

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

Islamabad, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020; 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Climate Change has been held today under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Munaza Hassan, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020.

3. Then, the Committee enquired about its previous recommendations given on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The departmental representative responded and the Committee directed that MCI and CDA shall attend the next Committee meeting to explain the grounds/conditions on which the area of land at Margla Hills was given on lease to Monal Restaurant and Gloria Jean's. On the briefing of Sindh departmental representative about the Solid Waste Management, the Committee showed its concerns that the waste is being dumped near the populated areas. Further, the concerned department did not bother to apprise the Committee about the Solid Waste Management program in Sindh. Further, the Committee showed its displeasure for non attendance of the meeting by representative from Solid Waste Management Program, Baluchistan. The representative from Punjab Irrigation Department told the Committee that Rawal Dam was build in 1962 and had completed its life on 2012. However, only 35% silt has deposited in the dam; so, the Dam's life has been extended further from 40 to 45 years. Then, the representative from Ministry of Climate Change briefed the Committee about Billion Trees Tasunami ongoing program and the Committee appreciated the work of Billion Tree Tasunami program.

4. On telephonic request from the Hon. Mover the Committee decided to defer "The Pakistan Environment Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2019" (Moved by Mr. Amjad Ali Khan, MNA) till its next Committee meeting.

5. The Departmental representative from Ministry of Petroleum gives briefing on the graduation and shifting of fuel specification Euro-V technology. The Committee has not been satisfied with the said briefing and directed to rebried the Committee in its next meeting in detail.

6. The Hon. MNAs/Members Mr. Tahir Sadiq, Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal, Ms. Andleeb Abbas, Dr. Seemi Bokhari, Ms. Aliya Hamza Malik, Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani, Ms. Tahira Aurangzab, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz, Ms. Romina Khursheed Alam, Mr. Zulfiqar Bachani, Ms. Shahida Rehmani, Mr. Afreen Khan and Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change besides the senior officers from the Ministry with their staff attended the meeting.