## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

## **PRESS RELEASE**

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Defence Production was held today i.e 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Khawaja Sohail Mansoor, MNA.

- 2. The Chairman, Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POFs) Wah briefed the Committee on new commercial products produced by POF, Wah. He informed Committee that 24000 workers are working in different product categories in POF Wah including engineers and scientists. He also informed the Committee that in financial year 2015-16 the POFs factories secured orders of \$81 billion; most of the products are exported to Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Tajikistan and Kenya etc.
- 3. He further stated that POF injected Rs. 19 Billion in procurement of plant and machinery for production from its own earnings. He added that an amount Rs. 6.5 billion paid to government in term of taxes.
- 4. The Committee appreciated the efforts made by POF Wah and hoped that POFs will play its vital role in defence of Pakistan. The Committee recommended that the powers of POF board should be restored, according to its ordinance.
- The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Khan Daha, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, Ch. Hamid Hameed, Syed Muhammad Ashiq Hussain Shah, Ms. Iffat Liaqat and Mr. Shehryar Afridi, MNAs.

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