

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND RESEARCH MEETS TODAY

**Islamabad, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.** A meeting of the Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research held today at 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of Pakistan Agriculture Research Council (PARC), G-5/2, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of **Malik Shakir Bashir Awan, MNA** to discuss the detailed briefing on Fisheries Development Board.

2. The Chief Executive Officer, Fisheries Development Board, apprised the Committee that the Board was established in 2007. Fisheries Development Board is set up to provide and maintain a platform for enhancing and promoting fisheries sector in Pakistan. This Board introduced aquaculture and shrimp farming, Tilapia farming, cage fish farming etc. Export potential of Pakistani aquaculture is expected to be more than 2 billion US \$, if this sector is supported by the government.
3. He also apprised the Committee that FAO sponsored this project for development of first ever National Fisheries Policy and strategy for Pakistan. There is no contribution/funding of Government in this respect. It is a joint venture project. It has introduced tilapia fish farming system and produces two crops in a year. 1300 peoples are trained in fish farming by this organization.
4. The Committee after the briefing by its CEO Mr. Faisal Iftikhar strongly recommended on him meritorious efforts for development of fisheries may be awarded with civil award of Sitara Imtiaz to him
5. The meeting was attended by Capt (Retd) Muhammad Safdar, Choudhary Nazeer Ahmed, Chaudhary Iftikhar Nazir, Mr. Tahir Iqbal Ch., Syed Iftikhar-ul Hassan, Ms. Shahnaz Saleem, Pir Shafqat Hussain Jilani, and Mr. Junaid Akbar, MNAs beside senior Officers from Ministry of National Food, Security and Research, CEO Fisheries Development Board, Chairman PARC and Director General NARC also.

  
(SHER BAHADUR AWAN)  
D.S./Secretary Committee