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SENATE SECRETARIAT

Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs Under Rule 195 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

I, Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, have the honour to present the report of the Committee on Starred Question No. 29 regarding "Details of Gwadar Port Development Plan during next 5 years" asked by Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan during sitting of the Senate held on 21st January, 2022.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

i)	Senator Rubina Khalid	Chairperson
ii)	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
iii)	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
iv)	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
v)	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
vi)	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
vii)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
viii)	Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
ix)	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
x)	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
xi)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
xii)	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member

3. The Committee considered the Starred Question No. 29 regarding "Details of Gwadar Port Development Plan during next 5 years" asked by Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan during its meeting held on 3rd March, 2022. The following members attended the meeting:-

i)	Senator Rubina Khalid	Chairperson
ii)	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
iii)	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
iv)	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
v)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
vi)	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Mover

4. The Chairman, Gwadar Port Authority (GPA) informed the Committee that Gwadar Port operations were assigned to Singapore Port Authority after international competitive bidding under the First Concession Agreement for 40 years during 2007. He told that Gwadar Port Operations were transferred to China Overseas Ports Holding Company (COPHCL) through an Assignment & Transfer Agreement in May, 2013. He said that the Concession holder had completed Feasibility Study for Port Expansion (Phase-II) and Free Zone (Phase-II) which would be developed in the next five years. He further said that the Port expansion project mainly consists of the expansion and construction of storage yard, construction of multi-purpose terminals and the oil and gas terminals including tank area. He told that Prime Minister during his visit to Gwadar on 5th July, 2021 performed the ground breaking of the Gwadar Free Zone-2, reviewed the progress on various development projects and launched a number of other development & infrastructure projects including an Expo Center, Agriculture Industrial Park and three factories. Chairman GPA told the



Committee that development work had already been started and several business ventures have signed agreements with Free Zone Developer to construct the facilities in the next few months. He hoped that this would generate employment opportunities as well as create the demand to further augment the port operations.

5. Chairman GPA told the Committee that work on Eastbay Expressway would be completed by April, 2022. Chairman GPA said that building of the Pakistan China Technical & Vocational Institute has been completed, the equipment has arrived from China and NEVTEC has started short courses at the Institute. He told that there are no funds for the operation and maintenance of the Institute, however efforts were being made to start the Diploma Courses with Chinese faculty soon. The Committee directed that required funds for the Pakistan China Technical & Vocational Institute may be arranged w.e.f. next financial year and Diploma Courses be started at the earliest possible, so that youth of the area may benefit from these courses.

6. Chairman GPA informed the Committee that a PC-1 for "Acquisition of Gwadar Port Land" at a cost of Rs 48 billion had been prepared and was pending in the Prime Minister's Office for presentation. He said that it was crucial to acquire the port land as per Gwadar Port Master Plan (GPMP). The Committee members were of the view that it would be wise to acquire the port land at the earliest, because delay would result in increase in acquisition cost and possession hurdles. The Committee directed the Ministry and GPA to promptly acquire the remaining Gwadar Port land as per GPMP. The Committee recommended that a scheme for acquisition of Gwadar Port land should be included in PSDP and the land acquisition process should continue till complete acquisition.

7. The Committee disposed of the matter and decided to present report of the Committee to the House on Starred Question No. 29 regarding "Details of Gwadar Port Development Plan during next 5 years" asked by Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan during sitting of the Senate held on 21st January, 2022.

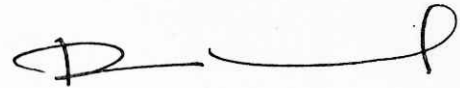
Recommendations:

8. The Committee made the following recommendations:-

- i) The Committee recommended that required funds for the Pakistan China Technical & Vocational Institute may be arranged w.e.f. next financial year and Diploma Courses be started at the earliest possible.
- ii) The Committee recommended the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Gwadar Port Authority to promptly acquire the remaining Gwadar Port land as per Gwadar Port Master Plan.
- iii) The Committee recommended that a scheme for acquisition of Gwadar Port land should be included in PSDP and the land acquisition process should continue till complete acquisition.



(AMJAD ALI)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR RUBINA KHALID)
Chairperson (Committee)