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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PORTS AND SHIPPING MEETS TODAY

Islamabad, the 28th August, 2015. A meeting of the Standing Committee on Ports and Shipping held today at 11:30 a.m. Parliament House, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of **Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah**, MNA to discuss the significant developments of Pakistan National Shipping Corporation, Karachi.

2. Mr. Arif Ellahi, Chairman, Pakistan National Shipping Corporation briefed the Committee that PNSC was an autonomous body working under the Ministry of Ports and Shipping. The main functions of the Corporation was to provide and further developed safe, efficient, adequate, economical and properly coordinated shipping services, coastal as well as international and engage in all forms of activities connected with or ancillary, incidental or conducive to shipping.

3. PNSC had been engaged in sea transportation trades i.e. dry bulk cargo, liquid bulk cargo and Non-Vessel Owning Common Carrier (NVOCC) Services and Slot Charter Services. He also informed the Committee that issue of funds for Marine Academy, Karachi, to be released by Ministry of Finance had been still pending. He further apprised the Committee that the issues with Pakistan State Oil (PSO) like the freight rates and outstanding dues of Rs.280,396,026/- to be paid by PSO in terms of the demurrage of Rs.1,733,635,650/- etc need to be resolved for the survival of the Corporation.

4. The Committee recommended that the funds for Marine Academy, Karachi may be released by the Ministry of Finance on priority basis. The Committee also enquired that why the funds had been lapsed previously and in this regard the responsibility may be fixed. The Committee decided that to resolve the issues between PSO and PNSC a meeting would be convened in near future after the appointment of MD, PSO and Ministry of Commerce and Petroleum & Natural Resources would also be invited.

5. The meeting was attended by, Haji Muhammad Akram Ansari, Mr. Sohail Shoukat Butt, Ch. Salman Haneef Khan, Mehar Ishtiaq Ahmad, Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli, Ms. Shaheen Shafiq, Ms. Roomina Khurshid Alam, Pir Muhammad Aslam Bodla, Mr. Khalil George, Mir Aamir Ali Khan Magsi, Mr. Lal Chand Malhi, Mr. Muhammad Jamal-ud-Din, Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhrani and Malik Muhammad Aamir Dogar, MNAs, beside senior officers from Ministry of Ports and Shipping and Chairman PNSC also.


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Secretary Committee