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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Subject: **AKRSP CHITRAL PROGRAMME**

Participants:

- Mr. U.A.G. Issani, Chief Secretary, NWFP
- Mr. Shoaib Sultan Khan, GM AKRSP

As desired by the Chief Secretary (CS) through a telephonic call to the GM a few days earlier, the meeting took place at Peshawar.

The CS enquired about the progress of the programme in Chitral and wanted to know if any problems were being encountered in this connection.

The GM briefly recounted the initiation of the programme in the entire district of Chitral at the request of the local administration and the Provincial Government including the district council and union council Members and Chairmen. He referred to his meetings with the concerned agencies and the unanimous support pledged for the programme by all concerned including the then Chairman of the District Council.

However, with the change brought about by local council elections in the chairmanship of the District Council, an opposition to the programme started surfacing in Drosh area which subsequently took the shape of non-cooperation with AKRSP in some of the villages. Currently AKRSP was actively involved in 56 villages and had plans to extend to another 68 villages where surveys had been completed.

In view of the reluctance of some villages and pressure being brought about by vested interests in shape of booklets and leaflets besides verbal exhortations against cooperation with AKRSP, the GM informed the CS about AKRSP's methodology of partnership based on acceptance of obligations by villagers and in the alternative AKRSP's policy not to initiate developmental activities. The CS enquired if this would mean diversion of resources meant for Chitral to other areas. The GM did not rule out this possibility especially in view of the Northern Areas Administration's pressure on AKRSP to extend its activities to the district of Baltistan.

The CS urged continuance of the programme in Chitral villages where AKRSP's terms of partnership are acceptable and passing on development plans prepared by AKRSP of areas reluctant to cooperate, to the local union and district councils for implementing the projects from their own resources.

The GM agreed to do so but reiterated that AKRSP would initiate developmental projects and continue the programme only in those villages which fully abide by AKRSP's terms of partnership. The CS appreciated the AKRSP stand in this regard and offered the Administration's fullest cooperation in creating an environment conducive to developmental efforts by AKRSP in the district of Chitral. The GM cautioned against any punitive action for foisting AKRSP on any village or area.

The GM also met Secretaries Planning (Mr. Ejaz Rahim), Education (Mr. Azam Khan) and Finance (Mr. Tayyab).

The CS also had afternoon tea with the GM.