

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 15th August, 2016

53. ***Ms. Musarat Rafique Mahesar:**

(Deferred during 32nd Session)

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

- (a) the total number of Indian fishermen released during the last one year; and*
- (b) the maximum punishment given to those fishermen for violation of Sea Boundary of Pakistan?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

@31. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

(Deferred on 3-8-2016)

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India is not abiding by Indus Water Treaty at present; if so, the steps taken by the present Government to raise the said issue at bilateral/International/UN level during the last three years?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): Yes, it is a fact that India is not fully abiding by the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 in its true letter and spirit.

At present, India is constructing a number of run-of-river hydroelectric plants on the Western Rivers. The designs of these plants are mostly in violation of the design criteria specified by the Indus Waters Treaty 1960.

Much higher than the permissible pondage, lower intakes and deep orifice spillways, which are the usual features of Indian designs, provide India excessive control which is against the explicit provisions of the Treaty.

The potential of using higher than the Treaty permitted control for India's own advantage and to Pakistan's harm exists because of the above mentioned violations of the provisions of the Treaty.

Hence, we may sum up by saying that India is not following the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 as actually required.

The Government of Pakistan, however, is fully aware of the plan of Indian development on the waters of Western Rivers. In accordance with the provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty 1960, the steps are continually being taken to check the features of all the Indian projects, the information of which have formally been provided by India to Pakistan so as to see whether or not the design of such projects falls in accordance with the requirements of Indus Waters Treaty 1960.

In all cases where the violations are being noticed, the issues are being taken up with India for amicable resolution at the level of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC). In case of no cooperation by India at the level of PIC, the further steps, such as the reference of the matter to both the Governments, as provided for in the Treaty, are being taken. In case of failure at the level of both the Governments the cases where needed are referred to the World Bank for appointment of Neutral Experts or the Court of Arbitration as per the provisions of the Treaty.

The recent case of Kishenganga Hydroelectric Plant and Ratle Hydroelectric Plant is one of such instance where the case of technical objections on both of these projects is eventually being taken for the third party arbitration.

During the last three years, Pakistan has been able to get the decision from the Court of Arbitration in the case of Kishenganga HEP regarding the issues of draw-down below the dead storage level and that of the environmental flows. This case was taken to the Court of Arbitration in the year 2010 and final award was announced in December, 2013. No resolution of any issue, however, has bilaterally been achieved.

242. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *the advantages and disadvantages of utilization of the Genetically Modified seeds in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to promote the local seeds amongst the farmers in the country?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a) Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) include crops, vegetable and fruits that have been created using genetic engineering methods.

Advantages:

- Crops are more productive and have a larger yield.
- Could potentially offer more nutrition and flavor.
- Inbuilt resistance to pests, weeds and disease.
- More capable of thriving in regions with poor soil or adverse climates.
- More environment friendly as they require less herbicides and pesticides.
- Foods have more shelf life.
- As more GMO crops can be grown on relatively small parcels of land, they are an answer to feeding growing world populations.

Disadvantages:

- Does not have the checks and balances that are imposed by nature in traditional breeding.
- Risk of genetic instability.
- Long-term effects of GMOs on human beings and the environment.

(b) For the promotion of the local seed industry and to attract investment in the modern variety development program and research, the Plant Breeder's Rights Bill, 2016 has been passed by the National Assembly Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research.

Seed (Amendment) Act, 2015 has already been promulgated in the country *w.e.f.* 29th July 2015 as well as the Seed Rules for the implementation of these amendments in Seed Act have been formulated to create enabling environment for stakeholders of the seed industry of Pakistan.

243. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the total amount allocated for the housing units during the financial year 2015-16 alongwith the details of utilization thereof?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): The total amount allocated and expenditure for the housing units during the financial year 2015-16 is as hereunder:

Year	Total Allocation	Total Expenditure/ Utilization
2015-16	58.638	57.947

Details of expenditure incurred during the financial year 2015-16 is Annexed "A".

Annexed "A"

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The amount allocated and expenditure for the housing units during the financial year 2015-16.

S.No.	Object Classification	Allocation	Expenditure/ Utilization
ID8028	Pak.PWD. Rawalpindi/	35.747	35.747
A13362	Islamabad.		

	Residential Buildings		
<u>ID8016</u>	<u>Pak.PWD. Karachi</u>	11.565	11.000
A13302	Residential Buildings'		
<u>ID8034</u>	<u>Pak.PWD.</u>	3.426	3.403
A13302	<u>Peshawar</u> Residential Buildings'		
<u>ID8043</u>	<u>PFI Peshawar</u>	0.200	0.200
A13302	Residential Buildings'		
<u>ID8035</u>	<u>Pak.PWD.Quetta</u>	1.000	0.898
A13302	<u>Residential Buildings</u>		
<u>ID8036</u>	<u>Pak.PWD, Lahore</u>	6.700	6.699
A13302	Residential Buildings'		
		58.638	57.947

244. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to reduce expenditures of the 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 Cues.
- * Service charges

The accommodation is being hired by the Pakistan Hajj Mission. The mission has been directed to hire good condition buildings with the minimum cost. The intending pilgrim will require to pay accommodation charges along with their applications which will be 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 negotiated with airlines for reduction in airfare as rate of fuel cost in the International market remain at minimum. Airfare was thus reduced to Rs.86,000/- and Rs. 95,000 as compared to Rs. 89,700/- and Rs.98,700/- from south and north regions respectively.

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

A nominal amount was 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.

For Hajj, 2016, due to efforts of the Government to keep the expenditure on Hajj as low as possible, the Hajj Package has been reduced. However this year, the government has taken following new initiatives by keeping in view the hard weather conditions of KSA for which the Hajj package has slightly increased but still it is less than the Hajj package of 2014. The comparison is given below.

Year	2014 (Rs.)	2015 (Rs.)	2016 (Rs.)	2016 (with New Initiatives) (Rs.)
North Region (Punjab & KPK)	272,231	264,971	264,851	270,941
South Region (Sindh & Balochistan)	262,231	255,971	255,851	261,941

245. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state whether it is a fact that most of the items at the Utility Stores Corporation of Pakistan are expired; if so, the prescribed procedure of the Government to check the said items?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): No expired item is being sold at Utility Stores.

- (i) All branded items (procured under any brand name) are procured from the National and Multinational Companies of repute and they stand for warranties for expiry and replacement.
- (ii) Vegetable Ghee and Oil in the brand name of Utility is procured from the Ghee/Oil mills prequalified through codal formalities. These Mills are ISO Certified and the products they supply on Utility name are PSQCA Certified.
- (iii) The quality of stocks at USC outlets are being monitored by the USC Field Force and Vigilance Teams. Samples are randomly selected and sent to PSQCA labs for quality check on regular basis.
- (iv) Stores are being visited by the Executives and Representative of the National and Multinational Companies for checking of quality of their products.
- (v) Quality of stocks at USC outlets is also monitored and checked by the Local Administration/Government.
- (vi) Superior quality conforming to PSQCA and International Standard stocks are being provided to consumers at USC outlets.

246. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government to implement the effective code of construction?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani):
National Housing Authority (NHA), Ministry of Housing and Works in collaboration NESPAK, Pakistan Engineering Council and other stakeholder formulated Building Code of Pakistan “2007”.

Implementation of the building codes is under the domain of respective provincial Governments and municipalities. In case of Islamabad, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) and Capital Development Authority (CDA) are responsible for enforcing the Building Codes.

Ministry of Housing and Works/ National Housing Authority have no role in implementation of Building Codes.

247. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the names of districts where the people are being benefitted under the Prime Minister’s National Health Programme?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:
Prime Minister’s National Health Program (PMNHP) has been launched by the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan on 31st December 2015. During the first phase, the program is focusing on people living below the poverty line in 23 districts of Pakistan. 4 districts from every province, 2 district from every region and 1 ICT region, are included in the program.

The focused Districts in program includes:

ICT: Islamabad.

AJK: Muzaffarabad, Kotli.

FATA: Khyber Agency, Bajour Agency.

GB: Skardu, Diamer.

Punjab: Rahim Yar Khan, Khanewal, Narowal, Sargodha.

Sindh: Shikarpur, Badin, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sanghar.

Balochistan: Quetta, Loralai, Lasbela, Kech.

KPK: Mardan, Malakand, Kohat, Chitral.

Prime Minister's National Health Program has been launched in Islamabad, Muzaffarabad, Quetta and Kotli. The program will be launched in other districts during next few months, however launching in the province of Sindh and KPK is dependent on concurrence / joining of the program by respectable provinces, which is still awaited. The project approved by CDWP has the Federal share reserved for all provinces.

248. ***Ms. Sajida Begum:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan has been declared Polio-free country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

Though Pakistan has made significant progress towards interruption of Polio virus during last 18 months yet the country has not been declared a polio free country by now. As per WHO criteria, the interruption of WPV circulation for a period of one year removes the country from the list of endemic countries and maintaining the status for a total period of 3 years makes the country eligible to apply for polio free certification.

It is worth mentioning that due to the highest political commitment across parties, enhanced accessibility and strong coordination through Emergency Operation Centres, Pakistan has witnessed a tremendous turn around in Polio situation in 2015 and 2016 duly appreciated by international bodies such as the Polio Oversight Board, independent Monitoring Board, Technical Advisory Group and the World Health Assembly. A glimpse of the same is as follows:

- In 2016, only thirteen polio cases (WPV1) have been reported in the country (7 from KPK, 4 from Sindh, 1 from Balochistan and 1 from FATA) against 29 reported in 2015 by far indicating 55% decline on point in time comparison.
- The progress is in fact continuation of the trend as in 2015 Pakistan reported 54 polio cases (WPV1) compared to 306 in 2014 indicating more than 82% decline.

- * Out of 275 environmental samples tested so far a total of 24 (9%) were positive for WPV in 2016 as compared to 18% at the same point in time in 2015. The proportion of positive samples in 2014 was 35%.
- * Wild poliovirus types 2 & 3 have not been isolated in Pakistan since 1999 and April 2012 respectively.
- * The shrinking circulation and reduction of the circulating viral clusters of WPV1 from 16 in 2014 to only 4 in 2016 is also an indication of programme's progress in right direction.

249. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to refer to the Starred Question No.48 replied on 14-04-2016 and to state:

- (a) the details of loans taken for the upgradation of electricity projects in Balochistan during the tenure of the present Government;*
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the said projects during the above said period;*
- (c) the time by which the said projects will be completed; and*
- (d) the percentage of electricity which will be improved after completion of the said projects?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)

ADB Loan No. 2727-Pak Tranche-II

Total No. of Subprojects 17 Extension/Augmentation of power transformers at various 132 grid stations Balochistan. Total Loan Amount Million 12.360 US\$.

ADB loan No. 2972 - Pak (Tranche -III)

Total No. of subprojects 6 including transmission lines and power transformers Amount USD 81.95 Million.

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ADB loan No. 3096 - Pak (Tranche-IV)

Total No. of Subproject 23 Extention/ Augmentation of power transformers Amount Million 10.35 US\$.

(b) US\$ 40.73 Million.

(c) By the end of year 2016.

(d) During the year 2013, power drawl capacity of QESCO network was 650MW. After commissioning of 220KV D/C transmission lines Dadu - Khuzdar & D.G Khan - Loralai during June & August 2014 respectively power draw/enhanced to 900MW and after completion of ongoing projects namely 132KV D/C Loralai - Quetta & Khuzdar - Mastung during Sept-Oct, 2016, the network capacity will be enhanced up to 1600MW. In terms of % age enhancement in capacity would be 60% before the end of year 2016. Expected date of completion of these projects is September 2016.

250. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) the total area of Balochistan which is deprived of electricity at present alongwith the said proportion in other provinces;*
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to supply electricity to the deprived areas of Balochistan; and*
- (c) the electricity will be supplied to the said deprived areas during the year 2016-17?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) As per survey carried out by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Islamabad in

March 2016, under Pakistan Social & Living Standard Measurement Survey (FY 2014-15), the province-wise population using electricity in Balochistan & other Provinces as source of lighting is given below:

Province	Percentage House Hold Using Electricity
Balochistan	80.73
KPK	96.20
Sindh	91.28
Punjab	94.82
PAKISTAN	93.45

(b) 2 X 220KV Transmission Lines, Dadu-Khuzdar & DG Khan-Loralai have been commissioned/energized during June 2014 & August 2014 respectively. Further power dispersal/ strengthening of network capability, work on 2 new 132KV double circuit transmission lines Loralai-Quetta Industrial-II & Khuzdar-Mastung are in full swing and are expected to be completed during the current year.

(c) Provision of electricity to deprived areas of Balochistan. This is a continuous exercise and QESCO has been directed to prepare plans for provision of electricity to these areas. In FY 2016-17 the total no. of 977 villages will be electrified upto June-2017.

251. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the steps being taken by the Government to promote the crafts in the country; and*
- (b) *the funds allocated to Aik Hunar Aik Nagar by the Government for development of the artisans during the last two years?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi):

(a)

Aik Hunar Aik Nagar (AHAN) Lahore assists crafts persons and artisans of Pakistan by providing capacity building and training to the clusters in Sindh,

Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and AJK in product design, quality improvement and quality sustenance through technical assistance, production management training and product design training.

AHAN is providing capacity building opportunities to crafts persons, both men and women (mostly rural based), linked with production of handicrafts.

AHAN's current outreach is across Pakistan and it has covered more than 150 locations from around 95 districts of the country. More than 28,000 artisans and crafts person have benefitted from various developmental initiatives taken by AHAN. Approximately 85% of beneficiaries are women.

Southern Punjab Embroidery Industries (SPEI) Multan revives traditional craft of embroidery industry/sector, enhancing competitiveness and productivity of the embroidery industry in Southern Punjab.

SPEI, provides economic empowerment of marginalized sections of society including woman and landless village artisans through skill development and provision of opportunities for income generation, to train and promote skilled/incentivized labour in embroidery sector.

Leather Crafts Development Company (LCDC) Multan is enhancing competitiveness, efficiency, quality and productivity of leather products sector in less Developed Area, Economic empowerment of marginalized sections of society including woman and landless village artisans, through skill development and provision of opportunities for income generation.

LCDC infuse gender empowerment in the region by employment at least 50% woman in workforce and LCDC develop local heritage/crafts/village products for economic activity in less develop area.

Khadi Crafts Development Company (KCDC) Multan is providing vocational training through National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) for Prime Minister skill development programme. KCDC, has invented an automated hand loom and intends to implement to innovate technology at all looms and planning to introduce it in industry.

(b) AHAN Lahore is self generation company and meets its operational/administrative expenses and provides the training to local artisans and craftsmen through self generation; Therefore, no funds were allocated.

252. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the steps taken by the present Government for development of the Khairpur Economic Zone?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi):
Khairpur Special Economic Zone (KSEZ) is the project of Sindh Government, which is 100% owner of the project and this project has been declared as Special Economic Zone. National Industrial Parks Development & Management Company (NIP) under administrative control of this Ministry is only providing projects supervision and management services as well as assisting in the marketing of the project.

Information and update of the project is as under:

- * 90% of the Infrastructure development work has been completed.
- * Effluent Treatment Plant is in tender process.
- * 5MW electricity is available for the customers.
- * Total saleable area is 83 acres.
- * Out of which 40 acres of plots have been sold to the industrialists who will establish their factories soon, whereas at present some of the industrialists has started the construction of their factories.
- * Gas connection of 3.5 MMCFD is applied.

253. ***Dr. Fozia Hameed:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government for main-streaming population sector in the development planning?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:
* Population Welfare Programme has been devolved and transferred to the provinces under 18th Constitutional Amendment in 2010.

- In post devolution scenario, the role of the Federal government has been limited to the extent of providing policy guidelines, international/ bilateral cooperation, contraceptive commodity security coordination with Provincial Governments for creating synergy in the efforts of all stakeholders working in the field of Population.
- As regard the development plans at the provincial level, it is the responsibility of their provincial governments to incorporate population issue in their plans. However, at federal level Ministry of Planning, Development & Reforms has given due consideration to population matter in their vision 2025 document.

254. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to decrease power tariff of distribution companies; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The tariff is determined by NEPRA and GoP notifies it. The tariff once determined and finalized is notified. Lowering of Tariff is therefore decided at the level of determination.

255. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the over use of Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) in the country is contradiction of the steps being taken by the Government to save the electricity;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that many times more quantity of electricity is being consumed than its actual consumption due to the use of UPS; and*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce solar energy system in all the government schools, colleges, hospitals and worship places/ mosques in the country; if so, the time by which it will be implemented?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Although overuse of UPS in the country is affecting the concept of electricity conservation in the country, however the consumers are mainly using the UPS during hours of load shedding.

(b) UPS uses electricity constantly to remain charged when electricity is available. Moreover, efficiency of an average UPS is almost 60 percent depending upon the type of UPS being used, the type of battery and appliances. With the scheduled load shedding of 6 hours duration in urban areas, there is always an option for use of solar inverters instead of UPS system, which are more efficient; the charging requirements could be met by solar energy during the day time thus reducing dependency on national grid. However, currently due to overuse of UPS, consumption of electricity is much more than actual consumption.

(c) The matter falls under the purview of Provincial Governments and the concerned departments of the Provincial Governments have been considering various proposals in this regard.

256. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that free of cost electricity units are being given to employees who are working in the Power Distribution Companies;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the permission has been given further to sell those units to other people; if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to install under ground electric lines/cables in order to prevent pilferage of electricity in the country; and*
- (d) *whether it is further a fact that if 20 consumers of electricity in a Village/Mohallah out of 100 do not pay their electricity bills, the transformer from the said Village/Mohallah is removed;*
- (e) *if the answer to part (d) above is in the affirmative, whether it is violation of the fundamental human rights?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) It is a fact that WAPDA/PEPCO/DISCOs employees are being given free of cost electricity units as per their entitlement.

(b) No such instruction/permission has been issued by WAPDA/PEPCO.

(c) At present there is no proposal under consideration to install underground electric lines/cables in order to prevent pilferage of electricity in the country.

(d) It is not a fact. Only meters of the defaulting consumers are removed.

(e) Not applicable

257. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

(a) *the steps taken by the present Government to bring the cost of per unit of electricity in the country at par with other countries of the region; and*

(b) *the year-wise average rise in per unit cost of electricity in the country alongwith details thereof?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Present government is determined to provide electricity in theft country on affordable rates that are comparable with other countries of the region. Hectic efforts are being carried out by present government to bring down cost of electricity generation through cheaper sources *e.g.* Hydel, RLNG, Coal etc.

Following steps have been taken by the present Govt. to bring the cost of per unit of electricity in the county:

- * Vigorous follow up on the development of Mega Hydel Power Projects *e.g.* Tarbela-IV, Neelurn Jehlum, Dasu dam HPP, Diamer-Bhasha Dam 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.

On materialization of such measures, demand and supply gap as well as cost of electricity would be reduced significantly and ultimately cost of per unit of electricity in the county would be at par with other countries of the region.

In addition on the directions of the Prime Minister the Industrial tariff has been reduced by Rs.3 per units from 1st January 2016. Similarly, to benefit the agricultural sector, a flat rate of Rs.10.35 per unit was offered to the farming community. Also from 1st July 2016 agriculture consumers of all DISCOs except QESCO are being charged a fixed rate of Rs.5.35 per unit (Off Peak) subject to regular payments of electricity bills.

(b) Average per unit consumer end cost during the year 2010 was Rs. 9.38 with increasing trend up to the year 2013 due to hike in oil prices in the international market. Average per unit consumer end cost during the year 2011, 2012 & 2013 was recorded Rs. 9.97, Rs.12.95 & Rs. 13.23 respectively.

However, in the regime of present government average consumer end cost has decreased to the level of Rs. 12.95 in 2014, Rs. 12.50 in 2015 and Rs. 10.84 in 2016 due to favourable generation mix and hectic efforts and effective measures. In addition, negative fuel price adjustment has further reduced effective tariff of end consumers.

258. ***Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan has recently announced 8% increase in the prices of drugs; if so, the justification alongwith the names/ categories thereof?

Reply not received.

259. ***Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether any target fixed by the Government to eliminate annual financial losses of all DISCOs from the current level; if so, the details thereof?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The strength of power sector mainly depends upon the behavior of all stakeholders to meet their obligations relating to clear the liabilities of power sector along with provision of administrative support. Such measures would lead to eliminate the Power Sector Financial Losses.

However, in the regime of present government, DISCOs are vigorously pursued by PEPCO management as well as MoW&P for making accelerated recoveries of arrears and current buying of electricity to be paid on due date within next month. Resultantly, a visible improvement has been observed while comparing the performance of DISCOs recovery & Losses position during FY 2013-14 to FY 2015-16. Details are as below:

FY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Recovery % age	89.1%	89.2%	94.4%
Losses % age	18.7%	18.7%	17.9%

In addition to above, further steps have also been taken by the present Govt. to improve the financial position and to eliminate the annual financial losses of all DISCOs from the current level:

- * Vigorous follow up on the development of Mega Hydel Power Projects *e.g.* Tarbela-4 Neelum Jehlum and Dasu dam 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.

- * On materialization of such measures, demand and supply gap as well as cost of electricity would be reduced significantly, and ultimately financial losses and consumer end tariff will also be reduced.

260. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the fertilizer is being hoarded by the public/private companies in anticipation of increasing its price; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to evolve an integrated mechanism to curb such practice;*
- (b) *the statutory responsibilities of the Provincial Governments to curb such hoarding of fertilizer; and*
- (c) *whether the Provincial Governments act in accordance with its statutory responsibilities?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a)

- No. There are no reports that fertilizer is being hoarded.
- There is no fertilizer manufacturing unit in Public Sector.
- Ministry of Industries & Production (MoI&P) is primarily concerned with monitoring the demand & supply situation of Urea fertilizer in the country through the forum of Fertilizer Review Committee (FRC) which *inter alia* includes representatives of Agriculture Departments of all the Provincial Governments.
- Keeping in view the demand & supply situation of Urea fertilizer, the gap, if any, is filled by import through Ministry of Commerce and is sold through the countrywide network of National Fertilizer Marketing Limited (NFML).
- The price of Urea has been reduced to Rs.1400/bag in the Budget 2016-17. There is no likely hood of price increase in near future. MoI&P has also moved a Summary for ECC of the Cabinet to decrease the price of imported Urea fertilizer from Rs.1786/- to Rs.1310/- per 50 kg bag.

(b) In the wake of Constitution (Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010 (Act No. X of 2010), the subject of price control stands devolved to provinces. The Provincial Governments curb hoarding in accordance with their respective laws.

(c) As at part (b) above.

261. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

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

- (a) *the details of registered life saving medicines being prepared at local level in the country at present;*
- (b) *the details of life saving medicines being imported at present;*
- (c) *the names of companies that are manufacturing the same medicines at local level; and*
- (d) *the names of companies that are exporting the same medicines from Pakistan at present?*

Reply not received.

262. ***Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

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

- (a) *the names of life saving medicines disappeared from the market time and again during the last three years alongwith reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps taken by the Government to control the shortage of said medicines in future?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination:

(a) A few life saving drugs were reported to be in short of supply in recent past. A list of these drugs and their manufacturers is as under:—

LIST OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS REPORTED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

S.No	Name of Drugs	Name of Manufacturer
1.	MMR Injection	M/s. GSK, Pakistan Karachi/ Sanofi-Aventis Karachi
2.	Infanrix Hexa Injection	M/s. GSK, Pakistan Karachi
3.	Anti-TB Drugs	M/s. Novartis Pharma, /Wyeth Karachi
4.	Phenytoin Tablet 100mg	M/s. Adamjee Pharma, Karachi
5.	Di-Hydan Tablets	M/s. Meredoa Pharma, Karachi
6.	Deltacortial Tablets	M/s. Pfizer Pakistan Karachi
7.	Angisid Tablets	M/s. GSK Pakistan Karachi
8.	Kenacort Injection	M/s. GSK Pakistan Karachi
9.	Fortum 250mg, 500mg, 1gm Injection	M/s. GSK Pakistan Karachi
10.	Lasix Injection	M/s. Sanofi-Aventis, Karachi
11.	Avil Injection	M/s. Sanofi-Aventis, Karachi
12.	Kleracid Injection	M/s. Abbott Karachi
13.	Acyclovir 500mg Injection	M/s. Abbott Karachi
14.	Phenobarbitone Tablets	M/s. Specific Research Labs, Karachi
15.	Meronem Injection 1gm	M/s. ICI, Karachi
16.	Thyroxin	M/s. GSK, Pakistan Karachi
17.	Folic Acid	M/s. Zafa Pharmaceutical, Karachi.
18.	Anti-Tuberculosis drugs	M/s Wyeth, Karachi M/s Schazoo Zaka, Lahore, M/s Pacific Lahore, M/s Novartis Karachi

(b) The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan and the Federal Government, being cognizant of their responsibilities, have been taken following steps to control shortage of these medicines:

- i. In March, 2016, on the recommendation of the Drug Pricing Committee of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, the Federal Government has increased prices of different drugs as per pricing policy.
- ii. Government has ensured supply of TB Drugs through National TB Programme and all patients have been advised through press advertisements to get free TB Medicines from Government facilities where those are freely available.
- iii. Private manufacturers of TB drugs have also increased supply.
- iv. Manufacturing of generic drugs is being encouraged and facilitated, as by and large the generic products are cheaper than the branded drugs. Priority and all facilitations are being given to the manufacturers of generic drugs and to make their investment fruitful in the shortest possible time. For that purpose, meetings of the various boards are being held frequently.
- v. Priority is also being given to grant registration to new licenses/new sections to increase production of drugs which increase competition in the market which in turn results in the reduction of prices of drugs.
- vi. Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs in the market is regulated by the Provincial Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to take action under the law against the companies who make shortages and increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

263. ***Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that Tajikistan has offered to provide 2000 Megawatts of electricity to Pakistan; if so, when it will be implemented; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a)

- Import of 1000 MW from Tajikistan under CASA-1000 Project. CASA-1000

is a power transmission project designed to transmit 1300 MW of surplus electricity (May to September) from existing hydel power resources in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic through Afghanistan to Pakistan. Out of 1300 MW of expected power, 300MW is meant for Afghanistan while remaining 1000MW will come to Pakistan. However, the Afghan share may be available for Pakistan as Afghanistan may not need the power in near future. The major portion of the project bidding *i.e.* HVDC is scheduled at the end of this month. The project construction will start from mid 2017 and the expected date of completion is 2020.

- Tajikistan has also offered to provide additional 1000 MW electricity to Pakistan outside CASA-1000 project. This proposal is at initial stages.
- (b) • CASA-1000 Project is at advanced stage of implementation as all the project documents have been signed between all the member countries. Foundation Stone Laying/Ground Breaking Ceremony of the project was also held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 12th May, 2016.
- A Technical Team has been constituted with members from both the countries to evaluate and to prepare a preliminary report on the proposal of import of 1000 MW from Tajikistan outside CASA-1000.

264. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *the location where construction of the Mahmand Dam has been proposed by the Government; and*
- (b) *the time by which the construction work will be started thereon?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Mohmand Dam is proposed to be constructed across Swat river at a distance of 5 km upstream existing Munda Headworks and about 48 km from Peshawar in Mohmand Agency, FATA.

(b) Detailed Engineering Design, of the project is scheduled to be completed up to February 15, 2017.

Construction work will be started after the completion of detailed design study, financing arrangement and approval of PC-I.

265. ***Ms. Parveen Masood Bhatti:**

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

- (a) *whether the Government is aware of the wastage of precious water reservoirs in the country;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether the Government is making any plan in this regard?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Pakistan is facing water shortages which are going to get worse with every passing year. The annual escapages below Kotri in river Indus over the past 39 years (1976-2016) has an average of 29.48 MAF. Immediate construction of storage dams, not for power alone but for water storages is essential.

As is the case with most reservoirs of the world, our reservoirs are also facing the problem of sedimentation, which is given below:

Reservoir	Live storage capacity (MAF)	Live storage by the year 2016 (MAF)	Live storage loss by year 2016 (MAF)
Tarbela (1976)	9.692	6.328	(-) 3.364 (35%)
Chashma (1971)	0.717	0.276	(-) 0.441 (61%)
Mangla (1967)	5.34	7.406 (2.88 added in 2013 after raising)	(+) 2.066 (39%)
Total	15.749	14.010	(-) 1.739 (11%)

De-silting option of Tarbela reservoirs has been studied through several studies. The studies revealed that the option of de-silting is technically & economically unviable. Accordingly there is an urgent need to replace the lost storage by constructing additional reservoirs for ensuring the sustainability of existing irrigation supplies bringing additional lands under agriculture and to increase *percapita* water availability.

(b) To cater for the above situation, Federal Government is working on a plan (prepared through WAPDA) to construct new dams in the country. According to the said plan, total usable storage capacity under various categories of implementation are:

- Projects under implementation: 7.747 MAF
- Projects ready for Implementation 0.142 MAF
- Projects under Planning: 13.948 MAF

The details are as under:—

#	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 Dadu City in Sindh	0.160	47.65 % completed.
3	Kurram Tangi Dam	Kurram river in North Waziristan Agency – KP	0.90	Contractor has been mobilized at site. 1 st Mobilization issued to the contractor. Joint site survey is in progress
4	Naulong Dam	Muia river at Sunt, Balochistan	0.200	Foreign funding is being explored
5	Diamer	Indus River Near	6.40	PC-I amounting to

	Basha Dam	Chilas		Rs. 894.257 billion approved on 20.08.2009. Project preparatory works at site are in progress. Financing for main works is being arranged by Govt. of Pakistan.
		Sub Total	7.747	
READY FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS				
1	Pelar Dam	Nal River, District Awaran – Balochistan.	0.049	Ready for construction on EPC basis.
2	Papin Dam	Soan River, South West of Rawat Town in Distt: Rawalpindi	0.032	Ready for construction on EPC basis. Approval of revised PC-I under process
3	Winder Dam	Winder River, District Lasbela Balochistan	0.036	Approval of revised PC-I under process
4	Garuk Dam	Garuk River, South East of District Kharan – Balochistan	0.025	Ready for construction on EPC basis. Approval of revised PC-I under process
		Sub Total	0.142	

UNDER PLANNING PROJECTS				
1	Hingol Dam	Hingol River, Lasbela, District of Balochistan	0.521	Under Detailed Engineering Design.
2	Akhori Dam	Haro River in District Attock – Punjab.	6.00	Revised PC-II for Feasibility Study approved by CDWP on 11-2-2016
3	Shyok Dam	Shyok River, Skardu Gilgit-Baltistan	5.40	PC-II amounting to Rs. 159.583 Million approved by CDWP on 28.10.2013. Desk Study for Feasibility study is under progress.
4	Mohmand (Munda) Dam	Swat River, Mohmand Agency (FATA)	0.676	Detailed Engineering Design is in progress through AFD soft loan.
5	Tank Zam Dam	Tank Zam River near Hinis Tangi, D.I.Khan – KPK	0.289	Under Detailed Engineering Design.
6	Bara Dam	Bara River, Khyber Agency, FATA	0.062	Detailed Engineering Design under finalization.
7	Chiniot Dam	On River Chenab, between Chiniot and Chenab Nagar	1.0	PC-II amounting to Rs. 146.33 million approved by CDWP on 04.3.2015.
		Sub Total	13.948	
		Grand Total	21.837	

266. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the total number of Thalassaemia patients in the country at present; and*
- (b) *the annual ratio of patients of the said disease in the country?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination:

(a) The estimated number of Thalassaemia Major (the severe form of disease) patients in the country is 100,000.

(b) It is estimated that every year about 6,000 new Thalassaemia Major births occur in the country.

267. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the total number of cancer patients in the country at present;*
- (b) *the total number of women suffering from breast cancer in the country; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government for their treatment?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination:

(a) In Pakistan about 148,000 new cases of cancers are diagnosed every year.

(b) Breast cancer has been the most common Cancer in females and its trends during last many years is as follows;

Trends of Breast Cancer

1973-74 (reported from 7 hospitals)	Breast (24%)
1977-80 (reported from 6 hospitals)	Breast (25%)
1992 (reported from 6 hospitals)	Breast (19%)
2015-16 (reported from 8 hospitals)	Breast (30%)

Overall, the average breast cancer frequency remains at 25%

- (c)
 - (a) **For breast cancer detection, Ultrasound** of the breast and mammograms are available at all tertiary care hospitals.
 - (b) **Self-examination of the breast** is being taught to females by NGOs and CSOs by showing documentaries
 - (c) **NCDs** include all types of cancers, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease etc. Federal Government has constituted a cell on NCD.
 - (d) Recently NCD survey was undertaken in Pakistan, to see its risk factors. Apart from genetic factors; other risk factors include unhealthy diet, obesity and tobacco use.
 - (e) Many cancers also occur due to tobacco use, therefore to combat tobacco use, ministry has done following.

- I. Placed a pictorial picture and warning on the cigarette
 - II. The educational institutions, airlines and most public places have been declared smoke free.
 - III. In Punjab, **Shisha smoking and in Sindh, gutka use is banned**
 - IV. **Media especially TV and newspaper** is creating awareness on cancer by showing documentaries of patients suffering from cancer due to use of gutka and pan.
 - V. **No Tobacco day** is celebrated on yearly on 31 May
 - VI. Written information on TV and film screens are shown that “tobacco use can kill” during an act of smoking shown in the drama or films.
- (f) **Pink ribbon (NGO)** and many other NGOs and CSOs are also working in rural areas on increasing awareness about disease and screening at doorstep through their mobile units.

268. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the company-wise total number of transformers purchased by the Government for Distribution Companies during the period from 01-01-2010 to 31-12-2014;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that the said transformers were purchased at exorbitant rates; if so, the loss borne by the Government therefrom;*
- (c) *whether it is also a fact that the said transformers have met the quality standard; and*
- (d) *the actions taken by the Government against responsables therefor?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif):(a)
DISCO-wise detail of Distribution Transformers Purchased during the period front 1.1.2010 to 31.12.2014 is summarized as under:

Name of Disco	Total No. of Transformers Purchased
IESCO	7250
MEPCO	48356
FESCO	17429
GEPCO	17401
LESCO	21062
HSCO	21464
SEPCO	5320
QESCO	7750
TESCO	3575
PESCO	25178
G.TOTAL	174785

(b) It is not a fact as all the transformers have been purchased through open tender on competitive rates.

(c) All the transformers have met the quality standards as per WAPDA/PEPCO specification duly inspected by Chief Engineer (MI) NTDC Lahore.

(d) Not applicable.

269. ***Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

(a) *the measures taken by the Government for protection of domestic pharmaceutical industry during the last five years alongwith the impact assessment of each of the said measures;*

- (b) *the measures taken by the present Government to control the prices of medicines in the country;*
- (c) *the action taken against manufacturers, distributors and stockists for over charging/pricing of medicines during the tenure of the present Government; and*
- (d) *the steps taken by the Government to improve the medical education in the country alongwith the impact assessment of each such measures during the last five years?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination:

(a) For protection of domestic pharmaceutical industry, the Federal Government has taken following measures:

- i. In March, 2015, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan with the approval of the Federal Government notified a Drug Pricing Policy-2015 which has following merits:
 - (a) Predictability—will help companies in business planning.
 - (b) Transparency—will reduce interaction between regulators and industry.
 - (c) Availability of drugs—encourages production of lower priced drugs.
 - (d) Encourages exports of quality drugs to developed world. The first comprehensive Drug Pricing Policy.
- ii. New manufacturing licenses and new sections of already licensed units to pharma companies are granted on priority.
- iii. Registrations of drugs are granted on priority to make new and generic drugs available in the country.
- iv. Tariffs and import duties have been imposed on import of those drugs which are locally registered and manufactured.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Federal Government to control prices of medicines in the market at approved rates:

I. Regulation imposed:

In March, 2015, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, with the approval of Federal Government and Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet, notified a Drug Pricing Policy -2015 wherein prices of medicines have been frozen till July, 2016 except increase allowed under orphan drugs, intravenous infusions and drugs under hardship category which have become non-viable to market.

II. Market surveys:

DRAP field offices have been advised to be vigilant, conduct market surveys and take actions against the companies if found overcharging of drugs.

III. Actions taken by DRAP

- i. Federal Inspector of Drugs have conducted raids on the warehouses of manufacturers and importers and have seized stocks of overpriced drugs of 5 companies being sold at prices over and above than the prices fixed by the Federal Government.
- ii. In case of Zam Zam Corporation Karachi, in April 2015, Federation of Pakistan and DRAP filed an appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the order of the Sindh High Court, Karachi. The honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan vide its order dated 19th May, 2015 granted leave to appeal and suspended the operation of decree dated 11-03-2013. In compliance to the court order, DRAP directed the firm to decrease the prices and the firm recalled all overpriced stock from the market.
- iii. In 2013, DRAP also filed an application in the Supreme Court of Pakistan seeking to pass appropriate orders for resolving/disposal of petitions /suits filed by pharmaceutical companies in Sindh High Court, Karachi, Lahore High Court, Lahore and Civil Judge Lahore and the honorable court issued notices to 17 companies for illegal price increase of medicines. The matter came up before the apex court for hearing but adjourned.
- iv. In 2013, DRAP also filed 25 Civil Miscellaneous Applications (CMAs) in the Sindh High Court, Karachi, Lahore High Court,

Lahore and Civil Judge Lahore to vacate stay orders issued by the courts in matters of unilateral price increase on medicines by pharmaceutical companies.

- v. Manufacturing of generic drugs is being encouraged and facilitated, as by and large the generic products are cheaper than the branded drugs. Priority and all facilitations are being given to the manufacturers of generic drugs and to make their investment fruitful in the shortest possible time. For that purpose, meetings of the various boards are being held frequently.
- vi. Priority is also being given to grant registration to new licenses/new sections to increase production of drugs which increase competition in the market which in turn results in the reduction of prices of drugs.
- vii. Under Section 6 of the Drugs Act, 1976, the storage and sale of drugs in the market is regulated by the Provincial Governments, therefore, DRAP has advised the Provincial Health Authorities to take action under the law against the companies who make shortages and increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

(c) Federal Inspector of Drugs have conducted raids on the warehouses of manufacturers and importers and have seized following stocks of overpriced drugs of 5 companies being sold at prices over and above than the prices fixed by the Federal Government:

Dosage Form	Stocks seized (in numbers)	Packs
Capsules	1,80,610	6018
Tablets	36,242,158	408,597
Syrups	14,005	14,005
Ointments/ Creams	23,561	23,561
Eye drops	1473	1473
Oral Drops	298	298
Injections	1915	1033

(d) Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PM&DC) has been strengthened and a new Council has been elected with improved regulatory role. Similarly other regulatory councils (Pharmacy, Nursing, TIBB) have also been revamped in last 3 years. The impact has been seen as enhanced number of doctors, nurses and pharmacists in the country.

270. ***Mr. Imran Zafar Leghari:**

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

- (a) *the year-wise total amount earned from the Hajj operations during the last five years;*
- (b) *the year-wise total amount paid to Pakistan International Airlines for Hajj operations during the said period; and*
- (c) *the year-wise total amount paid to each tour operator for Hajj operations during the said period?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Ministry did not earn any amount from the pilgrims. Hajj dues deposited by the pilgrims include airfare, accommodation charges and Compulsory Hajj Dues *etc.* Air fare was paid to the Airlines whereas accommodation and Compulsory Hajj Dues were remitted to Jeddah for onward payment to the concerned Saudi Departments. TA/DA of Hajj Moavineen is paid by the Government.

(b) Year-wise detail of total amount paid to PIA during the last five years is as under:

S.#	Year of Hajj	Amount (Rs)
1	2011	4,600,002,011/-
2	2012	4,447,974,122/
3	2013	4,474,723,112/-
4	2014	2,677,133,426/
5.	2015	3,162,179,601/-

(c) No amount was paid to the Tour Operators during the last five years.

271. ***Syed Naveed Qamar:**

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

(a) *the year and Disco-wise total number of units lost in the distribution system during the last three years; and*

(b) *the technical and non technical losses thereof separately?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The detail of year and DISCO-wise total number of units lost in the distribution system during the last three years is placed at **Annex-A**.

(b) The detail of technical and non-technical losses thereof is placed at **Annex-B**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th August, 2016

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”

For Monday, the 15th August, 2016

21. **Syed Waseem Hussain:**
(Deferred during 32nd Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of employees working in the Ministry and its attached departments at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of employees out of said having domiciles of District Hyderabad alongwith the names and designations thereof?*

Reply not Received.

64. **Ms. Aisha Syed:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the total number of Meter Readers of electricity are working in District Buner at present?

Reply not Received.

65. **Ms. Aisha Syed:**

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

- (a) *the total number of sanctioned posts of WAPDA in District Buner at present; and*
- (b) *the total number of employees working on said posts at present?*

Reply not Received.

66. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Heavy Mechanical Complex (HMC), Taxila is not paying salaries and pensionery benefits to their serving and retired employees respectively for the last several months; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to pay the said dues to the employees of HMC at the earliest?*

Transferred to Defence Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

67. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *the names of those employees of Ministry who had retired from service and later on were re-appointed in the attached and subordinate departments, corporations and companies of the Ministry during the last five years till date;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that such employees are working in the Ministry on attachment basis at present; if so, the justification thereof;*
- (c) *the perks and privileges being given to the said employees separately; and*
- (d) *whether the said appointments are tantamount to provide employments to the new entrants?*

Reply not Received.

68. **Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak:**

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

- (a) *the year and category-wise details of the vehicles provided to the Ministry during the last three years; and*

(b) *the grade-wise detail of officers of the Ministry who are entitled to the said vehicles alongwith the limit of fuel allowed to them?*

Reply not Received.

69. **Ms. Munaza Hassan:**

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

(a) *the number of Family Suits allotted to the Government employees in Gulshan-e-Jinnah, Sector F-5/1, Islamabad during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16; and*

(b) *the names, designations and department-wise details of the said employees?*

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

The number of total allotments made in Gulshan-e-Jinnah Islamabad during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 detail is as under:—

Gulshan-e-Jinnah

1. 21-Family Suite = 10

2. 72-Family Suite = 27

3. 108-Family Suite = 37

Total 74

(b) Complete details of the allottees is at Annex-I.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

70. **Mr. Sajid Ahmed:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the types of cars to be introduced in the near future by the Pak Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi):
M/s Pak Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd., is planning to introduce two new models of cars. First model shall be introduced by 2017 and the other by 2019. The firm has not disclosed the details of the models to be introduced, as marketing strategy.

71. **Mr. Amjid Ali Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Pakistan Public Works Department, Mianwali has constructed Noor Khan Road, Village Saleem Khel (Khabaranwala), UC Shahbaz Khel, Darkhanwala to Dera Kalyaranwala Road, Piplan and Hafeezabad Puli 17ML Road, Piplan during the year 2007 with the grant of 27.759 million rupees under the Prime Minister Khushal Pakistan Programme-I and II;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said roads have not been repaired so far; and*
- (c) *the reasons for not handing over the said roads to District Government of Mianwali?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) Yes, Central Civil Division, Pak. PWD, Sargodah has constructed Noor Khan Road, Village Saleem Khel (Khabranwala), UC Shahbaz Khel, Dirkhanwala to Kalyaranwala Road, Piplan and Hafeezabad Pull, 17ML Road, Piplan during the year 2007 with the grant of Rs. 27.759 million under the Prime Minister Khushal Pakistan Programme-I and II:

(b) Yes, The said roads have not been repaired by Pak. PWD so far as these roads are to be repaired by Provincial Government.

(c) The District Nazim Mianwai was requested to take over the said road after their completion but he did not respond.

ISLAMABAD:
The 13th August, 2016.

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Secretary.