

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, the 26th February, 2021: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting approved all the budgetary proposals of the Ministry relating to Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the next Financial Year 2021-22 in its meeting held today at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Mian Javed Latif, MNA.

2. The Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting apprised the Committee regarding proposed allocations for 24 Projects (10 ongoing and 14 new) amounting to Rs.3587.961 Million. After having detailed briefing, the Committee approved all the budgetary proposals relating to PSDP for the next Financial Year 2021-22 and directed the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to provide the required funds to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the better interest of the country.

3. While briefing on the murder of Aziz Memon, Senior Journalist of KTN and Kawish News, the Additional Inspector General (AIG) briefed the Committee that FIR was registered by Mr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Memon, Brother of deceased in Mehrabpur Police Station, District Nausharo Feroze, Sindh on 19th February, 2020 against Awais (Cameraman of KTN and Kawish News) along with four unidentified culprits. On the application of complainant, the Home Department, Government of Sindh constituted the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) under the Chairmanship of AIG, Karachi on 7th March, 2020. After three months, the police arrested real accused person Nazeer S/o Bangul Khan Sahito who confessed to have involved in the murder and also disclosed his co-accused. Further, sincere efforts are underway for the arrest of remaining accused Mushtaque Ahmed and his brother Afshad S/o Mohammad Sadik Sahito and soon they will be apprehended. The Police met with the complainant of the case and apprised him about the police action and he was satisfied from the investigation conducted by JIT. The Committee appreciated the efforts of Sindh Police and directed that the department come up with complete details/record to further brief the Committee in its next meeting.

4. The Committee deferred the Government Bills, namely “The Motion Picture (Amendment) Bill, 2020, The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2020, The Pakistan Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2020” and a Private Member Bill, “The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulator Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020”, moved by Ms. Uzma Riaz, MNA, till its next meeting.

5. The meeting was attended by Mr. Tahir Iqbal, Ms. Javairia Zafar Aheer, Ms. Syma Nadeem, Ms. Kanwal Shauzab, Mr. Nadeem Abbas, Ms. Nafeesa Shah, Ms. Naz Baloch, MNAs besides senior officers from M/o Information & Broadcasting, M/o Planning, Development & Special Initiatives, PTV, PBC, PEMRA, and Police Department, Government of Sindh.

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Deputy Secretary/Secretary Committee