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وفاقی وزیر وزارت سمندر پار پاکستانیز و ترقی انسانی وسائل پیر سید صدرالدین شاہ راشدی کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطحی اجلاس

Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Pir Syed Saddarudin Shah Rashdi, has directed all the concerned departments for timely completion of ongoing projects including adoption of e-governance system in all the offices of the Ministry and attached departments. He further directed to export more skilled labour to meet requirements of skilled workforce from abroad.

Chairing a high level meeting on Tuesday, the Federal Minister directed OPF to expedite development works at OPF Valley Zone-V, Islamabad and complete the project within specified time. The meeting was attended by Federal Secretary Khizar Hayat Khan, Chairman EOBI, Managing Director, OPF, Director General, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment and Secretary Workers Welfare Fund.

The progress relating to the computerization and E-initiatives was reviewed. The Minister highlighted the importance of this initiative for elimination of corruption and for efficiency in the system and asked the Secretary OP&HRD to personally review the progress and develop a mechanism to address the bottlenecks in the quick implementation of E-initiatives. For this purpose he directed that a visible progress should be reflected by 15 August 2015.

During the meeting the Minister also reviewed the progress relating to the completion of OPF Housing Scheme Zone V, Islamabad. MD OPF briefed the Minister about the progress and informed that the infrastructure relating to the first phase is likely to be completed by the end of September this year. He further informed that the right of way with the Gulberg Housing Scheme adjacent to the OPF Housing Scheme Zone V has been promised by the Gulberg Housing Scheme.

The Minister directed that the allottees in OPF Housing Scheme Zone V may be handed over the possession of their plots immediately after completion of infrastructure work. He further directed that the case relating to the development of road connection between Zone V and Gulberg Housing Scheme may also be finalized quickly so that the allottees can go for quick colonization after taking possession.

MD, OPF apprised the participants of the meeting that OPF Board of Governors in its 127<sup>th</sup> meeting has resolved to constitute a committee to negotiate with authorities of M/s Shifa International Hospital to establish Nursing Training Institute on the plot allotted by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) in F-11/2, Islamabad on joint collaboration basis.

Chairman EOBI and Secretary WWF briefed the Minister about the situation emerging due to the legislation made by the Sindh Province regarding its own institutions to deal with Old Age Benefit and Provincial Workers Welfare Fund. Minister directed that till the time the devolution issues are resolved, both the institution should ensure that the levies relating to EOBI and WWF are collected according to law in close coordination with the Provincial Government of Sindh.

The Minister reviewed the performance of BE&OE and directed that every Protector Office should display the complaint handling mechanism for redressal of grievances. The Minister fixed a target of export of 1 million workforce for the current year. He pointed out the need for a mechanism which could ensure that Pakistan should be in a position to export skilled manpower especially in the Nursing Sector and also in the field of construction according to the skilled demanded in the international market.

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