

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON KASHMIR AFFAIRS AND GILGIT-BALTISTAN MEETS TODAY

Islamabad, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. A meeting of the Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan held today at 02:00 pm in Committee Room No.7, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Malik Ibrar Ahmad, MNA briefing to the Committee on the implementation made by the Ministry on the recommendations of the previous meetings of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> February and 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

2. The Secretary, Ministry of Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit-Baltistan apprised the Committee about the status of the recommendations of the Standing Committee relating to follow up actions on the recommendations made by the Standing Committee in its last three meetings. In response to the queries the Secretary, Kashmir Affairs stated that the AJ&K Government was requested for allocation of funds amounting to Rs.380 millions for installation of scanners machines at Chakothei and Tetrinote points. Moreover, they also demanded for five more machines for installation of other points. The Committee directed that the AJ&K Government may be asked to submit the detail justification for purchase of new five (5) machines. Two scanners machines are sufficient and both the machines should be more sophisticated and reliable to check the narcotics and other related banned items.

3. It was also apprised the Committee about the budget estimates for the financial year 2015-16 against PSDP projects and the government has taken serious view to implement the directions of the Committee about priority on ongoing project. The Secretary further apprised that only one new project of Poonch Medical College under the directive of Prime Minister was given due consideration. The project of medical colleges of Muzaffarabad and Mirpur have already stand approved by the ECNEC and operation expenditure rationalized by the Committee constituted by the ECNEC.

4. The meeting was attended by, Major (Retd) Tahir Iqbal, Mr. Khalil George, Mr. Junaid Akbar and Molvi Agha Muhammad MNAs, beside senior officers from Ministry of Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit -Baltistan.

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