

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

Islamabad, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020; 12<sup>th</sup> 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 confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and deferred the comprehensive report/implementation status of previous recommendations on the request of the Ministry.


3. The Committee considered “**The Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Govt. Bill)**” and after detailed discussion the Committee recommended that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly with the amendments proposed by the Committee. The Committee deferred “**The General Statistic (Reorganization) (Amendment) Bill, 2019**” (moved by Mr. Amjad Ali Khan, MNA) till its next meeting.

4. The representative from ERRA briefed the Committee about the rehabilitation work and use of funds on Balakot Bakhriya city, affected due to earthquake in 2005. The Committee showed its displeasure on the briefing given by the representative of ERRA and recommended that the agenda may be deferred till its next meeting with direction that ERRA may submit detail of development & non-development expenditure incurred on the new Balakot City Development Project. The Committee also desired that ERRA may submit clear cut time frame for the completion of the project. The Committee recommended to invite all the Hon. Members of National Assembly from the Abbotabad District as special invitees for getting their expert opinions in this regard, under rule 227 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 the Committee decided.

5. The Committee showed its displeasure on attending the meeting by representative from concerned departments with direction that as per rule 200 (4) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 that “*The Secretary of the Ministry or Division concerned or an officer not less than the rank of a Joint Secretary, designated in this behalf and the Secretary, [Ministry of Law and Justice], or his*

nominee not lower in rank of a Joint Secretary may attend the meeting of the Committee". The Committee deferred "Briefing/discussion on replacement of synthetic hockey turfs on seven cities i.e. Islamabad, Faisalabad, Wah Cantt, Peshawar, Quetta and Abbottabad (PSDP No. 485, 2020-21) till its next meeting.

6. The Hon. MNAs/Members/Special Invitee/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, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Mr. Naveed Dero, Mr. Abdul Shakoor, Mr. Ali Jadoon, Sahibzada Sibghatullah, Prince Nawaz Allai and Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives besides the senior officers from the Ministry along with their staff attended the meeting.

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