

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY

On

**THE APPROVAL OF THE PSDP PROJECTS OF THE
MINISTRY UNDER RULE 166(7) OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE
SENATE, 2012**

PRESENTED BY _____

SENATOR MAULANA ABDUL GHAFUOR HAIDERI

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Religious affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on "The approval of the PSDP Projects of the Ministry Under Rules 166(7) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012".

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Religious affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony is as under:-

i.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Chairman
ii.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
iii.	Senator Shaukat Fayyaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
iv.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
v.	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
vi.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
vii.	Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
viii.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir shah	Member
ix.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
x.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
xi.	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
xii.	Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan	Member
xiii.	Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 23rd February, 2022 which was attended by the following members:-

i.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Kareem	Convener
ii.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
iii.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
iv.	Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
v.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member

4. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony submitted a consolidated budgetary proposal of Rs.1199.792 Million on account of two PSDP Projects for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 for approval of the Committee which included the acquisition of Land /Establishment of recycling plant for Shaheed Quran Papers at Islamabad and Construction of Hajj Complex at Lahore.

Acquisition of Land and Construction Establishment of Recycling Plant For Shaheed Quran Papers In Islamabad

5. The Ministry proposed the establishment of a recycling plant for disposal of Shaheed pages/papers of the Holy Quran in an appropriate and respectful manner at Islamabad as a model project with the objective to avoid allegations and events of blasphemy of Shaheed Holy pages. The Committee was informed that the cost of the project is Rs499.792 Million and the duration is one year. Furthermore the DDWP is yet to approve the project. However a meeting of the DDWP has been held on 14-02-22 wherein certain observations have been made and a timeline of 30 days has been given to address the same.

6. In response to a query, the Ministry explained the entire process which includes pulping, deinking and new paper making. The ink would be removed in a flotation process where air would be blown into the solution. The ink would rise to the surface in adherence to bubbles of air from where it is separated. After the ink is separated, the fiber may be bleached, usually with hydrogen peroxide, oxygen or chlorine dioxide. Finally the new recycled paper would be utilized for further utilization in printing of the Islamic Books only.

7. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed PSDP project subject to the written consent by the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII)

Construction of Hajj Complex, Lahore

8. It was briefed that the Ministry has 57 kanals of land situated in Harbans Pura, Lahore meant for the construction of a new building of Hajj Complex Lahore at a total cost of Rs.1981.623 Million with a 3 years timeline to be utilized for lodging/boarding of pilgrims prior to proceeding to the Holy Land during the Hajj season. The Ministry informed that the existing Hajj complex is functioning in a rented building causing constant financial burden on the Public exchequer as an amount of Rs.758,092/-per month is being paid as a rental cost and that too for a limited space.

9. Moreover, the existing rented premises lacks IT equipment network, video conference Intra-net facilities and is therefore not capable of maintaining operational activities. Apart from this, there are security issues for both the Pilgrims as well as for the Officers/Officials as the present building is not purpose-built. The current premises is also lacking record room and car parking for the Officers/Officials and pilgrims.

10. It was informed that the total cost of the PC-II of the project was funded in PSDP 2021-22 at a cost of Rs. 15.365 Million; consequently, feasibility study has been conducted by Pak-PWD. Draft PC-I of the project is now being prepared by Pak-PWD and will be placed at DDWP before March-2022 for approval.


11. It was further apprised that the scope of the proposed project building would be as follows:

Scope of the Project

S #	Description	S.No	Description
1	Admin Block	10	Mosque
2	Training Auditorium	11	Water Supply & Sanitary Installation
3	Residential Block (Gents)	12	Sub Head Sewerage System
4	Residential Block (Ladies)	13	CC Road & Path
5	Briefing Hall	14	Fire Fighting Arrangement
6	Dispensary	15	Soil Investigation
7	Dining Hall	16	Termite Proofing
8	Paedestrains under Pass	17	Parking for Vehicles
9	Civic Block	18	Electrical Work

12. All Members in attendance supported the abovementioned proposed projects by the Ministry.


(MUGHEES AHMAD SHAIKH)
Secretary (Committee)


(SENATOR MOLANA ABDUL GHAFOOR HAIDERI)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the 5th March, 2022