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to be asked at a sitting of the National Assembly
to be held during 4th Rota Day Sitting.

85. * KHAWAJA IZHAR UL HASSAN
will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:
a) whether NHA has conducted any demarcation or geo-tagged survey of land in Sindh during the last five years;
b) if yes, the total area (in acres / kilometers) of land owned by the National Highway Authority in Sindh; and
c) the detail of total area presently under illegal encroachment, district-wise and highway-wise?

86. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB
Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the diplomatic relations with Iran and Iraq?

87. * MS. SADAF IHSAN
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:
a) whether it is a fact that District Lakki Marwat is a Gas-producing district and substantial quantities of natural gas are being extracted from its fields;
b) whether, under the Government's existing policy for gas-producing areas, priority is accorded to providing natural gas connections to the neighboring/local population and areas surrounding gas-producing fields;
c) if so, the details of gas production from Lakki Marwat during the last five years and the number of villages/settlements in the district provided with natural gas connections during the said period;
d) the number of villages and households in the district still deprived of natural gas despite being located in or near gas-producing areas;
e) whether the Government proposes to extend natural gas supply to the remaining localities of District Lakki Marwat;
f) if so, the estimated cost, funds allocated/required and timeline for completion?

88. * MIRZA IKHTIAR BAIG
will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 65, replied on 19-10-2026 and to state:
a) whether on 30th June 2026, circular debt of power sector stood at Rs. 1675 billion and gas Rs. 3631 billion has become in total Rs. 5326 billion;
b) if so, what measures are being adopted by Government to contain the alarming circular debt of power and gas sector; and
c) whether the Government has paid Rs. 1225 billion and there is additional requirement to pay Rs. 565.4 billion circular debt overdue amount, how Government intent to pay?

89. * SYED SHAH AHAD ALI SHAH
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state whether the Government has any report regarding the existing infrastructure, pipe-lines and pressure of Gas supply in NA-33, if yes, the details thereof?

90. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI
Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:
a) the original estimated cost of the M-6 project;
b) the present revised estimated cost;
c) the amount spent on the project so far; and
d) the amount required for its completion?

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91. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:
a) how will the Government ensure that the 5 billion dollar in refinery upgrade agreements deliver Euro-V compliant fuels and higher production, given that Pakistan's refining sector currently meets only about 50-60% of domestic demand, imports over 18 billion dollar in petroleum products annually and previous upgrade commitments under the Refinery Policy 2023 have faced implementation delays and disputes over tariff incentives;
b) given that these investments involve foreign partners and long gestation periods;
c) whether the specific completion timelines is fixed for each of the four refineries;
d) how much of the 5 billion dollar is firm versus contingent;
e) what tariff protection or guaranteed returns have been offered to investors;
f) whether these upgrades will reduce the import bill by a measurable amount; and
g) what penalties apply if projects are delayed beyond the agreed schedule?

92. * SYED RAFIULLAH
Will the Minister for Law and Justice be pleased to state:
a) the total number of cases pending before the Federal Courts refer to Judicial bodies established by Federal Government and tribunals as on the latest available date;
b) the number of persons provided free legal aid under any Federal Scheme during the last Financial Year and the amount spent thereon; and
c) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce pendency?

93. * MS. SHAHIDA REHMANI
Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state how many human rights reports have been issued/submitted by the Human Rights Commission?

94. * MS. TAHIRA AURANGZEB
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:
a) the locations in the country where new reserves of Oil and Gas have been discovered in the tenure of the present Government till date;
b) whether production from the said reserves has commenced; and
c) the detail of quantity of the said reserves?

95. * MR. HAMEED HUSSAIN
Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state how much expenditure incurred during current year on different projects estimated and bid cost, region wise and route wise?

96. * SYED RAFIULLAH
Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:
a) the projected electricity demand for the 2026 summer season and any expected shortfall due to regional Middle East fuel supply challenges;
b) the current status and capacity of captive power plants;
c) how the Government will ensure the supply of full agreed electricity, including payment of capacity charges, given that earlier these plants did not supply electricity when demand was low;
d) the measures being taken by the government to guarantee uninterrupted electricity for citizens during peak summer months;
e) the detail of contingency plans, including load management and alternative energy sources, to maintain grid stability and prevent outages in case of unforeseen supply disruptions; and
f) how the Government will enforce compliance from power producers to ensure full supply as per agreements and protect the consumers from the shortages?

97. * MIRZA IKHTIAR BAIG
Will the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) be pleased to state:
a) which are the projects in pipeline for climate resilience against Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) and Climate Support Levy (CSL) collection from the consumers on petrol and diesel;
b) whether the Government has set a target of about Rs. 1700 billion for Current Fiscal Year;
c) whether revenue collection through PDL and CSL is to be used for FBR revenues shortfall or to meet budget deficit;
d) if so, how much has been used during the last year?

98. * MS. SAMINA KHALID GHURKI

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

a)whether the Government has formulated any timeline for the provision of domestic natural Gas/Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) facility to the far flung deprived areas of the Punjab and Sindh; if so, the details thereof;

b) if not, the reasons for the prolonged delay in providing gas facility to above said provinces despite public demand and developmental needs;

c) whether any funds have been allocated and released during the last five years for gas supply projects in said areas;

d)if so, the district-wise details and expenditure incurred so far; and

e)the expected timeframe within which the Federal Government intends to ensure the provision of gas facility to districts of above Provinces?

99. * MS. ASIYA NAZ TANOLI

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

a) whether the Government has taken notice of complaints regarding low Gas pressure and interruptions in natural gas supply to domestic consumers during the winter season;

b) the measures being taken to ensure an uninterrupted supply of natural gas to domestic consumers, particularly during cooking hours; and

c) whether the Government has any plan to improve the distribution network and address gas losses; if so, the details and timeline thereof?

100. * MS. SAMINA KHALID GHURKI

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

a) whether the Ministry has reviewed Pakistan's Petroleum Import Bill during the last three Fiscal Years; 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-2026; and

b) what is the share of imported petroleum in the national energy mix and its impact on foreign exchange reserves?

101. * MR. ASIF KHAN

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

a) whether it is a fact that the persistent rise in prices of petrol and diesel has adversely affected household budgets and increased the overall cost of living for ordinary citizens, if so, the details thereof;

b) whether it is also a fact that wages and household income has not increased in proportion to inflation, thereby intensifying financial pressures on the general public due to higher petroleum prices, if so, the details thereof;

c) the measures being adopted by the Government to provide relief to citizens, including reduction in Petroleum Levy & formulation of comprehensive policy to mitigate the economic hardships arising from the prevailing regional conflict; and

d) what would be its impact on the petroleum prices?

102. * MR. MUHAMMAD NAWAZ KHAN

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

a) whether it is a fact that the tender for the work of providing a connection from the Allai Power House to the Thakot Grid Station was floated in November, 2022;

b) whether it is also a fact that the aforesaid work has not yet been completed; and

c) the time by which the said work is expected to be completed, as the general public is facing immense hardships due to the delay?

103. * MR. DAWAR KHAN KUNDI

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

a) the number of complaints received against Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) during the last three financial years regarding excessive gas bills, fixed charges, meter rent and incorrect meter readings;

b) the number of complaints resolved and the amount refunded or adjusted; and

c) whether the Government intends to review fixed charges and billing procedures to protect low-income domestic consumers?

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104. * MR. MUHAMMAD MOIN AAMER PIRZADA
Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:
a) whether Pakistan Post is facing staff shortages and outdated infrastructure, if so, the details thereof; and
b) what steps are being taken by the Government to recruit trained staff and upgrade facilities?

105. * DR. MAHREEN RAZZAQ BHUTTO
Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:
a) whether the Government is aware that NEPRA members raised substantive concerns regarding the Integrated System Plan (ISP) 2025-35, including project selection, demand assumptions, data reliability and the process of approval;
b) why the Government proposes to add approximately 26,045 MW of generation capacity at an estimated cost of US 58 billion dollars when Pakistan already has substantial surplus capacity and actual grid demand is being affected by rapidly expanding rooftop solar;
c) whether the Government has independently validated ISMO's demand forecasts and underlying data, particularly in view of reported reservations regarding data responsibility;
d) whether the Government has assessed the risk of stranded capacity, higher capacity payments and further increases in consumer tariffs if projected demand fails to materialize;
e) whether rooftop solar, battery storage and demand-side management have been fully incorporated into the least-cost planning model; and
f) whether the Government will reopen the ISP for independent review before making irreversible generation commitments?

106. * DR. NAFISA SHAH
Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:
a) the funds allocated and expended in maintenance of National Highway (N-5); and
b) the safety measures are being adopted by the National Highway and Motorway Police on commercial vehicle accidents?

107. * MR. NAVEED AAMIR
Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:
a) whether it is a fact that two Transforms has been installed in village Rambery, Tehsil Zafarwal, District Narowal by Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO); If so, the details thereof;
b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to connect them with each other due to very close distance between both transformers, the above said transformers in the above said Village;
c) if not, the reasons thereof; if yes, the details thereof; and
d) the time by which the above said both Transformers will be connected with each other and to make them functional?

108. * DR. NAFISA SHAH
Will the Minister for Energy (Power Division) be pleased to state:
a) what structural reforms are being considered in National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA's), tariff setting mechanism to address the financial challenges facing Distribution Companies (DISCOs);
b) in light of widespread industrial sloarisation and off grid defection resulting from high grid electricity tariffs, if so; and
c) what strategy has the Government formulated to prevent a "death spiral" in the power distribution sector?

109. * DR. SHARMILA FARUQUI
Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:
a) which specific motorways are currently being constructed using federal PSDP funds;
b) what is the authentic completion status of each, including the M-6 Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway, the Lahore-Bahawalnagar Motorway, the M-12 Sialkot-Kharian Motorway and the Karachi-Quetta-Chaman corridor, given that the NHA's utilization of its Rs. 223.28 billion PSDP allocation reached only 56 percent in the first half of FY2025-26; and
c) why are these projects behind schedule;
d) what are the revised completion dates and which schemes remain in the pipeline awaiting approval, given the NHA's throw-forward liability of Rs. 2.7 trillion, financing costs of Rs. 210 billion, and accumulated losses of Rs.2.074 trillion; and
e) whether toll revenue of Rs.64.4 billion is being used for debt servicing rather than construction?

110. * MS. ALIYA KAMRAN

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

a) whether the Government is aware that the current policy governing new natural Gas connections and related arrangements is vague and unjust, particularly in cases where citizens were required to pay approximately Rs. 25,000 on an urgent basis to obtain such connections;

b) whether the said policy is not inconsistent with the constitutional principle of equality before the law, in as much as access to natural Gas, is a basic necessity of life, is only limited to consumers with greater financial resources, thereby depriving economically weaker citizens of this essential service;

c) whether the Government intends to review and rationalize the said policy to ensure transparency, affordability and equal access to natural gas for all citizens;

d) if so, the timeframe for such policy, if not, the reasons thereof; and

e) what steps are being taken to formulate a just and equitable policy that provides every eligible citizen a fair opportunity to obtain a natural gas connection on the basis of equality, without granting preferential treatment on payment of any additional or extra amount?

111. * MS. SHAISTA PERVAIZ

Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs be pleased to state:

a) the number of documents attested by the Ministry and its Camp Offices during the last two year-wise and the total fee received thereon;

b) the present status of the inquiry into the alleged collection of un-authorized payment from applicants for attestation, its findings, if completed and the action taken so far; and

c) the measures being adopted to enable applicants to obtain attestation without intermediaries?

112. * MR. DAWAR KHAN KUNDI

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

a) the district-wise details of electricity load-shedding during the current financial year, including areas experiencing prolonged and unscheduled outages;

b) whether the Government has identified areas suffering from low voltage, overloaded transformers and inadequate distribution infrastructure; if so, the details thereof:

c) whether any program has been approved to replace defective transformers, install additional transformers; and

d) what steps are being taken to improve the electricity distribution network in underserved rural areas?

113. * MS. NAEEMA KISHWAR KHAN

Will the Minister for Human Rights be pleased to state:

a) whether there are 59 vacant posts in the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW);

b) the detail of designations of these vacant posts;

c) why these vacancies have not been filled till date, along with the detail thereof; and

d) the steps being taken for creating new posts/filling?

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