PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



No.PA/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Legis-I(R)/2014/97/24 Dated Peshawar, the 28/10/2014.

To,

The Secretary to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Communication and Works Department.

Subject: JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 628 ADOPTED BY THE PROVINCIAL

ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to say that the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in its sitting held on 24-10-2014 has unanimously passed the following Joint Resolution No. 628 moved by Mr. Muzaffar Said, Minister for Finance Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Muhammad Ali, Parliamentary Secretary for Finance, Syed Sardar Hussain Shah, Syed Muhammad Ali Shah, Mr. Bakht Baidar, Mst. Bibi Fozia, Member's Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Joint Resolution

Amid ensuing heavy snowfall, the District's only transportation route, Lowari top shall remain closed for about five months leaving the District Chitral inaccessible to the remaining part of the country. According to a letter issued by the National Highway Authority, the under construction tunnel, that remains the only transportation facility for nearly 500,000 people of Chitral, will be closed during winter season, due to sensitive nature of work.

The Provincial Government, acknowledging gravity of the situation, was supposed to take up the matter with the Federal Government and Korean construction company SAMBO. Ironically, it does not take the matter seriously. We are citizens of Pakistan. We shouldn't be treated like we don't belong here. For about five months, we will be like caged birds left to the mercy of God, if no proper arrangement both for light and heavy traffic is made well in time. The closure of heavy traffic will seriously impact the life of people in Chitral and even supply of edibles items to the valley will also be halted which will put the whole population in starvation.

In order to resolve the issue, this resolution is presented before the House that the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa may kindly approach Federal Government, National Highway Authority and Korean company SAMBO to allow heavy traffic as well through the Lowari Tunnel during winter season.

Yours faithfully,

(Muhammad Younas) Assistant Secretary-II,

Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa