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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Islamabad, the 20th June, 2017: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training met today in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Col. (Retd) Dr. Amirullah Marwat, MNA. The committee while considering the question asked by the Moulana Gohar Shah, MNA regarding appointments made in the Bacha Khan University during January to March, 2017, took serious notice of the absence of Vice Chancellor of the Bacha Khan University, Charsadda in the meeting and directed to attend the next meeting positively. The Committee confirmed the minutes of previous meeting held on 27th April, 2017 with the following directions:

- i) That the HEC and CASE Administration look into the deficiencies/legal requirements as highlighted by the HEC in the Bill titled "The Sir Syed (centre for advance studies in engineering) institution of technology, Islamabad bill, 2016" (government bill) and resolve it on priority basis before next meeting.
 - ii) That the HEC to complete the inquiry report regarding alleged charges of corruption and irregularities in awarding contract of the Swat University project, acquiring land for the Swat University and excess/over payment to the contractors of the project in lieu of escalation charges within a month positively.
2. The Committee also took serious notice of the mysterious death of a girl student of Fine Arts of Sargodha University on 14th Ramadan and directed the Executive Director, HEC to look into the said incident and submit report to the Committee as soon as possible. The Committee further expressed great concern over the using of drugs in universities and stressed the need of character building of the students in the educational institutions.
3. The Committee while considering the agenda regarding denial of women University by HEC to Malakand Agency as announced by the Provincial Government, apprised the Committee that the Federal Government is supporting establishment of sub-campus in districts where no university or sub-campus exists. In view number of higher educational institutes already functional in Malakand Division and few women universities in the province are also catering the educational needs of female students and the higher education through its letter dated January 17, 2017 suggested the Provincial Government to establish women campus at District Malakand through its own resources on the pattern of women university at Sawabi and Mardan.
4. The meeting was attended by Muhammad Nazir Khan, Dr. Zulfikar Ali Bhatti, Ms. Shista Pervaiz, Ms. Asyia Naz Tanoli, Ms. Rida Khan, Ms. Amra Khan, Ms. Phyllis Azeem, Chaudhary Hamid Hameed, Ms. Surriya Asghar, Ms. Surraiya Jatoi, Dr. Shazia Sobia, Ms. Shahida Rehmani, Dr. Imran Khattak, Dr. Nikhat Shakeel Khan and Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali MNAs and Moulana Gohar Shah MNA/mover of the question and Officers/Officials of the Ministry and its attached departments.



(WALAYAT KHAN)
Secretary Committee