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**PRIME MINISTER EHSAAAS PROGRAMME
GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT TO YOUTH
NHA UNDERTAKES YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME - MURAD SAEED**



Federal Minister for Communications & Postal Services Murad Saeed addressing the ceremony regarding Internship Programme arranged by National Highway Authority.

Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Murad Saeed has said that present government is committed to provide job opportunities to the youth. We are to utilize all the available resources in the best possible way for national development. As per Prime Minister's directive, pragmatic steps are underway to generate employment chances in all the ministries. In line with Prime Minister's Ehsaas Programme, he was addressing a prestigious ceremony regarding Youth Internship Program undertaken by National Highway Authority. The ceremony was arranged at National Highways and Motorways Police headquarters here today.

Federal Secretary Communications Mr. Jawwad Rafique Malik, Chairman NHA Capt ® Sikandar Qayyum, Inspector General National Highways and Motorways Police Allah Dino Khawaja, Senior officers from Ministry of Communications, National Highway Authority, National Highways and Motorway Police and a large number of students participated.

Federal Minister for Communications and Postal Services Mr. Murad Saeed said, that National Highway Authority has successfully maintained its

ISO certification due to commendable performance. NHA's revenue is enhancing gradually. To date NHA's revenue has increased at rate of Rs. 5 crores 95 lac per day. Our endeavor; he said, is to make NHA financially self reliant through generating more financial resources. This will enable NHA to build roads from their own resources that will ultimately reduce load on national exchequer. He stressed upon the need of building roads leading to tourist resorts. He said, we have travelled from terrorism to tourism. Speaking about projects on Public Private Partnerships basis he said, Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway project will be undertaken this year. He said, NHA has undertaken Youth Internship Programme and the consultants and construction firms working with NHA are made bound to provide employment to the internees of NHA. Likewise, the Federal Minister said, job opportunities are being generated in Pakistan Post and the program is to set up 125,000 franchise post offices in the country. Prime Minister Ehsaas Program is a significant program of the present government under which humane steps like Kamyab Nojawan, Shelter Homes, Langar Khanas, Sehat Insaf Card are being undertaken, which is a step forward towards establishment of a welfare state.

Throwing light on NHA's Youth Internship Programme NHA's Member Administration Capt ® Mushtaq Ahmed said, this initiative was taken in January this year. This programme is divided into Paid and Non Paid Internship on first come, first serve basis. Presently 600 students are doing internship in NHA. He further said, under paid Programme, 4500 applications have been received. Rs. 20,000 per month will be given to degree holder internees, while Rs. 10,000 will be given to the Diploma holders.

On this occasion, Aqsa Tariq an internee expressing views appreciated the initiative of NHA. She desired such programs in other departments throughout the country. Certificates were also awarded to internees who completed their internship in NHA.