

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 16th December, 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.

1. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

(Deferred during 36th Session)

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to promote the Small and Medium Enterprises in the country?

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority (SMEDA) is the apex SME development organization of Pakistan, working under the administrative control of Ministry of Industries and Production. The following steps are being taken by SMEDA for promote Small and Medium scale Enterprises in the country:—

1. **SMEDA Helpdesk Services**

- Project Identification/Implementation.
- Business Development Services.
- Assistance in Fund Raising.
- Counseling on Legal and Regulatory Procedures.

2. Pre-feasibility Studies.

3. Development of Business Plans.

4. SMEDA's SME Development Plan.

- Developing Entrepreneurial Ecosystem.
- Access to Finance.

5. SME Cluster Development/ Value Addition.

6. Productivity and Efficiency Enhancement of SMEs.

7. SME Development projects under Public Sector Development Program (PSDP).

8. Institutional Collaborations and Partnerships Developed for Investment, Business and Export Promotion of SME Sector.

9. Economic Revitalization of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA (ERKF).

10. UNDIO-SMEDA- Italia, Investment Promotion Unit (IPU)

78. ***Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

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

- (a) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring the Pakistani businessmen alongwith their business back to Pakistan from abroad who have shifted their business outside the country due to energy crisis;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken in this regard; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Neither any such proposal is presently under consideration nor this Ministry maintains any record/ data of the businessmen who shifted their businesses from Pakistan to other countries

(b) Ministry of Water & Power has taken various steps to eliminate the load shedding of electricity in the country by the year 2018. Government is focusing on exploring, acquiring and utilizing affordable, sustainable and modern energy resources. Due to sincere and hectic efforts of Government, the generating capacity of electricity is continuously increasing and the duration of load shedding is also decreasing gradually, in spite of continuous increasing electricity demand in the country. Gradual decrease in the duration of load shedding in the country is given as under:

Description	2013	2014	2015	2016
Urban areas (Hrs)	9-13	6-8	6	4-6
Rural areas (Hrs)	10-14	8-9	8	7-8
Mix Industry (Hrs)	9-12	6-8	4	0
Independent Industry (Hrs)	6-10	6-8	0	0

Above data clearly shows that load shedding for Urban & Rural areas has gradual decreasing trend whereas for Independent Industry load shedding has appreciably decreased to Nil (zero), which leads to bring back the Industry shifted outside the country through quarter concerned.

81. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

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

(a) *whether it is a fact that quackery is increasing in Islamabad;*

(b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government against it?*

Transferred to Interior Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

61. ***Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan:**

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

- (a) *the province-wise total number of T.B patients in the country at present alongwith the details thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to control the said disease?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a)

Province / Region	TB Cases notified	
	Year 2015	Year 2016 (Jan.-Jun.)
Punjab	202,124	115,877
Sindh	57,550	36,373
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	43,040	22,881
Balochistan	8,323	4,950
AJK	5,425	3,032
FATA	3,634	2,227
GB	1,610	1,162
ICT	1,561	1,239
TOTAL:	323,267	187,741

(b) Government of Pakistan is supporting the provinces/ regions through **Global Fund Grant**, Support is being provided as listed below (**Detail annexed**):

- i. Provision of Drugs/Medicines
- ii. Provision of Diagnostics Services
- iii. Food Baskets for DR-TB patients
- iv. Travel incentives to DR-TB patients

- v. Infection Control Material (face masks)
- vi. Advance Diagnostics through GeneXpert
- vii. Establishment of 23 Bio-Safety Labs. (II&III)
- viii. Up-gradation of 30 hospitals to manage MDR-TB Cases.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

62. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Estate Office is not updating list of allottees of the Government owned residential accommodations in Islamabad in the light of judgments of the Apex Court;*
- (b) *if so, the justifications thereof alongwith the time by which the said list will be up-dated?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) It is not a fact that the Estate Officer has not updated list of Government owned accommodations in Islamabad in the light of the judgment of the Apex Court. Estate Office has updated the list of Government accommodation.

- (b) As above.

63. ***Dr. Shizra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral:**

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

- (a) *the total funds allocated for the National Assembly Constituency-137 for provision of village electrification since 01-01-2008;*
- (b) *the names of villages/homes/abadies electrified in the said Constituency during the said period;*
- (c) *the total number of villages/abadies of the said Constituency for which funds allocated for supply of electricity during the said period; and*

- (d) *the total number of villages/abadies for whom cost estimates for electrification are being prepared and funds have not been allocated therefor so far?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The total fund allocated for the National Assembly Constituency-137 for provision of village electrification since 01-01-2008 is Rs. 125.95 Million. (The detail attached at Annex-A, B)

(b) The detail of the names of villages/homes/*abadies* electrified in the said Constituency during the said period is attached at Annex-C.

(c) The total number of villages/ *abadies* of the said Constituency for which funds allocated for supply of electricity during the said period is 266. (The detail attached at Annex. A, B)

(d) NIL.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

64. ***Ms. Khalida Mansoor:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has accorded approval for construction of state of the art hospitals in all the Divisional Headquarters;*
- (b) *if so, the time by which the construction works will be started and completed thereon?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) It is true that Prime Minister has approved the proposal to construct over 40 state of the art hospitals in densely populated/deprived or marginalized areas of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Federally Administered Tribal Areas.

(b) The construction of these hospitals will be completed in phased manner within three years.

65. ***Dr. Mahreen Razaque Bhutto:**

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

- (a) *the total number of inquiries/cases of corruption pending in the Estate Office, Islamabad, Pakistan Housing Authority, Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation and Pakistan Public Works Department alongwith the present status thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is a fact that responsibilities have fixed on the responsibles thereof; and*
- (c) *the action taken by the Ministry to stop the said corruption?*

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

FGEHF

There are total 31 number of inquires / cases of corruption are in Housing Foundation and these are under process by the respective departments of accused persons and some of them are under process in the M/O Housing & Works.

Pak PWD

There are total 67 number of inquires / cases of corruption in Pak PWD. The detail are as under:—

(1)	NAB cases	=	32-31
(2)	FIA	=	22
(3)	E&D Rules, 1973	=	13

Estate Office

There are total 3 number of inquires / cases of corruption are in Estate office Management.

PHA-F

There are total 4 number of inquires / cases of corruption are in PHA Foundation.

(b) **FGEHF**

The responsibilities will be fixed upon decision accordingly.

Pak PWD

Yes. The above statement indicates that responsibility has been fixed. These cases are under trial in NAB Court as well in Civil Court referred by FIA.

Estate Office

As the inquiries are underway, so responsibility has not yet been fixed.

PHA-F

The cases are underway and outcome are still awaited.

(c) **FGEHF**

The FGE Housing Foundation has been focusing on anti-corruption campaign in the organization wherein officers have been sent on anti-corruption conferences organized by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and several training programs against corruption. Rules & regulations prescribed against corruption are strictly being followed. The FGE Housing Foundation in the light of above has computerized the Technical and Estate Wing. Moreover, the PPRA rules are being implemented in all the procurement processes.

Pak PWD

Ministry of Housing & Works has taken step to stop corruption to Pak PWD by refereeing the cases to NAB as well as FIA for investigation. Besides disciplinary cases under the Government Servants (E&D) Rules, 1973 have already been initiated.

Estate Office

Following steps have been taken to stop corruption:—

- The Estate office is strictly adhering to rules in disposal of allotment/rent recovery cases.
- Systems of internal checks and vigilance chances of corruption.

PHA-F

As and when outcome of the inquiries will be received action will be initiated accordingly.

66. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the Ankara Dam is gradually being dried;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the said Dam is a single source of water supply for people of Gwadar at present;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, whether people of adjacent areas of the said Dam are moving towards other places; if so, the steps taken by the present Government to resolve the said issue?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) The real name of Dam is Akra Kaur instead of Ankara. Yes it is fact that the Akra Kaur Dam constructed in the 1990 is being dried due to lack of rainfall in the catchment area of the dam. A dry spell of one year in Gwadar left the dam empty which otherwise has silted up reducing its storage by 60%.

(b) Yes it is fact that Akra Kaur Dam is the only major and dependable source of drinking water. The earlier source of tube wells established during seventies and later on augmented by PHE at Suntsar some 63 Km from Gwadar is working as alternate source for some nearby villages and Gwadar town to supplement the water supply arrangements.

(c) It is not true that the people are migrating to other places since the demand of the public is being met through alternate arrangements which include water tankers and additional pumping from the Suntsar tube wells. The Government of Balochistan has already initiated the following short, medium and long term measures to overcome the problem.

- i. Repair/restoration and commissioning of 2.00 MGD desalination plant at Karwat.

- ii. Installation and commissioning of one existing and three new small desalination plants.
- iii. Pumping of water from the completed/ongoing dams.

67. ***Shaikh Rohale Asghar:**

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

- (a) *the time by which projects of electricity launched under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will be completed separately; and*
- (b) *the quantum of electricity will be generated therefrom separately?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) CPEC electricity generation projects are categorized as Prioritized (10400 MVV) and actively promoted projects (6645 MW) having total capacity of 17045 MW. These electricity projects include Wind, Solar, Hydro and Coal generation projects. All of these projects are in IPP mode and are being processed by AEDB (Wind and Solar) and PPIB (Coal and Hydro projects).

(b) The list of Wind and Solar CPEC Power projects describing quantum of electricity separately along with completion dates is at **Annex-I**.

The list of Coal and Hydro CPEC projects describing quantum of electricity separately along with completion dates is at **Annex-II**.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

68. ***Shazia Marri:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the present Government to address issues of malnutrition and stunting in the country; and*
- (b) *whether the present Government conducted any survey to study said issues in the country; if so, the details thereof?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Federal Ministry as per its role as coordinating, policy and regulation making and oversight ministry is playing its role effectively. There is no direct federal government funding for nutrition interventions in the federally administered areas, however Nutrition PC I for Federal Areas is under process in the Planning Commission.

Multiple initiatives have been undertaken through the Nutrition Wing Ministry of NHSR&C in Collaboration with Provincial Departments of Health, UN Agencies and development partners as continued nutrition response to prevent and treat malnutrition among most vulnerable especially children

These interventions include:—

- Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices
- Breast Feeding promotion and protection
- Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)
- Stunting Prevention for chronic Malnutrition
- Counselling and Supplementation for prevention
- Food Fortification (salt iodization, oil/Ghee & Wheat Flour fortification)

(b) No. The last National Nutrition Survey was carried out in 2011. The present government endorsed and released that survey in September 2013. At present the Ministry of NHSR&C is in process of conducting another large scale survey, National Nutrition Survey 2017 to find out the latest situation and the impact of different interventions carried out during the past few years, as well as to guide in future planning. This survey would be completed by mid of 2018.

69. ***Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the unregistered medicines available in the market/country for body building causing death;*
- (b) *if so, the steps being taken by the Government at Federal level for its prevention?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Alternative Medicines and Health Products were brought into Regulatory Framework under the DRAP Act 2012 and Alternative Medicines and Health Products enlistment rules 2014. Body building products imported illegally have been seized by the FID and not to dispose off.

(b) Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan in coordination with the Provincial Governments has launched campaign against the manufacturers and importers of the unregistered medicines throughout the country. Hundreds of cases have been registered against the defaulters. FIR's have been registered and a number of culprits have been arrested. This campaign shall continue until the unlicensed manufacturers and unregistered medicines are eradicated.

70. ***Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that persons/people have been sent to perform Hajj-2016 in lieu of those persons/people who were unable to perform said Hajj for any reason; if so, the criteria adopted therefor; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that some persons were sent for said Hajj on recommendations of the Ministers, Secretaries of the Government and Members of National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan?*

Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony (Sardar Muhammad Yousaf): (a) Till departure of final Hajj flight to KSA, 479 applicants took refund of their Hajj dues and withdrew their candidature for performance of Hajj due to various reasons which includes death cases, medical cases, domestic, etc. Whereas, out of above, 197 applicants were substituted on the basis of criteria approved by the Ministry wherein only blood relatives were allowed to be substituted.

(b) It is stated that out of 479 dropout cases, 197 applicants were substituted, whereas remaining, 282 applicants from the general public were accommodated for performance of Hajj 2016 on various grounds.

71. ***Ms. Shaista Pervaiz:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines being used in pregnancy are very high;*
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to decrease prices of said medicines; and*
- (c) whether it is further a fact that Pakistan is self sufficient in manufacturing of said medicines?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) It is not a fact that prices of drugs being used in pregnancy are very high. Most commonly used registered drugs and vaccines in pregnancy such as folic acid, oral iron, calcium preparations, multivitamins, analgesic, tetanus toxoid etc. are low priced.

(b) The Drug Pricing Policy-2015 provides that maximum retail prices (MRPs) of Originator Brands of drugs listed in Schedule shall be reduced by 10% per annum for 3 consecutive years (cumulative reduction of 30%). Accordingly, reduction in MRPs of 104 drugs is under process. Some Originator Brands falling in this category are occasionally used during pregnancy.

(c) Commonly used medicine and vaccine for pregnancy like oral iron and folic acid preparations, analgesic (paracetamol), antiemetic, Vitamin B6, other multivitamin preparations and tetanus toxoid vaccine are manufactured locally in sufficient quantities to meet the need of country.

72. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that employees of WAPDA are involved in corruption cases in Nowshera particularly in Pabbi-II, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;*
- (b) the total number of corruption cases registered against said employees during the last five years;*

- (c) *the date-wise posting of said employees separately; and*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that actions have been taken by the Government against corrupt employees of said area during the said period?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Elimination of corruption is top priority of PESCO management. However, if some solid proofs are found, only then disciplinary proceeding under Rules can be initiated against the employees involved in corruption.

(b) No corruption case is registered during the last five years against employees in Pabbi-II.

(c) There is no corruption case of employees in the said area, therefore reply may be considered as Nil.

(d) There is no corruption case of employees in the said area, therefore reply may be considered as Nil.

73. ***Ms. Shakila Luqman:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the period to import used cars has been reduced through SRO;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) and National Tariff Commission (NTC) have given mandate to assess pros and cons of such reduction;*
- (c) *whether it is further a fact that the said reduction has been made before the reduction of such assessment;*
- (d) *if the answers to part (a), (b) and (c) above are in the affirmative, the time period of said reduction alongwith the justification to make such reduction prior to said assessment?*

Transferred to Commerce Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

74. ***Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that excessive and harmful expensive medicines are being sold in the country at present;*
- (b) whether it is also a fact that said medicines are not registered with any authentic Drug Regulatory Authority/Agency of the World;*
- (c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the steps are being taken by the Government to check said medicines; and*
- (d) the steps are being taken by the Government to ensure availability of life saving essential medicines at affordable prices in the country?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) No excessive and harmful expensive registered drug is being sold in the country. However, certain drug formulations registered in the past, were not found approved by stringent regulatory authorities and their cases have been taken up by the Registration Board because the safety and efficacy of such dosage forms has not been established through the approved standards for such parameters.

(b) The Registration Board as per routine process continues to review existing drug formulations to ensure their compliance with the ones approved by reference Drug Regulatory Authorities. During this review process, the Registration Board has identified 30 drug molecules/ dosage form registered before establishment of DRAP, which were not currently found available in reference regulatory authorities. Similarly another 22 drug molecules/ dosage form, which were not in accordance with the innovative brands approved by reference regulatory authorities were also identified for the dosage form.

(c) Around 200 such drug formulations identified by the Board have been show caused and are being asked for explanation, as per Drugs Act, 1976. Show Cause Notices were also issued to 30 registered drug formulations not found for such dosage forms approved by reference drug regulatory agencies/ authorities. In order to implement their formulation as per standard, an opportunity

of personal hearing will be provided by the Registration Board to these registration holders for provision of evidence regarding the approval from reference/stringent regulatory authorities before taking final decision. Similarly 22 drug formulations, which were not in accordance with innovative brands approved by reference regulatory authorities, have been advised to review their formulations/dosage forms as per reference countries. In case of non-compliance the process for de-registration will be initiated.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Federal Government to control prices of registered drugs 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 were 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 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

Dosage Form	Stocks seized (in numbers)	Packs
Syrups	14,005	14,005
Ointments/Creams	23,561	23,561
Eye drops	1473	1473
Oral Drops	298	298
Injections	1915	1033

The cases are under process for prosecution while one has taken remedial action and prices were reverted.

- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. During the last 11 months, 26 out of 700 pharmaceutical companies increased their prices of 347 out of around 70,000 registered drugs without approval of the Federal Government after managing to obtain restraining orders by these firms and their associations by misleading the Sindh High Court at Karachi. The Federal Government and DRAP are vehemently contesting these cases in the Sindh High Court at Karachi and applications were filed through office of the Additional Attorney General of Pakistan at Sindh High Court on behalf of the Federation of Pakistan and DRAP to club all cases, grant urgent hearings and vacate stay orders. Resultantly, all suits were clubbed by the honourable Sindh High Court.

The Sindh High Court *vide* its order dated 06-04-2016 has directed Pharma Industry to provide documents / information and directed DRAP to decide cases within one month. However, the court extended the restraining order till next date of hearing.

In compliance to court orders, letters were again issued to the companies to complete their applications. Meeting of the Drug Pricing Committee was held on 4th & 5th May, 2016 and 27th June, 2016 and decided hardship cases under the provisions of the Drug Pricing Policy-2015.

A compliance report has been submitted in the Sindh High Court at Karachi. An application was filed through the office of the Attorney General of Pakistan for early hearing of the case and vacation of stay order. Accordingly, the honorable court was pleased to accept the application and frequent / active hearings were held in August on 24-08-2016, 26-08-2016, 29-08-2016, 30-08-2016 and in September on 21-09-2016 and 23-09-2016 and 7-10-2016. Arguments / counter arguments of the both sides have been completed and judgment is expected to be passed by the court within 4-6 weeks.

- 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. In case of Tetanus Toxoid injection, Ministry of NHSR&C and DRAP have been successful and the honorable Sindh High Court at Karachi on 15th August, 2016 has disposed off the suit filed by company. Price has been reverted back from Rs.595/- to Rs. 420/- per pack.
- vii. 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.

- viii. 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 increase prices of drugs more than approved prices.

A complaint cell has been established in DRAP and public has been encouraged through advertisements in the print media to lodge complaints about overcharging of prices of drugs in the market.

75. ***Ms. Aisha Syed:**

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

- (a) *the details of latest research made for bringing the standard/ quality of Pakistani fruits at par with the international level during tenure of the present Government; and*
- (b) *the achievements gained therefrom?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a) Ministry of National Food Security & Research through its research establishments is taking necessary steps (Short and Long term activities) to facilitate the fruit growers in the country to increase the production and improve its quality to meet international standards for exports. The following steps have been taken:

1. Integrated management strategies for fruit flies control in mango, citrus and guava orchards.
2. Introduction of Mechanized Harvesting and De-sapping in mangoes.
3. Post harvest Management and value addition of fruits in production catchment in SAARC countries.
4. Packing innovations for quality and shelf life sustainability of Dhakki dates and value addition.

5. Trainings of Service providers on export quality production through Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and hot water treatment for mango export and blast chill requirements for Kinnow export.

(b) The following achievements have been gained:

- Trainings and capacity building of growers for orchards management (pruning, insect pest control, fertilizer application and irrigation etc.).
- Micro-propagation of superior National and international varieties of date palm on commercial level at Date Palm Research Institute, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur.

76. ***Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar:**

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

(a) *the date-wise visits made by the Minister of State for Water and Power to each Power Distribution Company after taking oath alongwith details of each visit thereof; and*

(b) *the improvement occurred therefrom separately?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Detail of visits of various DISCOS made by Minister of State for Water and / Power is at Annex-A.

- (b) • The following improvements have occurred:
- Recoveries of outstanding arrears have been accelerated to enable the power sector to clear its liabilities well in time.
 - Distribution & Transmission Losses have been decreased appreciably.
 - A visible improvement can be observed while comparing the performance of DISCOs during the period from Fy 2013-14 to 2015-16, details as under:—

Financial Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Recovery %	89.1%	89.2%	94.4%
Losses	18.7%	18.7%	17.9%

- * A large number of public grievances have been addressed by the direct contact of Minister of State with the complainants.
- * Load Shedding schedule has also been monitored and decreased due to visits of DISCOS by the Minister of State for Water and Power, indicated below:—

Description	No. of Hrs. in 2013	No. of Hrs. in 2016	No. of Hrs. at present
Urban	13 Hrs	06 Hrs.	0 Hours.
Rural	14 Hrs.	08 Hrs.	0 Hours.
Mix industry	13 Hrs.	00 Hrs.	0 Hours.
Independent Industry	12 Hrs.	00 Hrs.	0 Hours.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

77. ***Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the electricity meters readings are not being made by employees of Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) particularly in Pabbi-II, District Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the meters of electricity in the said areas have been installed at a height beyond the access of employees of WAPDA; if so, the steps being taken by the Government to install said meters at proper places?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) No. It is not a fact that electricity meter readings are not being made by employees of WAPDA in Pabbi-II. District Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(b) Mobile meter reading has been started to ensure actual meter reading is taken and the menace of overbilling is controlled. For this very purpose, the installation of electricity meters at normal height is a pre-requisite which is being ensured in all the Distribution Companies.

78. ***Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that compensations have not been paid to the affectees of Mangla Dam upraising project so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the present Government to pay such compensations at the earliest?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) WAPDA has released an amount of Rs. 53.155 Billion to Govt. of AJK on account of compensation of land, Built up property, trees 2% Admn expenses and other compensations (Link Roads, Confidence, Building Measures, compensation of economic loss, relocation of utilities and replacement works of houses) in AJK area. No further payment is to be released by WAPDA for AJK affectees.

In Punjab area, WAPDA has released an amount of Rs. 0.121 Billion on account of compensation of land, Built up property and trees for Tehsil Kallar Sayedan, District Rawalpindi in October 2016. Rs. 0.579 Billion (approx) are yet to be released for the affectees of Tehsil Gujjar Khan and Sohawa, Districts Rawalpindi & Tehsil Dina, District Jhelum.

(b) WAPDA is making all efforts to clear the outstanding compensation to the affectees of Mangle Dam. However, the remaining amount of Rs. 0.579 billion will be paid subject to completion of land acquisition proceedings by the district administration, (Government of Punjab).

79. ***Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) *the details of agricultural incentives announced in budget 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;*
- (b) *the benefits obtained by the Agricultural Sector therefrom; and*
- (c) *the province-wise details of utilization of funds released/ announced during the said period therefor?*

Reply not received.

80. ***Ms. Belum Hasnain:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the agricultural production is not being increased by 60% in order to overcome food shortage in the country;*
- (b) *if so, the steps taken by the present Government to improve agricultural technology and to adopt updated agricultural methods thereof?*

Minister for National Food Security and Research (Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan): (a)

- * In fact the agri, products has not reached the 60% increase, however, there is no shortage of food in the country.
- * Pakistan has been maintaining surplus stocks of wheat during the last five years. Moreover, no decline in wheat yields/ha has been recorded since 2011-12, *i.e.* 2.7 t/ha.
- * It is also important to mention that during the last three years in Pakistan food items like wheat, rice, maize, potatoes, onion, mango, citrus; palm dates, meat etc. were produced in surplus as per country requirement.

(b) To improve agriculture production, Federal Government has introduced the following technologies through Pakistan Agricultural Research Council:

- * Zero Tillage Drill
- * Sunflower Thresher
- * Canola Thresher
- * Date Drying Technology
- * PARC Mango Hot Water Treatment
- * PARC Mango Harvesting & Desapping Machine
- * Fruit Fly Control Strategies
- * Trichograma Card Production Technology

81. ***Ms. Naseema Hafeez Panezai:**

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

- (a) *whether funds have been allocated for the installation of transmission line from Chashma-Dera Ismail Khan-Zhob in budget 2016-17; if not, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide supplementary grant therefor;*
- (b) *whether approval has been given by the concerned forum for the said supplementary grant; and*
- (c) *whether there is also any proposal under consideration of the Government to complete the said transmission line before the next elections; if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) & (b)
An amount of Rs.500 Million has been allocated in PSDP 2010-17 budget for 220 KV DI Khan-Zhob Transmission Line along with 220 KV Zhob Substation.

(c) The PC-1 has been approved by ECNEC on 07-11-2016 The tender documents are under preparation. The survey of transmission line route has started. The said transmission line is expected to be completed by April, 2018.

82. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the total number of breast cancer female patients in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more centres to control the said disease in the country?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) The exact numbers of breast cancer patients is not known as cancer registries are not available in all hospitals. However, the estimates suggest that Pakistan has very high numbers, which is also evident from following table giving percentage of breast cancer among total number of cancer patients from selected centers:—

Trends of Breast Cancer

1973-74 (reporting from 7 sites)	Breast (24%)
1977-80 (reporting from 6 sites)	Breast (25%)
1992 (reporting from 6 sites)	Breast (19%)
2015-16 (reporting from 6 sites)	Breast (25%)

(b) Federal government has approved a 250 bedded cancer hospital in Islamabad which will also have facility for diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Its feasibility study has been completed and PC1 has been submitted for funding. All tertiary level hospitals in provinces have facilities to diagnose & test breast cancer.

83. ***Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that 2000 persons are being died every week by smoking in the country;*
- (b) *if the answer to part (a) above is in the affirmative, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?*

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: (a) Tobacco use is a single largest preventable cause of death in the world. In Pakistan, Tobacco kills 1645 men and 442 women every week. This is about 298 deaths per day, 2087 per week and 108,800 per year (Source: The Tobacco Atlas, 5th Edition, World Lung Foundation: 2015). Diseases caused by tobacco use include lung cancers, heart diseases, stroke and illnesses caused by tobacco use.

(b) Tobacco Control Cell of Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination is taking demand and supply reduction measures to control epidemic of tobacco use in the country. Following are the main tobacco control laws that are available to the Cell:

• **Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smoker's Health Ordinance, 2002**

- Ban on smoking in places of public work or use
- Ban on smoking in public service vehicles
- Regulation of tobacco advertisements
- Ban on sale of cigarettes to under-18s
- Ban on sale or storage of cigarettes/tobacco products in/near educational institutions.
- Mandatory display of "No Smoking" signs at public places.

• **Cigarette (Printing of Warning) Ordinance, 1979: Amendment in 2002**

- Ban on possessing, selling or offering for sale packets of cigarettes without health warning.

To control tobacco epidemic in the country, the Cell has taken following measures:

Policy /Legislation Level Interventions:

- a. Ban on import of Sheesha (tobacco and non-tobacco) and related substances.
- b. Introduction of Pictorial Health Warning on cigarette packs and outers.
- c. Ban on tobacco products advertisement in print, electronic and outdoor media.

- d. Ban on free samples, cash rebates, discounts and sponsorship of events.
- e. Ban on manufacturing and sale of cigarettes packs having less than 20 cigarette sticks.
- f. Illegalization of “Designated Smoking Areas”.
- g. Increase in FED on cigarette packs (40.33% increase in FED in last two financial years- 44,77% on lower slab and 35.89% on upper slab).

Infrastructure development / Institutionalization:

- h. Establishment of Tobacco Control Cells in KPK and Balochistan. Punjab and Sindh have committed the same.
- i. Formation of National Technical Advisory Group (TAG).
- j. Formation of technical working group on tobacco taxation.
- k. Formation and activation of Provincial Implementation Committees/ Taskforces for tobacco control in the provinces.
- l. Formation and activation of District Implementation & Monitoring Committees on tobacco control in model districts.
- m. Formation of district enforcement teams in model districts.

Awareness interventions:

- n. More than 402 awareness and capacity building sessions for law enforcement agencies, authorized persons and general public in which about 12000 persons have been sensitized / trained.
- o. Conducted provincial and district implementation committees meetings. Resultantly, provincial and district level tobacco control measures have been taken.

- p. Launching of 2 national mass media campaigns
 - i. Sponge (2016)
 - ii. Tobacco is hollowing you out (2015)
- q. Dissemination of information materials on hazards of tobacco use, second hand tobacco smoke and tobacco control laws (1,157,000 units have been disseminated).
- r. Installation of plates / posters carrying “Smoking is an Offense” message in ministries, schools/universities, hotels, public service vehicles and other public places.
- s. Installation of 200 boards with tobacco control messages at public places in Islamabad.
- t. Multifarious awareness interventions:
 - i. 15 Radio Programs
 - ii. 120 FM Spots
 - iii. 4 TV Programs
 - iv. 20 Newspaper ads
 - v. Outdoor awareness activities
- u. Production and airing of two documentary films in national and regional languages
- v. Incorporation of tobacco control messages in curriculum.
- w. Branding of buses with tobacco control messages in Islamabad/ Rawalpindi.

Enforcement measures:

- x. Capacity building of law enforcement officers / authorized persons.
- y. Raids by law enforcement teams. Resultantly, 963 cases have been registered across the country under various sections of 2002 Ordinance.

- z. Directions by provincial IGs for strict enforcement of tobacco control laws.

84. ***Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

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

- (a) *the daily schedule of loadshedding of electricity in the country at present; and*
- (b) *whether the further time is required to the Government to end said loadshedding?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) At present, no load shedding of electricity is being carried out. However, some DISCOs are carrying out load shedding in their high loss areas respectively.

(b) The Government is leaving no stone unturned to bridge the demand and electricity supply gap in the shortest possible time.

85. ***Rana Umer Nazir Khan:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to refer to the Un-starred Question No.15, replied on 24-11-2016 and to state:

- (a) *whether it is a fact that as per Annexure-C of the said reply only 21-Category-I, Constitutional Serving Letters were issued till 24-11-2016;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that till 24-11-2016 as per seniority list Annexure-A to said reply, in Category-I, Constitutional Serving Quota, all applicants upto Serial/Seniority No.45 have been issued the consent letters;*
- (c) *if the answer to part (b) above is in affirmative, the reasons for giving incorrect information to the Assembly alongwith list of all those who are responsible therefor?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) Annex-C, forwarded with the reply of un-Starred question No. 15 actually contains

a list of 27 applicants to whom consent letters were issued. The position was given as on 24-10-2016 (list re-annexed).

(b) Actually, the Annex-A forwarded with the reply of un-Starred question No. 15 contains a tentative list of total number of applicants of Category-I of constitutional bodies who got registration under Membership Drive (Phase-II) (list re-annexed) whereas consent letters were issued at that time till Sr. No. 30 of said tentative list.

(c) Position clarified as above.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

86. ***Sheikh Salahuddin:**

Will the Minister for Housing and Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of applications are pending for change of Government accommodations within the same category since long; if so, the time by which decisions will be made thereon?

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): No. It is not a fact that a number of applications pending in Estate Office, Islamabad for change of Government accommodation within the same category since long. The said applications are disposed off as soon as the same received in Estate Office, Islamabad on completion of all codal formalities.

87. ***Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan:**

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

(a) *the details of acts, ordinances, rules and regulations alongwith all other by-laws relating to business allocated to the Ministry and its divisions/bodies/departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*

(b) *whether it is a fact that the said statutes have been evaluated during the last five years with regard to assess their effective implementation; if so, the details; if not, the reasons thereof; and*

- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to upload up to date laws relating to business of said division/bodies/ departments under the said Rules of Business at its websites at the earliest?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Details are at **Annex-A.**

(b) Amendment is a continuous process. Steps are being taken to keep pace with the changes in the society. Whenever there arises a need to amend the laws/rules, the same is carried out in consultation with all the stake holders. Law & Justice Division has initiated a process to eliminate redundant/out dated laws from the Federal statutes. This Ministry has forwarded following laws to Law & Justice Division for their repealment:

- (i) Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil Industry (HVOI) (Control & Development) Act, 1973
- (ii) Managed Cement Establishment (Payment to Corporation) Ordinance, 1984.
- (iii) Development of Industries (Government Control) Act, 1949.
- (iv) West Pakistan Small Industries Corporation (Dissolution) Ordinance, 1972.

(c) Steps are being taken to upload/up to date laws relating to business of this division.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

88. ***Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

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

- (a) *the steps taken by the Ministry/Water and Power Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all Laws and Rules made thereunder with reference to business allocated to the said Division and its Attached Departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*
- (b) *the subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*

- (c) *whether it is a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to consolidate and amend the said Laws and Rules to keep pace with changes in the society; if so, the details; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to determine the anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; and*
- (e) *the names of officers/branches appointed/designated therefor?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) A consolidated list of such laws, rules and regulations is as follows:—

- National Power Tariff and Subsidy Policy Guidelines 2014.
- Circular Debt Capping Mechanism 2015.
- Power Generation Policy 2015.
- Guidelines — Transmission Line Policy for private sector 2015.
- Electricity Act Amendments- Offenses and Penalties Relating to Electricity — Amendment in the PPC & CRPC.
- The National Energy Efficiency & Conservation Act 2016.
- Amendments in the Renewable Energy Policy 2006 allowing issuance of Tripartite Letter of Support in favor of projects initiated by the Provinces.
- Draft National Water Policy and Provincial River Act 2015 (under process of approval from competent forums).

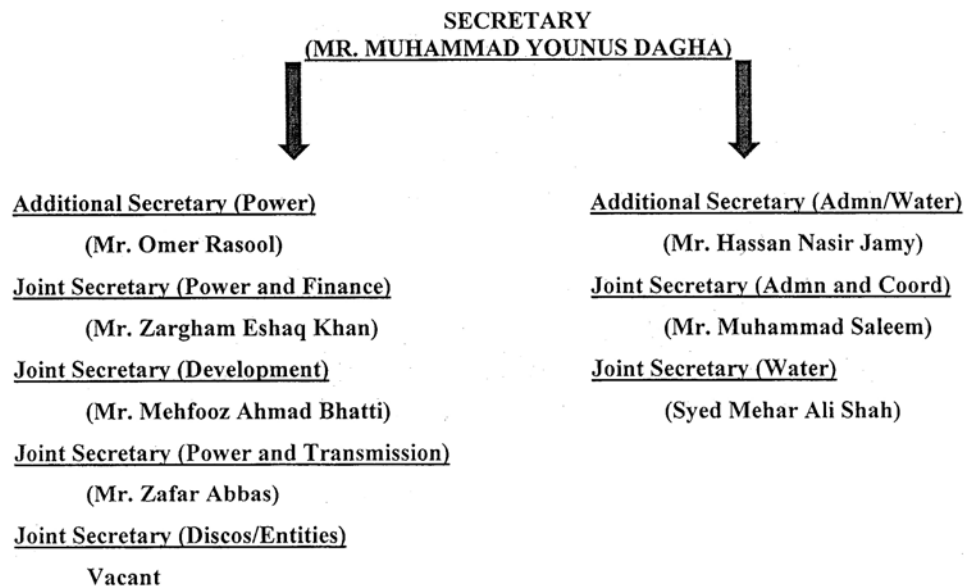
(b) As at para (a) above.

(c) During the last three years, a number of laws have been drafted, amendments made, bills passed and policy documents approved by the Federal Government and the Parliament, where required. As per revision in policies and to

facilitate development of power sector, modifications are being made in the applicable laws & rules through relevant forums.

(d) In case an anomaly arises, Ministry of Water and Power and its attached departments refer the cases to the Ministries/ Divisions, concerned, including the Law and Justice Division for seeking guidance. On the basis of clarification/ advice rendered by the concerned Ministries/ Divisions, relevant rules/ laws/ regulations/procedure etc. are modified to remove such anomalies/ inconsistencies for administering the said laws.

(e) For executing the business allocated as per Rules of Business 1973, the Ministry has distributed its functions among the various wings as per details attached at Annex-A.



89. ***Dr. Fehmida Mirza:**

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

(a) *the steps taken by the Ministry/ Industries and Production Division to prepare subject-wise list of titles of all Laws and Rules made thereunder with reference to business allocated to the said Division and its Attached Departments under the Rules of Business, 1973;*

- (b) *the subject-wise list of titles of said Laws/Rules;*
- (c) *whether it is a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to consolidate and amend the said Laws and Rules to keep pace with changes in the society; if so, the details; if not, reasons thereof;*
- (d) *whether it is also a fact that the steps have been taken by the said Division to determine the anomalies, inconsistencies and difficulties in the administration and implementation of said Laws and Rules; and*
- (e) *the names of officers/branches appointed/designated therefor?*

Minister for Industries and Production (Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi): (a) Details are at Annex-A.

- (b) (i) Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977.
- (ii) Petroleum Act, 1934.
- (iii) Economic Reforms (Protection of Industries) Regulation, 1972 (Regulation No. 125 of 1972).

Following laws have been referred to Law & Justice Division for repealment:—

- (i) Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil Industry (HVOI) (Control & Development) Act, 1973
- (ii) Managed Cement Establishment (Payment to Corporation) Ordinance, 1984.
- (iii) Development of Industries (Government Control) Act, 1949.
- (iv) West Pakistan Small Industries Corporation (Dissolution) Ordinance, 1972.

(c) Amendment is a continuous process. Steps are being taken to keep pace with the changes in the society. Whenever there arises a need to amend the laws/rules, the same is carried out in consultation with the provinces.

- (d) * As regards Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977, after 18th amendment process has been initiated for amendment in the Rules of Business, 1973.
- * Law & Justice Division has initiated a process to eliminate redundant/ out dated laws from the statutes. This Ministry has forwarded following laws to Law & Justice Division for their repealment:
 - (i) Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil Industry (HVOI) (Control & Development) Act, 1973
 - (ii) Managed Cement Establishment (Payment to Corporation) Ordinance, 1984.
 - (iii) Development of Industries (Government Control) Act, 1949.
 - (iv) West Pakistan Small Industries Corporation (Dissolution) Ordinance, 1972.
- (e) Finance, Administration and Regulation Wing, Ministry of Industries & Production has been designated for necessary amendments in the Rules of Business, 1973 in consultation with all wings of this Ministry.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

90. ***Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqub:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a low voltage of electricity transformer has been installed in Lance Naik Muhammad Mehfooz Shaheed Basti, Dhoke Dhari Syedan, Pind Malkan, Islamabad which is insufficient for requirement of the said area;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that electric wires installed for the supply of electricity to said village are in a dilapidated condition at present;*
- (c) *if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, whether there is any proposal under consideration of the*

Government to install a high voltage transformer and change the old wires in the said village; if so, the time by which it will be implemented; if not, the reasons therefor?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a) Yes, it is a fact that 50 KVA transformer is installed in Launce Naik Muhammad Mehfooz Shaheed Basti, Dhoke Dhari Syedan, Pind Malkan, Islamabad, which is overloaded.

(b) 2 LV proposals have been prepared in which one proposal of village Pind Malkan has been approved and sent to Project Director Construction for execution. The second proposals for 50 KVA new transformer of Village Dhoke Dhari Syedan is under proces in the office of Chief Engineer (P&E) IESCO for approval.

(c) After completion of the proposed schemes in minimum possible time, the low voltage problem and off size conductor/network will be resolved.

ISLAMABAD:
The 15th December, 2016

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

“UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND THEIR REPLIES”**For Friday, the 16th December, 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.

23. **Ms. Suraiya Jatoi:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

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

- (a) *the total number of reports issued/released by the Islamic Ideology Council (IIC) during the last two years; and*
- (b) *the total number of reports of the IIC presented in the National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan during the said period; and*
- (c) *the total number of reports of the said Council to be presented in the National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan in the near future?*

Transferred to Law and Justice Division for answer on Next Rota Day.

26. **Dr. Fouzia Hameed:**
(Deferred during 37th Session)

Will the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to bring religious seminaries functioning in the country in the mainstream of educational system; if so, the details of consultations made in this regard with various boards of said seminaries?

Transferred to Federal Education and Professional Training Division for answer on Next Rotal Day.

15. **Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some poles/towers of 66 KV transmission lines from Samaro to Umerkot and Naukot are in dilapidated conditions since long; if so, the time by which said poles/towers will be replaced?

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): The estimation for the replacement/ rehabilitation of the deteriorated 66 KV transmission line (Samaro to Umerkot & Naukot) poles has been completed and the work will be commenced shortly.

16. **Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state the total number of persons appointed on contract and daily wages basis in the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company against disabled and minority quotas during the tenure of the present Government alongwith the details thereof?

Reply not received.

17. **Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:**

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

- (a) *the details of restructuring/rehabilitation works of the Government houses of Category-II, Sector G-10/2, Islamabad completed by the Pakistan Public Works Department (Pak. PWD) during the tenure of the present Government;*

- (b) *whether it is a fact that works relating to white wash of said houses have not been made by the Pak. PWD during the said period; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the steps being taken by the Government to renovate the said houses?*

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

The Structure of houses once constructed cannot be disturbed. The repair/maintenance of following 9 Nos out of 47 Nos houses of Cat-II, G-10/2, Islamabad have been carried out during the tenure of present government.

S #	Description	Amount
<u>2012-13</u>		
1.	House No. 11, at-II.	Rs. 18557/-
2.	House No. 16, Cat-II	Rs. 11270/-
<u>2013-14</u>		
3.	House No. 13, Cat-II.	Rs.105706/-
<u>2015-16</u>		
4.	House No. 1, Cat-II	Rs. 131318/-
5.	House No. 7, Cat-II.	Rs. 175126/
6.	House No. 12, Cat-II.	Rs. 124598/
7.	House No. 13, Cat-II.	Rs. 532247/
8.	House No. 21, Cat-II.	Rs. 485234/
9.	House No. 31, Cat-II.	Rs. 125211/-
Total:		Rs. 1709267/-

(b) The white wash of above houses has been carried out during the said period.

(c) The renovation of remaining houses will be carried out from the allocation funds during the coming financial years.

18. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to meet the shortage of hospitals in each district of the country?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: In a recent meeting held on 26th August, 2016 the Prime Minister took note of inadequate public sector health facilities in the country and overall insufficiency of health care infrastructure. In order to forestall further deterioration of healthcare facilities in view of ever-increasing patient load, the Prime Minister approved the proposal to construct over 46 state-of- the-art hospitals in densely populated/deprived or marginalized areas of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir and FATA.

Appreciating the need to undertake the above mentioned assignment on priority basis, the Prime Minister approved establishment of SPV, a public sector company “Health Infrastructure Management & Development Company” (HIDMC), under the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, for phased construction and subsequent management of hospitals.

The nationwide health program comprises of construction of FORTY-SIX (46) General Hospitals including allied facilities across the country. Province/Region wise tentative distribution of hospitals is listed below:

PROVINCE/ REGION	500 BED	250 BED BED	100	Total
Islamabad	03	-	-	03
Punjab	05	07	-	12
Sindh	03	03	-	06
Khyber Pakhtunkha	02	03	02	07
Balochistan	01	03	04	08
AJK	-	01	04	05
GB-	-	02	02	04
FATA	-	01	-	01
Total:	14	20	12	46

19. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that the electricity meters and wires installed particularly outside residential and commercial buildings in Islamabad present a messy view that leads to any untoward incidents;*
- (b) *if so, whether the Government has taken notice of said mess;*
- (c) *the steps are being taken by the Government to install such electricity meters and wires in an organized manner; and*
- (d) *the time by which the said task will be completed?*

Minister for Water and Power (Khawaja Muhammad Asif): (a), (b), (c) & (d) On the recommendation of Ministry of Water and Power, a Health Safety and Environment Quality (HSEQ) cell has been established at PEPCO level to identify and then to eliminate the nuisance of hanging wires and loose transmission lines in densely populated areas of the distribution companies. This comprehensive exercise will go along way in eliminating public and line staffa fatal and non-fatal electrical incidents. PEPCO is also in the process of reviewing the safety hazards and standards at DISCO level. Quality Control and Safety Committees at Board levels has also been established in this regard. Furthermore, a system of Quality and Safety Management is being developed in DISCOs to eliminate hazardous incidents as well as hazardous points. All these measures will ensure that safety standards are up held for the general public as well as the line staff.

20. **Mr. Muhammad Muzammil Qureshi:**

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that salaries are not being paid to employees of the Pakistan Steel Mill (PSM), Karachi on regular basis; if so, the reasons thereof;*

- (b) *whether it is also a fact that the Government has failed to formulate a comprehensive framework for paying salaries to employees of PSM on regular basis; and*
- (c) *the steps are being taken by the Government to formulate a comprehensive framework therefor at the earliest?*

Reply not received.

21. **Mr. Sher Akbar Khan:**

Will the Minister for Industries and Production be pleased to state the model and price-wise cars being manufactured in the country at present?

Reply not received.

22. **Ms. Nighat Parveen Mir:**

Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the departments preparing the vaccines of anti polio and measles are closed in Islamabad for the last eight Months; if so, the responsables thereof?

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination: National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad is the sole public sector producer of vaccines and anti-sera.

Anti Polio: Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) was being produced by NIH from 1980 to 2003. The produced OPV was being supplied to EPI Pakistan for vaccine of children. The portion of NIH OPV vaccine was almost 10% of the total utilized vaccine in Pakistan. Main portion of vaccine was imported from the multinational companies.

In 2003 on advice of the WHO, the NIH discontinued the manufacturing of OPV because of prequalification requirements. The facility of OPV manufacturing is being utilized for production of Allergy Vaccine which was being produced in an old facility. The staff of OPV is also merged in other production laboratories where the staff was deficient.

Measles: NIH prepared Measles vaccine and supplied to EPI up to 2012. NIH has a registered product for Measles vaccine for which NIH had capacity to carry out production from basic manufacture. One of the most important basic components of manufacturing is a working seed virus. NIH acquired this basic manufacture technology from Connaught Laboratories Limited, Canada in 1980s. This laboratory was then merged with M/s Sanofi Pasteur and then working seed virus was not provided by this laboratory as now international manufacturer are not easily willing to transfer the basic technologies and working seeds. Hence basic manufacture was not left as option. Second option was to procure Measles vaccine concentrate and then continue production. For this purpose NIH has given tender notices many times but up to 2013 no one participated in this tender. In FY2013-14 three companies participated in the open competition tender and out of it a company was selected after completing all coda) formalities and this has principal manufacturer in China. NIH started registration procedure to register principal manufacturer with Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP). This procedure is now in final stage. As soon as the registration process will be completed, NIH will purchase Measles vaccine concentrate and will start production accordingly which will be then supplied to EPI. Keeping in view the above mentioned facts it can be concluded that facility producing Measles vaccine *i.e.* Measles Vaccine Production Laboratory is not closed rather it is in functional condition but Measles vaccine is not currently being manufactured due to technical reason as detailed above. Moreover, M/o NHS, R&C is developing a strategy with all stakeholders consultation to devise a mechanism for public/private collaboration for manufacturing of modern vaccine in Pakistan with NIH as lead institution. The strategy will be presented to Ministry of Planning & Development soon.

23. Mr. Waseem Akhtar Shaikh:

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

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a number of letters including letter No.DG-III/W-II(A), dated 01-08-2016 were written to the Chief Engineer (North) by the Director General Pak. PWD, Islamabad for repairing, maintenance and replacement of items relating to Houses in Islamabad; if so, the details thereof;*
- (b) *whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken by the said Chief Engineer thereon so far; if so, the reasons thereof; and*
- (c) *the time by which action will be taken in response of said letters?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) A number of letters including letter No. DG-III/W-11 (A) dated 01-08-2016 were received in Chief Engineer (North)'s Office, Pak. Islamabad and efforts were made to undertake the requisite repair and maintenance but in vain as the requisite funds were not available. Earlier, the C.E (N), PPWD, Islamabad keeping in view the deteriorated condition of the houses in Islamabad wrote a letter to D.G, PPWD Islamabad bearing No. CEN/D-49/(000-11)/2015-16/1193 dated 25-02-2016 (Copy enclosed) for arrangement and providing funds to the tune of Rs. 500.00 million for repair, maintenance and replacement of items relating to the houses in Islamabad. However against the requisite funds Rs. 500.00 million, nothing has been provided so far.

(b) Since the funds demanded were not received therefore, repair, maintenance on mass level could not undertaken.

(c) As soon as ample funds are provided by Government the necessary work of repair and maintenance will be carried out.

(Annexure has been placed in the National Assembly Library)

24. Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:

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

(a) *the province-wise total number of persons appointed in the Ministry during the last five years; and*

(b) *the province and MNA-wise quota observed therefor?*

Reply not received.

25. Ch. Muhammad Shahbaz Babar:

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

(a) *the total number of corruption cases reported in the Ministry during the last five years alongwith the details thereof; and*

(b) *whether action has been taken by the Ministry against each culprit thereof; if not, the reasons thereof?*

Reply not received.

26. **Mr. Siraj Muhammad Khan:**

Will the Minister for Water and Power be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) had provided Purpose Built Vehicles to PESCO during the period from 01-01-2011 to 31-12-2015; if so, the details thereof?

Reply not received.

27. **Malik Itbar Khan:**

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

- (a) the Category and Sector-wise Government accommodations were available for the Government employees in Islamabad as on 02-12-2016 alongwith the details thereof;*
- (b) the names, designations, date of allotment and date of birth of allottees of the Government accommodations as on 02-12-2016;*
- (c) the prescribed criteria/policy in vogue for maintaining the seniority list of newly promoted Government employees;*
- (d) the eligibility criteria for the change of allotment and the right of allotment for more than one applicants for the same accommodation;*
- (e) whether the Ministry maintains proper record of 5% deduction of each allottee; if so, since when;*
- (f) the details of 5% deduction made against each allottee as on 02-12-2016; and*
- (g) the year-wise amount received under the head of 5% deduction since 01-01-2013 alongwith its utilization for maintenance of Government accommodations?*

Minister for Housing and Works (Mr. Akram Khan Durrani): (a) The Category-wise and Sector-wise Government accommodation available for the government employees in Islamabad as on 02-12-2016 is placed at Annex-I.

(b) The names, designations, dated of allotment and date of birth of allottees of the Government accommodation as on 02-12-2016 is also placed at Annex-II.

(c) The prescribed criteria / policy in vogue for maintaining the seniority list of newly promoted Government employees is that;

- ✓ The officer / official is allowed seniority *w.e.f.* his date of application.
- ✓ In case of such applies within 03 months from his date of promotion, the seniority is granted *w.e.f.* their date of promotion under Rule 6 of Accommodation Allocation Rules, 2002.

(d) Change of allotment of Government accommodation is allowed on first come first serve subject to availability of accommodation or in case more than one applicant then officer/ official having most severe grounds is allowed the change of Government accommodation.

(e) The Ministry/ Estate Office is not in a position to proper maintain the recovery 5% rent deduction of allottees due to non provision of record of rent recovery by AGPR on monthly basis.

(f) The detail of 5% deduction made against each allottee as on 02-12-2016 cannot be reflected due to non availability of record as stated in Para-e above.

(g) The year-wise amount received under the head of 5% deduction since 01-01-2013 is placed at Annex-III. The said amount has deposited in Federal Consolidated Fund under head of demand No. CO2701-Works Building Rent.

(Annexures have been placed in the National Assembly Library)

28. **Dr. Nafisa Shah:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that neither electricity nor water is available in Gwadar at present; and*
- (b) the steps are being taken by the Government to provide electricity and water to the people of said area?*

Reply not received.

ISLAMABAD:
The 15th December, 2016.

ABDUL JABBAR ALI,
Secretary.