

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, November 17th 2020; 14th meeting of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives was 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 10th November, 2020.

3. Then, the Committee inquired the compliance status of its previous three meetings and the Ministry responded positively. The Committee directed HEC to give detail briefing on their financial needs etc. So that; the Committee would be able to recommends additional funds for HEC. The Committee further asked HEC why the students are being stopped for getting higher education to abroad on scholarship basis. HEC replied that they are not stopping their scholarship, the universities all over the world are not accepting foreigner students due to pandemic Covid-19.

4. Thereafter, the Committee took up “The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020” (Govt. Bill). First of all the Committee inquired from the Ministry that what salary package is being given to present Chairman CPEC. The Ministry replied that nothing salary package is being given to Chairman, CPEC and no MoU was signed by the Chairman, CPEC after the expiry of the CPEC Ordinance. After detail discussion the Committee recommends that the Bill may be passed with Majority of votes. However, Mr. Muhammad Sajjad, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar and Syed Agha Rafiullah, MNAs submitted their note of dissent.

5. The Hon. MNAs/Members Mr. Sher Akbar Khan, Mr. Saleh Muhammad, Mr. Shaukat Ali, Syed Faiz-ul-Hassan, Mr. Nawab Sher, Dr. Seemi Bokhari, Mr. Imran Khattak, Mr. Muhammad Sajjad, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Syed Agha Rafiullah and Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives besides the Senior Officers from the Ministry with their staff were attended the meeting.


(Malik Moazzam Ali Kalru)
D.S/Secretary Committee