

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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National Assembly Standing Committee on Housing & Works (H&W) scrutinized the budgetary proposals relating to the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the year 2015-16 of Pakistan Public Works Department (Pak. PWD) and endorsed the same for inclusion in the Federal Budget for the next financial year. The Committee also directed the Ministry of H&W to give priority to the on-going schemes in order to save the public money in terms of escalation cost of the projects. This direction was given in a meeting held on today on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, in Parliament House, Islamabad, under the chairmanship of **HAJI MUHAMMAD AKRAM ANSARI**, Chairman Standing Committee on H&W.

2. Threadbare discussion was held in a meeting over ongoing and new projects of Pak. PWD, Total 132 development schemes were examined by the Committee which included ongoing projects, ongoing but unfunded and approved but unfunded projects. The Committee was of the view that priority should be given to those projects where physical progress has been reached to 70% , and second priority be given to the 50% completed projects. It was also decided in the meeting that Pak. PWD may prepare two separate lists indicating 90 % completed schemes and those ongoing schemes where allocation of funds have been approved; before sending it to the Planning & Development Division for approval.

3. The Committee also asked the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to expedite the process of inquiry into 7 cases of embezzlement in the development schemes of Pak.PWD carried out in District Dir, KPK. Secretary, M/o H&W was directed by the Committee to extend the date of renewal of Membership of PHAF so that low paid Federal Employees could be facilitated. The Committee also directed the DG Pak. PWD to look into personally for the release of funds for maintenance of Government Flats in Sector I-9/4, Islamabad; as the same were gradually deteriorating due to non-availability of funds.

4. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Rajab Ali Khan Baloch, Rana Zahid Hussain Khan, Sahibzada Faiz-ul-Hassan, Mr. Nasir Iqbal Bosal, Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb, and Mr. Faqir Sher Muhammad Bilalani MNAs; and Officers/Officials of Ministry, Pak. P.W.D & M/o Planning Development & Reform.



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Joint Secretary/Secretary Committee