

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, September 09th 2020; 11th meeting of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has been held today under the Chairmanship of Mr. Junaid Akbar, MNA.

2. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran, then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirms the minutes of its previous meeting held on 28th July, 2020.

3. Then, the Committee asked about the status of the previous recommendations and the departmental representative responded and told the Committee that approximately all of the recommendations/directions have been implemented. Then, the Committee took up “The Public Private Partnership Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Govt. Bill)”. The C.E.O from Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives briefed the Committee about the aforesaid Bill in detail. The Committee unanimously decided to defer the Bill till its next meeting. Thereafter, the Committee took up “The General Statistics (reorganization) (Amendment) Bill 2019 move by Mr. Amjad Ali Khan, MNA” and discussed it in detail in the presence of the Hon. Mover. The Committee could not reach at any decision and decided to defer the Bill till its next Committee meeting.

4. Then, the representative from the Ministry replied all the questions asked in the given agenda, one by one. The Committee directed that at the time of preparation of PSDP budget the neglected areas must be considered on priority. The Committee recommended to enhance 10% budget of Higher Education Commission (HEC) so that, it could fulfill its requirements/projects in current financial year. The Committee directed the Ministry to review and revise the pay scale of MP-I, so that; the intellectual and efficient people be attracted towards these job. The Committee enquire that the projects, the 100% funds of which had been released in 2018-19, could not be completed so far.

5. The representative from Higher Education Commission (HEC) briefed the Committee about the agenda (PSDP No. 329, 2020-21). The Committee raised a number

of questions which were successfully replied by the representatives. The Committee directed the Higher Education Commission (HEC) to visit the University of Malakand to look into their problems and submit a detailed report within a week to the Committee in this regard.

6. The Committee decided to hold its next meeting on the problems of the Earthquake affectees in Abbotabad. Therefore, under rule 227 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 the Committee decided to invite all the Hon. Members of National Assembly from the Abbotabad District as special invitees for getting their expert opinions in this regard.

7. The Hon. MNAs/Members/Mover Mr. Sher Akbar Khan, Mr. Saleh Muhammad, Mr. Shaukat Ali, Syed Faiz-ul-Hassan, Mr. Nawab Sher, Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim Khan, Dr. Seemi Bokhari, Mr. Imran Khattak, Mr. Muhammad Sajjad, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Mr. Abdul Shakoor, Mr. Amjid Ali Khan and Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives besides the senior officers from the Ministry and HEC along with their staff attended the meeting.

