- (a) Formulation of a comprehensive strategy to improve governance and recoveries.
- (b) Formulation of a strategy to generate electricity on affordable rates through..
 - * Vigorous follow up on the development of Mega Hydel Power Projects e.g. Bhasha, Neelum Jehlum and Dasu HPP etc.
 - * Conversion of existing Oil based plants to Coal based plants.
 - * Development of Alternate Energy sources, which includes wind, solar, bagasse.

- Steps are being taken to enhance the thermal efficiency of existing power plants.
- (C) On materialization of such measures, demand and supply gap as well as cost of electricity would be reduced significantly, and ultimately load shedding and consumer end tariff will also be reduced.

Improving recoveries and Governance:

Steps are also being taken to improve recoveries and good governance through monthly performance review meetings with DISCOs by giving targets to ensure efficiency in system, better service and reduction in line losses.

- A dash board has been developed for the top management by Power Information Technology Company (PITC) to monitor day to day position of power sector recoveries and losses in the power sector.
- Notices are being issued to defaulter consumers for payment.
- Prompt disconnection for non-payment of dues.
- Recovery teams have been constituted by DISCOs besides Tehsildars (Recovery) are also hired from Provincial Governments to recover dead arrears under Land Revenue Act, 1967.
- List of defaulters' name is being provided to NAB for effective action regarding recoveries.

NEPRA being the regulator of power sector is watching the interest of consumers, so that undue cost is not passed to the consumers. Multi-year tariff from 2015-16 to 2019-20 of DISCOs is in the process of finalization by NEPRA, which will facilitate to monitor the activities of power sector for long term basis.

Improving capacity in Distribution departments:

Various steps are being taken to handle low capacity in Distribution system. The detail is as follows:

- Bifurcation of lengthy feeders.

- Reconditioning of LT&HT feeders where required.
- System augmentation and DOP through development programs.
- Provision of new transformers / load balancing on existing transformers.
- Analysis/ monitoring of losses on feeders.
- Vigilance on rise and fall of consumption.
- Installation of TOU meters.
- Periodic checking through M&T and Surveillance Teams.
- Smart metering.

In addition to above NTDC system is being upgraded for smooth power flow. The program is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

75. **Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the names of doctors presently working in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Islamabad to whom NOCs have been issued by the Ministry for private practice during the tenure of the present Government?

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

76. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Gadani Coal Power Project has been closed; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that Chinese investors refused to execute the said project?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) No. However Government of Pakistan is reviewing the option to rationalize it and plan execution in phases depending upon the funding availability.

(b) The Gadani Power Project is included in the list of actively promoted projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Projects. However, process for finalization of Chinese sponsors under CPEC is yet to be finalized.

77. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the present status of the Coal Power Project at Port Qasim alongwith the time by which it will be made functional;*
- (b) *the present status of the working progress of Coal Power Project at Thar; and*
- (c) *the steps taken by the present Government for conversion of electricity by coal?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Three (3) coal based private power generation projects are being developed through Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) at Port Qasim with a cumulative capacity of 2330 MW. Detail is at **Annex-I**.

(b) Two (2) coal based private power generation projects are being developed through PPIB at Thar, Sindh with the cumulative capacity of 1980 MW, while another one project of 1320 MW is under evaluation. Detail is at **Annex-II**.

(c) In order to bridge the existing demand supply gap to generate affordable electricity, the Government of Pakistan has initiated several coal based power projects in the private sector. List attached at **Annex-III**.

In addition to it, GoP is encouraging the existing RFO based IPPs to switch over on coal.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

78. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install an electricity transformer in Qureshi Town, Mohallah Afzalabad, Haripur; and*
- (b) *whether funds have been released therefor; if so, the details; if not, the time by which funds will be released therefor and transformer will be installed therein?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Proposal No.6411171 work order No.15- 64464 under ELR Head of Mohallah Afzal Abad has been prepared *vide* No.9882-85 dated 23-9-2015 and is under process for Technical analysis.

(b) As and when the proposal of the said work is approved technically, the transformer will be installed within 03 months subject to the availability of funds right of way clearance.

79. **Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *the total number of persons appointed in the Utility Stores Corporation during the last two years alongwith the names, designations, educational qualification and place of postings thereof; and*
- (b) *whether said employees are working on temporary basis; if so, the time by which the services of said employees will be regularized?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) i. 28 persons were appointed on contract basis for the period of two years against Assistance Package for Families, detail placed at **Annex 'A'**.

- ii. 5 Officers were appointed on Market Based Salary by the Board of Director, USC. Detail is placed at **Annex 'B'**.

(b) The appointments against 28 positions as at **Annex-A** have been made against Prime Minister's Assistance Package for Government Employees who die in service on two years contract basis. Their services will be regularized as and when Government announces policy in this regard after observing required formalities.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

80. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 200 KV transformer has been installed at Dhoke Mohri/Mohalla Chaudhrian near Masjid Al-Bilal, Bahra Kahu, Islamabad; and*
- (b) *whether said transformer has not been installed in a suitable place; if so, the time by which it will be shifted to a suitable place?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes. it is a fact that 200 KVA transformer has been installed at Dhoke Mohri Mohallah Chaudhrian near Masjid Al Bilal. Bahra Kahu, Islamabad.

(b) The transformer was installed 20 years back. At the time of installation, the site was an Open area and no streets and plots were identified. With the passage of time. streets were identified and roads were constructed. The said transformer is located in one of the plots.

As per prevailing rules, the transformer can be shifted outside the plot subject to deposit or shifting charges and provision of right of way by the plot owner if and when he applies for the same.

81. **Mr. Ramesh Lal:**

Will the Minister for Water and power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that electric cables are being touched each other in the village Tatal Kalan and Khurd, Tehsil, Rawalpindi;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which said electric cables will be adjusted in the said villages properly?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is a fact that electric cables, were touching each other in the Village Tatal Kalan and Khurd, Tehsil Rawalpindi.

(b) SDO (E) IESCO Operation Sub Division Chak Beli Khan has reported that the electric cables have been set right and both sites are in proper condition.

82. **Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for National Food Security and Research be pleased to state the total budget allocated for scientific agricultural research during the last five years till date?

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikander Hayat Khan Bosan): • The M/o NFS&R was established during 2012 and since its inception the year wise budget allocated for scientific agriculture research through PSDP is given below;

S. No.	Financial year	PSDP Allocation (Rs. in millions)
1	2012-13	495.000
2	2013-14	750.000
3	2014-15	1071.300
4	2015-16	1500.00

83. **Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *the total outstanding dues of electricity deposited by departments of the Government during the year 2014-15 till date; and*
- (b) *the location-wise total number of electricity meters disconnected due to non payments during the said period?*

Reply not received.

84. **Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Pakistani pilgrims martyred in the incident of crane incident in Makkah, Saudi Arabia during the year 2015; and*
- (b) *the total funds provided by the Government to the victim families of said pilgrims alongwith the details thereof?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Total 06 Pakistani pilgrims martyred in Crane incident at Makkah, Saudi Arabia during the Hajj 2015.

(b) As per Hajj policy in vogue, this Ministry has compensated the following 05 victim's families of the Crane incident in Makkah @ Rs.500,000/- per head under Hujjaj Muhafiz Scheme(HMS) 2015:—

- (i) **Muhammad Yousaf** of Baluchistan, having PPNo.CV6917481
- (ii) **Amber Shah** of KPK, having PP No.TK5141181
- (iii) **Akhtoo** of Baluchistan, having PP No.MS1344851
- (iv) **Afriday** of KPK having PP No. AL1529101
- (v) **Naveed Murtaza** of Sindh PPNo. AD0979682

While the remaining 01(one) family of the victim *i.e* Mr. Muhammad Nadir of Baluchistan having PP No.AC9425061 will be compensated on receipt of the requisite documents.

85. **Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

- (a) *the total number of persons affected and died with virus of Swine Flu during the year 2014-15 till date; and*
- (b) *whether vaccination campaign launched by the Ministry to protect the people therefrom during the said period?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) 1. In June 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the new strain of swine-origin H1N1 as a pandemic because the virus contained genetic material from pigs and it was often called ‘swine flu’ by the public media. On August 10, 2010, the WHO declared the H1N1 influenza pandemic over, saying worldwide flu activity had returned to typical seasonal patterns. Since then this virus has been in circulation in the human population and is termed as Influenza A/H1N1 pdm09 in order to differentiate the virus from the old seasonal A (H1N1) viruses circulating in humans before the pandemic. The Influenza A/H1N1 pdm09 virus is considered a Seasonal influenza virus and continues to circulate in different parts of the world, causing variable levels of disease and outbreaks.

2. The Province wise summary of the persons affected by Influenza-A virus from 2014 to-date is given in the table below:

**Persons affected and Died by Influenza A (H1N1)
during the year 2014-15 till date**

Year	Cases	Deaths*
2014	121	00
2015	104	06
2016	252	32
Total	477	38

*Cardiac / Pulmonary problems and haematological Disorder were the pre-existing chronic problems which caused the mortality.

(b) As the health has been devolved and it is now provincial chapter. Therefore provincial/Area health authorities may decide regarding the vaccination campaign as per their policy.

86. **Mr. Sajid Nawaz:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any amnesty schemes under consideration of the Government for poor people against whom outstanding dues of electricity are pending at present?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): There is no amnesty scheme under consideration at PEPCO level, for poor people against whom outstanding dues of electricity are pending at present.

87. **Ms. Sabiha Nazir:**

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

(a) the year-wise total number of new Private Hajj Tour Operators to whom Hajj Quotas have been allocated since 1-1-2008;

(b) the year-wise total number of said operators blacklisted due to unsatisfactory services during the said period?

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) The year wise detail of new HGO allocated Hajj quota is as under:—

Year	Number of New Companies which were allocated quota
2008-2010	Nil
2011	96 on the orders of supreme Court of Pakistan
2012	05 on merit/Supreme Court orders
2013	15 on merit
2014	01 Supreme/High Court order
2015	Nil

(b) The Following HGOs have been banned for Hajj operation due to their unsatisfactory performance:—

1. My Air Travel Pvt. Ltd. Enrollment No. 3152 banned on 04-05-2013.
2. Sunrise International Travel & Tours Pvt. Ltd. Enrollment No. 2123 banned on 29-08-2006.

88. **Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the total number of applications submitted by the residents of Category-II, Sector G-10/3, Islamabad regarding misplacement/replacement of fixtures/accessories since 01-03-2015 alongwith the details and action taken thereupon so far?

Reply not received.

89. **Mr. Jamshed Ahmad Dasti:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of applications submitted by the residents of Category-II, Sector G-10/3, Islamabad to the*

Director General, Pakistan Public Works Department (Pak. PWD) for repair/maintenance works of their houses since 01-01-2015;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that no proper action has been taken thereupon so far; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Pak. PWD to take necessary action thereupon separately; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) whether it is further a fact that special attention is being given to stop the leakage of water from roofs causing irreparable loss to the Government buildings in the said sector; if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

90. **Syed Ayaz Ali Shah Sheerazi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of people die every day due to Hepatitis-C in the country; if so, the steps taken by the Government to control the same;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the present Government has granted licenses to various companies for the production of its generic version;*
- (c) whether it is also fact that permission is not being granted to lowest Bidder with regard to produce its generic version; if so, the reasons therefor; and*
- (d) the step are being taken by the Ministry to give license to lowest bidder?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) World over, it is estimated that almost 5% cases suffering for hepatitis C will die due to liver failure or cancer.

In Pakistan there are about 8 million (80 lac) cases suffering from hepatitis C, therefore almost 0.08 million (80,000) will die each year due to liver disease.

These deaths are due to very advanced liver disease which develops over 20-30 years in a patient who do not clear the virus following treatment or who do not take treatment.

Responding to the urgent need, DRAP and M/o National Health Services and Regulation undertook two parallel strategies;

- a. Before the registration of the drug in the country, special permission was granted to import Sovaldi tablets from the producer *i.e.* Gilead USA, for patient use only, under Drugs (Import & Export) Rules, 1976,
- b. Expedited Registration of Sovaldi tablet was done on priority.

(b) DRAP encouraged local manufacturers to produce generic drugs which are safe, efficacious and affordable. All the manufacturers applying for registration of new generic treatment are being dealt on priority basis.

Registration Board in its 253rd meeting held on 05-06th October, 2015 considered 61 applications of Sofosbuvir tablets where all applicants presented their cases. 22 manufacturers provided their data including stability data, out of which Registration Board initially approved registration of 14 applicants while rest were deferred due to incomplete documentation/stability data.

Later one firm lodged a complaint in-connection with registration process of "Sofosbuvir" and also raised objections on the authenticity of data submitted by pharmaceutical manufacturers and transparency of the registration of Sofosbuvir in 253rd Registration Board meeting which took place on 5th & 6th October, 2015.

Minister of State for NHS,R&C therefore chaired a meeting on 28th October, 2015 to discuss above issues specially the authenticity of data

submitted by pharmaceutical manufacturers as it is related to efficacy, stability and quality of the product. It was decided that this being the first generic of a new drug, therefore, DRAP may confirm authenticity of the Sofosbuvir drug substance / Finish product (as the case may be), GMP certificate / approval of the manufacturing of the drug substance API or Finish Goods, by the regulatory authority of the country and its drug substance importation under the local regulatory compliance. More over DRAP may do “onsite investigation and inspection” for quality, specification, test analysis, facilities, API source authenticity and especially for the stability data, before grant of registration letters.

A three member panel was constituted to investigate the said complaint and submit report in 3-4 weeks.

The panel visited each manufacturing site and testing premises, in Karachi, Islamabad, Lahore and Hattar to collect relevant information. The panel inspected 16 pharmaceutical units and submitted its report where 9 firms *i.e* **M/s Sami Pharmaceutical, ‘ Genix Pharmaceuticals, Tabros Pharma, Macter International, Genome Pharmaceuticals, Global Pharmaceuticals, Getz Pharma, Hilton Pharma and CCL Pharmaceuticals were given registration.** Rest had incomplete data, these include M/s The Searle Company Limited, Everest Pharmaceuticals, Crystollite Pharmaceuticals, Max Pharmaceuticals, Wilsons Pharmaceuticals, Werrick Pharmaceuticals, Scottman Pharmaceuticals.

(c) As per the pricing Policy the price for the new generic would be 30% less than the innovator brand; thus as per this formula the generic version of this new molecule would be Rs.26,600. According to media reports and information from other sources, one local company has offered market price of Rs.3, 248 for a pack of 28 tablets. However application of the same company was not approved by the Registration Board due to non-verifiable stability data and only price demanded by a company can be considered, if approved by the Registration Board.

(d) Under the Drug Pricing policy, 2015 Maximum Retail Price of generics is fixed @ 30% less than the originator brand. Accordingly if price is fixed according to pricing policy it may work out to Rs.26, 600 (30% less than the originator’s maximum retail price) *i.e.* Rs.38,000. However, Drug Pricing Committee recommended to the Federal Government that a uniform maximum retail price, the lowest demanded price by any company approved by the Registration Board, @ Rs.9, 999 for a pack of 28 tablets be fixed for all generic. However, after further deliberations between DRAP and M/o NHR & C, it was decided to fix

price @ Rs. 5,868 for 28 tablets on cost plus formula basis in partial modification of the provisions of the Drugs Pricing Policy-2015 after approval by the Prime Minister of Pakistan. The price was notified *vide* S.R.O. No. 101(1)/2016 dated 9th February, 2016 for generic versions of this new molecule.

After fixation of MRP, DRAP issued registration letters to 11 firms (09 local manufacturers and 02 imported products) on 10-02-2016.

91. **Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Assistants of the Estate Office (EO), Islamabad have been promoted during the tenure of the present Government without finalizing seniority list; if so, the reasons thereof;*
- (b) *the details of employees of the said Office who have been promoted during the said period alongwith the criteria adopted therefor;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that final seniority list was not circulated to all employees of the said Office during the said period; if so, the reasons; if not, the date of circulation thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that representations in this regard were lodged by some employees in EO during the said period; if so, the details of actions taken thereupon separately; and*
- (e) *whether the notifications of promotions were issued therefor; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a)
No, this is not based on the facts.

(b) The details of Assistant who promoted to the post of Superintendent is as under:—

1. Muhammad Yasir Babar

2. Naveed Khan
3. Mohsin Baloch
4. Syed Shabbir Hussain Zaidi
5. Muhammad Haroon
6. Nasir Naseem Milk
7. Khanzada
8. Muhammad Azam
9. Raja Tariq Mehmood

As for as the criteria is concerned it is adopted as per the rules for promotion of Assistants mentioned in civil Servant's (APT), Rules, 1983 *i.e.* (seniority-cum-firness).

(c) This is not a fact, the seniority list of Assistants was circulated amongst the concerned employees *vide* letter No. 01 (01) Admin Branch dated 10th December, 2010.

(d) yes it is a fact that at that time the following employees have submitted their reservations in written:—

1. Muhammad Waseem and Abu Bakkar Rabbani, Assistants the presentations submitted by them were considered in the light of directions of Establishment Division and found irregular and consequently rejected.
2. Khanzada - By accepting his appeal his reservantions were removed.
3. Faisal Atiq- The presentation Submitted by him was considered in the light of direction of Establishment Division and found irregular and constiquently rejected.
4. Yes, the Notification regarding promotion have been issued.

92. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that on retirement of a Government employees, his residential accommodation is allotted to his son who is already in Government service;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that a letter of similar nature has been sent by the Ministry to the Estate Office vide letter No.F.1(1)/2015(Reports)/E-V dated 31st December, 2015;*
- (c) *if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above are affirmative, whether it is further a fact that the Estate Office has failed to comply the instructions of the Ministry with regard to make allotments in view of said letter; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (d) *the time by which allotments will be made thereupon?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) As per provision of 15(2) (b) of AAR, 2002, a real son/daughter who are serving in government departments are allotted government accommodation as per their entitlement in lieu of their superannuated parents allotted government accommodation.

(b) A letter No.F.1 (1)/2015 (Reports)/E-V dated 31-12-2015 was received in the Estate Office in which different kind of cases were referred to process as per rules/policy. Only one case of rule 15(2) (b) was falling in them.

(c) Estate Office has gone through all the cases of above mentioned Ministry letter and found that most of these cases relate with allotment of government accommodation on hardship basis. Only one case of Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Junior Assistant, NTC Regional Office, Islamabad was found in which he requested to allot quarter No.82/13-B, G-9/2, Islamabad under rule 15(2)(b) of AAR, 2002. It is stated that his department is not entitled to get government accommodation from Estate Office pool, moreover there is rent outstanding liability against it.

(d) As in all above mentioned cases, applicants have requested to allot government accommodation on hardship basis which will be considered in the light of apex court judgment.

93. **Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to upgrade existing infrastructure of electricity which includes aerial wires, polls, transformers in the National Assembly Constituency No.139;*
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard so far; if so, the details thereof; and*
- (c) the time by which the said infrastructure will be upgraded?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The requisite details of LT proposals already completed and under progress regarding up-gradation of infrastructure of electricity in the National Assembly Constituency No.139, are attached at Annexure A and B respectively. It is further added that these proposals include reconducting of aerial wires, transformers up-gradation/addition as well as poles replacement.

(b) All the above mentioned work orders of LT proposals have been issued after survey and proper verification of the area. LESCO has used its own funds/resources for development/up-gradation of system.

(c) These work orders have been issued to Project Director Construction and Manager Operation Kasur for execution of works/ up-gradation of system of area. The time required for execution is based on availability of material and human resource.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

94. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that there is no workshop available in the country to repair transformers at the level of Superintending Engineer, WAPDA;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which it will be established; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Ministry to establish such workshop in Sahiwal; if so, when it will be established?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is fact that no workshop is available to repair transformers at the level of Superintending Engineer WAPDA.

(b) No time frame can be given in this respect.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of MEPCO to establish transformer workshop in Sahiwal. However, transformer workshops are under construction in Bahawalpur and Vehari which will start working during 2016.

95. **Rai Hasan Nawaz Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council has withdrawn its earlier recommendations sent to the Ministry to abolish the Sahiwal Medical College;*
- (b) *if not, whether the deficiencies identified in the examination report in respect of recognition of the said College have not yet been corrected as per the criteria of the said Council?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) & (b) PM&DC was asked to fulfill the codal formalities regarding its recommendations for closure of Sahiwal Medical College, Sahiwal. Thereafter, PM&DC conducted comprehensive re-inspection of the college on 10-11-2015 and appreciated the significant improvement in the infrastructure of the college and hospital facilities, however some deficiencies in teaching/training facilities of the college were also pointed out. Therefore the college has been advised to rectify the said deficiencies accordingly.

ISLAMABAD:
The 18th February, 2016.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Acting Secretary.