

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, the 29th January, 2020: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Housing and Works in its meeting held today under the Chairmanship of Engr. Muhammad Najeeb Haroon, MNA, again urged the Government to ensure release of funds to the honorable MNAs from Sindh Province for their development schemes irrespective of their party affiliations in the larger public interest.

The Committee was apprised by the Ministry of Housing Works that on the recommendation of the Steering Committee working under the convener-ship of Mr. Pervaiz Khattak, MNA/Minister for Defence, funds worth Rs. 3.4 billion in respect of 488 proposed development schemes of the Hon. MNAs from the Province of Sindh under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Program, were sanctioned by the Government but yet to be released by the Finance Division. The Committee expressed concern over the issue and recommended for early release of funds in question by the Finance Division. The Committee also reiterated its earlier stance regarding release of funds to the honorable MNAs from Sindh Province for their development schemes irrespective of their party affiliations and urged that the Government should ensure release of said funds in the larger public interest.

Regarding the issues of Pakistan Quarters and Government Societies, Karachi, the Committee was informed by the Ministry that on the directions of the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, an Urban Regeneration Project was being introduced which would help resolve all the said issues. The Committee held that if succeeded, the project would turn into a source of huge revenue generation.

On the I-12 Project, the Committee was provided with the report from E-n-C Branch DD&C, General Headquarters, Rawalpindi, which validates the bearing capacity for construction of multi-storey apartments. The Committee expressed its satisfaction over the said report.

Regarding the Housing Schemes at Bhara Kahu, F-14/F-15 and under Naya Pakistan Housing Project to be done by Federal Government Housing Authority, the Committee decided to appoint a Sub-Committee which will oversee these projects on ground and submit report to the Standing Committee within month.

About the deteriorated condition of Fatima Jinnah Hostel, the Committee expressed concern and directed that the PWD should endeavor to uplift/maintain the said Hostel.

The Committee also decided to visit Government Lodges at Karachi, Lahore, Baluchistan and KP in its future meetings in order to witness the on ground facilities being provided to the visitors.

Regarding the review of amendment in rule 15(2)(b) of the Accommodation Allocation Rule, 2002, concerning exclusion of the married son of a Government Servant, the Committee was informed by the Ministry that on the recommendation of Law and Justice Division, the case in question has been referred to Finance Division for vetting. The Committee directed the Ministry to pursue the matter vigorously under intimation to the NA Secretariat.

Regarding the issue of Federal Lodges Islamabad, the Committee was informed by the Ministry that in pursuance of directions by the Honorable Islamabad High Court, the rules were framed and subsequently forwarded to the said court. The Committee directed the Ministry to provide to it a copy the said rules for perusal of its members.

The meeting was attended by Malik Anwar Taj, Malik Karamat Ali Khokhar, Makhdoom Syed Sami-ul-Hassan Gillani, Ch. Javd Iqbal Warraich, Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak, Mr. Salahuddin, Mr. Iqbal Muhammad Ali Khan, Mr. Muhammad Israr Tareen, Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra, Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb, Ms. Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli, Mr. Abid Hussain Bhayo, Jam Abdul Karim Bijar, Syed Agha Rafiullah and Mr. Munir Khan Orakzai, MNAs/Members. The senior officers of Ministry of Housing and Works, Federal Government Employees Housing Authority, Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation and Capital Development Authority (CDA) were also present in the meeting.


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