



PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT OF KHYBERPAKHTUNKHWA

No.PA/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Legis-I(R)/2025/2348

Dated Peshawar, the 29 / 01 / 2025.

MOST IMMEDIATE
ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

To,

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

Subject: - **RESOLUTION No. 128 ADOPTED BY THE PROVINCIAL**
ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in its sitting held on **24-01-2025** had unanimously passed the Resolution No.126 moved by **Mr. Fateh-ul Mulk Ali Nasir**, Member Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which is as follows:

Expediting the Construction of the Arandu and Garam Chashma Roads in Lower Chitral to Promote International Trade and Connectivity

District Lower Chitral is the third largest district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in terms total land area covering 6458 square kilometers and lies in the far north bordering District Upper Dir to the South and East and District Upper Chitral to the Northeast. Lower Chitral also shares a long border with Afghanistan and has boundaries with three Afghan provinces, Kunar, Nuristan and Badakhshan. Tajikistan is also located in close proximity. It is submitted before this August House that two major ongoing road projects linking Chitral with Afghanistan have been stalled for several years. These include the Arandu Road from Mirkhani to the Afghan border at Arandu Khas linking Lower Chitral with Kunar and the Garam Chashma Road leading from Chitral City to the Dorah Pass which leads into Badakhshan. These two roads are of immense geostrategic importance as Arandu Khas is only 170 kilometers from Jalalabad, the fifth largest city in Afghanistan and the Ishkashim Bridge, one of the main highway crossings between Afghanistan and Tajikistan is only 100 kilometers from the Dorah Pass which is itself just 90 kilometers from Chitral City. These two road projects must be completed as soon as possible to end the international isolation of Chitral, so that Chitral can be accessed from the South via Torkham, Jalalabad and Kunar which is a snow-free all weather road and in the case of the Garam Chashma Road to provide the shortest overland route between Peshawar and Tajikistan via Chitral City which would be a distance of just 500 kilometers. The completion of these roads will serve as a conduit for international trade and will lead to financial prosperity for Chitral, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Pakistan as a whole.

It is worth mentioning that under sub-rule (3) of rule 135 of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Procedure and Conduct of Business Rules, 1988 the Department concerned of the Government shall report to the Assembly Secretariat about the action taken on the resolution within a period of two months from the date of its communication.

Yours faithfully,


(SAIF ULLAH KHAN)

Assistant Secretary,

Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa