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STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION: - FRESH IDEAS OF PROFESSIONALS TO HELP BETTER PLANNING OF HYDERABAD-SUKKUR MOTORWAY



Chairman National Highway Authority Capt (R) Sikander Qayyum and CEO of PPP Authority Malik Ahmad Khan addressing Stakeholders' Consultation Session at NHA HQ regarding Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway.

In order to ensure better planning of Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway project and attract private investment in this scheme National Highway Authority arranged a Stakeholders' Consultation with the cooperation of Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) at NHA Headquarters here today where in professionals hailing from construction industry, contractors and financiers were invited at large. Commercial Attachee of Saudi Arabia based in Islamabad, representatives of Asian Development Bank and World Bank Group also participated the session through via video link.

In his opening remarks, welcoming the visiting guests and participants Chairman National Highway Authority Capt ® Sikander Qayyum said, the main purpose of inviting the best professionals in their respective field is to invite fresh ideas regarding procurement of only missing motorway link i-e- Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway to complete the North-South Economic Corridor. Chairman National Highway Authority Capt ® Sikander Qayyum said, NHA is endeavoring hard for earlier start of construction activity on this mega project. Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan also desires provision of strong infrastructure for rapid socio-economic development in the country. To this

effect, he said, role of motorways and national highways is an accepted one. He further said, NHA is obtaining cooperation of the private sector in motorways and highways building schemes with the view to reduce financial load on national exchequer. He said, Public Private Partnership (PPP) has been prevalent nowadays in developing as well as developed nations of the world. Creation of private sector's interest in infrastructure projects for better service delivery is the tool being used successfully.

Chairman National Highway Authority Capt ® Sikander Qayyum also recalled countrywide motorways and national highways projects being undertaken under gigantic China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) programme. NHA is committed to put country on the track towards socio-economic development. He hoped this consultative session of the professionals will pave the way to formulate viable recommendations to achieve the objective. The length of proposed Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway will be 306 km, 14 interchanges, one major bridge on River Indus, 6 flyovers, 10 Service Areas and 12 Rest Areas will also be built on this motorway. The project is planned to be completed in 30 months at construction cost of approximately Pak Rupees 175 billion with Intelligent Transport System (ITS)

CEO of the Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) Mr. Malik Ahmad Khan expressed deep sense of gratitude to the participants for expressing interest in consultative session. He said, deliberations of today's consultation session on every phase and aspect of the Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway procurement starting from alignment, structuring and financing have been very informative and thought provoking. He said, this consultative session has opened up numerous vistas of procurement methodologies and helped us to outline proposed structure of the project. Proposals and recommendations put forward by the professionals will be forwarded to high government authorities for decision, he added.