



GILGIT-BALTISTAN ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No. Legis-1(5)/2020

September 08, 2023

Subject: - **GBA UN-STARRED QUESTION No.16**

I am directed to say that Javed Ali Manwa, Member Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly submitted an un-starred question which is reproduced as under:-

سوال۔ کیا وزیر برقیات گلگت بلتستان بیان فرمائیں گے؛

National اور Private Power Infrastructure Board Act 2012

Power Generation Policy 2015 کا اطلاق گلگت بلتستان تک بڑھا دیا گیا ہے۔ اگر بڑھایا

گیا ہے تو کن شرائط کے تحت اس کا اطلاق جی بی میں کیا جائے گا اور اطلاق کے بعد جی بی میں بجلی کا ٹیرف کیا رہے گا۔

2. The concerned Department is requested to submit reply to the Un-starred Question No.16 to the GB Assembly Secretariat 48 hours before the commencement of Question Hour under Rule 51 of the GB Assembly Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business-2017.

(Ashiq Hussain)
Additional Secretary
PH: 05811-920749

To

1. The Minister Water & Power Gilgit-Baltistan.
2. The Secretary Water & Power Department Gilgit-Baltistan.

C.C:-

1. Mr. Javed Ali Manwa, Member GB Assembly.
2. The Secretary to Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan.
3. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary GB.
4. PS to Speaker GB Assembly.
5. PS to Secretary GB Assembly.



NO. GWT-DBT/1007/2023-24
GOVERNMENT OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN
GILGIT-BALTISTAN SECRETARIAT
(WATER & POWER DEPARTMENT)

Gilgit dated September 14, 2023

To,

Mr. Ashiq Hussain,
Additional Secretary,
Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Secretariat.

Subject: - GBA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 16

I am directed to refer to the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly Secretariat letter No. Legis-1(5)/2020 dated 8th September, 2023 on the subject cited above and to say that the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan constituted a high level Committee comprising of Federal Ministers and Federal Secretaries to make recommendations regarding consultation with the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan in the matter of implementation of National Power Generation Policy 2015 and Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB) Act, 2012 in Gilgit-Baltistan.

2. The Committee held its first meeting on 19th July, 2023 and recommended following decision for consideration (Annex-A): -

i. *Following stipulation may be added as Article 114-A in the GB Order 2018 to allow electricity generation and transmission:*

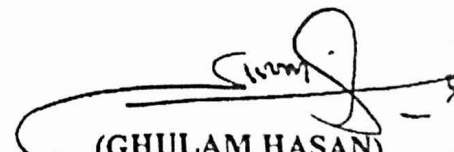
"the GB Council/GB Government may construct Power Houses and Grid Station and lay transmission lines for use within the GB region. The GB Council/GB Government may determine the tariff for electricity within the GB region and levy tax on consumption of electricity within the GB region. Any dispute between the Federal Government and the GB region in respect of any matter under this article may be resolved in the meeting of the GB Council, wherein the M/o Power will participate by special invitation".

- ii) *Approval of the Prime Minister as Chairman of the GB Council may be solicited to allow PPIB to act as an agent of the GB Power Development Board / GB Council/GB Government by extending the PPIB Act to the GB region*
- iii) *Approval of the Prime Minister as Chairman of the GB Council may be solicited to extend the operation of the Power Policy, 2015 and any amendments thereto in the GB region. Appropriate tariff and bill collection system may be ensured to attract investment.*
- iv) *Appropriate tariff reforms may be undertaken and bill collection system may be improved in order to have a viable pricing mechanism and to signal to the private investor that reasonable return on investment is possible.*

3. The Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan approved the recommendations vide summary (Annex-B).

4. Accordingly, Water & Power Department GB floated a proposal to GB Cabinet for establishment of Gilgit-Baltistan Electricity Regulatory Authority (GBERA) or to approach NEPRA for determination of Electricity Tariff rates in Gilgit-Baltistan. A GB Cabinet has constituted a committee to ascertain mechanism for Tariff Rates and revenue collection in the region. However, recommendations of the committee is awaited. In addition, Task forces at provincial, divisional, district and tehsil level have been constituted by Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan on special directives of the Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan for improvement of billing recovery and theft control (Annex-C).

5. Submitted as desired, please.


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