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PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD
CHAIRMAN**

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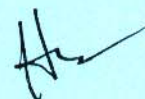
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT REGARDING "STARRED QUESTION NOS. 125-A AND 114, ASKED BY SENATORS LT. GEN.(R) SALAHUDDIN TIRMIZI AND MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI REGARDING THE NEW BALAKOT CITY PROJECT AND AMOUNT SPENT BY ERRA IN AJK, MANSEHRA, ABBOTTABAD, BATAGRAM, KOHISTAN AND OTHER AREAS FOR REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION IN THE WAKE OF 2005 EARTHQUAKE.

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, have the honour to present report regarding "Starred Question Nos. 125-A and 114", asked by Senators Lt. Gen.(R) Salahuddin Tirmizi and Muhammad Azam Khan Swati regarding the New Balakot City project and the amount spent by ERRA in AJK, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Batagram, Kohistan and other areas for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the wake of 2005 earthquake. The Starred Questions were referred to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat by the House.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat is as under:-

1.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
2.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
3.	Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi	Member
4.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
5.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
6.	Senator Shahi Syed	Member
7.	Senator Haji Saifullah Khan Bangash	Member
8.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
9.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
10.	Senator Kalsoom Perveen	Member
11.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
12.	Senator Ms. Najma Hameed	Member
13.	Minister Incharge for Cabinet Division	Ex-officio Member

3. The subject matters of the starred questions were the same therefore; the Committee clubbed both the starred questions for consideration in its meetings.



4. The Interim report of the Committee on starred question No.125-A was presented in the House on 28th December, 2015.

5. After presentation of interim report in the House, the Committee considered the Starred Questions in its meetings held on 8th March, 11th May, and 31st August, 2016 and bifurcated the subject matter in the following two parts:-

(I) NEW BALAKOT CITY PROJECT:

- (i) The brief facts regarding New Balakot City project were transpired to the Committee during its meetings that the project was launched on 6th July, 2006 and 15596 kanals land was acquired for the project but the work was stopped in 2011 because of acquired land was not handed over by the local communities to the ERRA and started agitation. Thereafter, the work resumed for a brief period but it was again stopped in 2013 and since then has not been resumed work. The ERRA has adopted sectoral approach and has developed two sectors consisting of 1400 plots. The price of land acquired for the project has been paid to the owners but some 3500 families are not ready to vacate their houses despite the fact that they have been allotted two plots in lieu of their houses. It transpired that Rs.4 billion have been spent on the project and 65% infrastructure work has been completed on the 1400 plots.
- (ii) In the Committee meeting held on 31st August, 2016, the Deputy Chairman, ERRA, explained that a number of meetings have been held with Chief Secretary, KPK, however, he added that 15% piece of land is in the hand of ERRA, the same has been developed, however, remaining 85% land has not been handed over to the ERRA due to agitation of local communities. He further briefed that the ERRA Board has recommended that the project may be transferred to the Government of KPK.
- (iii) It also transpired to the Committee that there is coordination gap between ERRA and KPK Government. The Committee also noted that if apart from this 2751 kanal land, work is started on the project, there would be about 3250 plots and if the plots allotted



to the residents of Bakrail village are included in it, the number of available plots would rise to 3500. The Committee was of the view that everywhere, the housing schemes are developed in phases. So these 3200 to 3500 plots can be developed and allotted to people as a first phase of the project. The Committee observed that the project has been delayed for a long time and it is adversely affecting the image of the country as international funding are involved in the project. The Committee was also of the view that delay in completion of the project would result in escalation of its cost.

(II) THE AMOUNT SPENT BY ERRA IN AJK & KPK IN THE WAKE OF 2005 EARTHQUAKE.

- (i) In the Committee meeting held on 31st August, 2016, the Deputy Chairman, ERRA, provided a working paper containing the details of amount spent by ERRA in AJK, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Batagram, Kohistan and other areas for rehabilitation and reconstruction in the wake of 2005 earthquake. It contains that the ERRA has completed flagship programme of Rural Housing with 99.1% in the most difficult and hazardous areas of earthquake affected areas (EQAAs) of KPK and AJK with cost of Rs.76 Billion. Another project of water and sanitation has been completed 97% in EQAAs. Infrastructure projects have been completed 69%. Overall summary of KPK and AJK district wise is as under:-

KPK (District Wise)

Sector	Total Projects	Completed		Under Construction	
		#s	%	#s	%
Abbottabad	1254	938	74.80%	287	22.89%
Batagram	1313	1036	78.90%	185	14.09%
Kohistan	792	279	35.23%	178	22.47%
Mansehra	2755	2116	76.81%	415	15.06%
Shangla	849	597	70.32%	197	23.20%

Grand Total	6963	4966	71.32%	1262	18.12%
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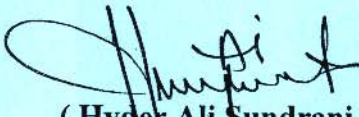
AJ&K (District Wise)

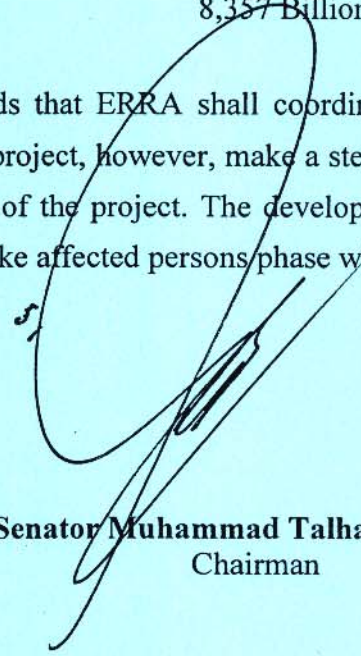
Sector	Total Projects	Completed		Under Construction	
		#s	%	#s	%
Bagh	1985	1275	64.23%	393	19.80%
Muzaffarabad	4087	2916	71.35%	737	18.03%
Neelum	404	224	55.45%	108	26.73%
Poonch	1230	798	64.88%	344	27.97%
Sudhnoti	37	23	62.16%	13	35.14%
Grand Total	7743	5236	67.62%	1595	20.60%

(ii) Detail of amount spent in AJK & KP are as below:-

- i. Amount spent in AJK is Rs.112 Billion.
- ii. Amount spent in KP is Rs.114 Billion. Detail of District wise is as under:-
 - (a) Abbottabad 16.475 Billion
 - (b) Batagram 25.572 Billion
 - (c) Kohistan 4.395 Billion
 - (d) Mansehra 59.383 Billion
 - (e) Shangla 8,357 Billion

6. The Committee recommends that ERRA shall coordinate with KPK Government due to the seriousness of the project, however, make a step wise strategy to start work on the clear land as phase I of the project. The developed plots of the project may be handed over to the earthquake affected persons/phase wise.


(Hyder Ali Sundrani)
DS/Secretary Committee


(Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood)
Chairman