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Naulong Dam should be added into PSDP. Standing Committee  
Chirrah Dam should also become part of PSDP on priority basis.

Karachi( ) Naulong Dam should become the part of PSDP also the Chirrah Dam should be added into it. These directions were given by the Standing Committee of Water Resources in its meeting. The meeting of the Standing Committee was held at the seventh floor of new building of Sindh Secretariat. The meeting was presided over by the honourable Mr. Nawab Muhammad Yousaf Talpur, MNA. It was informed that Naulong Dam project was started in 2009 but due to insufficient funds provided by Government, the contractor abandoned the contract. Since then the Naulong Dam construction has been adjourned. The Standing Committee took the serious notice of it and ordered to add the Naulong Dam into PSDP on priority basis. It was informed that to the Committee that the project of Chirrah Dam is of so much importance to provide water to Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The non-construction of Chirrah Dam can result in severe crises of water in Rawalpindi and Islamabad in future. It was informed to the Standing Committee that Chirrah Dam project is combined project of CDA and Punjab Government for which both institutions will provide funds. However, it is informed that Punjab government is reluctant to provide funds. Standing Committee directed that Government should construct Chirrah Dam on priority basis and provide funds for it. If Punjab Government is interested in it so it should be manufactured jointly and if Punjab Government is not interested, then federal government construct it for the residents of Islamabad. The Standing Committee constituted a Sub-Committee to monitor the both projects. Sub-Committee will monitor the progress of both projects and will submit a report to Standing Committee. The Members of the Sub-Committee will be: Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan, MNA, Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim, MNA, Ms. Nuzhat Parhan, MNA and Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, MNA. Joint Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources Syed Meher Ali Shah will assist the Sub-Committee.

The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Standing Committee of National Assembly on Water Resources, Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur and attended by Members National Assembly; Mr. Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan, Ch. Javed Iqbal Warraich, Ms. Naureen Farooq Ibrahim, Ms. Nuzhat Pathan and Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi. Mr. Saleh Muhammad, Parliamentary Secretary for Water Resources was also present in the meeting. Similarly, the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources besides officers from Irrigation Department, WAPDA, Federal Flood Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IRSA attended the meeting. Members Federal, KPK and Punjab of IRSA were present through video link.

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