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### STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MET TODAY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CH. TARIQ BASHIR CHEEMA, MNA

Islamabad the, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015:- The National Assembly Standing Committee on Science & Technology meet today in Committee Room PCSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology, I-Constitution Avenue, G-5/2 Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Ch. Tariq Bahsir Cheema, MNA to discuss/scrutinize budgetary proposals relating to Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) in respect of Ministry of Science & Technology and its department for the next financial year 2015-16. The Secretary Ministry of Science & Technology briefed the Committee that total approved development budget was Rs. 1211.357 million for 39 projects and Planning & Development has issued Rs. 547.999 million against three quarters. In the year, 2014-15, 17 projects were completed and 22 projects will continue beyond June, 2015. The Secretary informed the Committee that ministry demanded 3000 million for 86 development projects for the year 2015-16 for 22 on-going projects, 10 approved projects and 54 unapproved projects. He further briefed the Committee of the Province-wise breakup of project requiring funds. The Committee recommended that the Government should approved the projects mentioned in PSDP year 2015-16 and also release funds for the said projects in order for timely completion of the projects.

The Committee expressed its serious concern over the illegal sale of Haram edible items available at stores and markets in Pakistan and directed the ministry to call chief Secretaries of all provinces and chief commissioner Islamabad in the upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The meeting was attended by Syed Muhammad Athar Hussain Shah Gillani, Mr.Sarzameen, Chaudhary Armaghan Subhani, Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani, Ms. Shazia Mubashar, Mrs. Shamas-un-Nisa, Mr. Mehboob Alam, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Ms. Shahjehan Muneer Mangrio and Secretary Ministry of Science & Technology and senior Officers/Officials of the Ministry of Science & Technology and its attached department.



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Deputy Secretary/Secretary Committee

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