

Provision of services to the overseas Pakistani for assisting in socio economic matters

Meeting has been held with Mr. Zulfiqar Abbas Bukhari (Minister of State/ Special Assistant, Overseas Pakistanis Islamabad, Pakistan. Provision of services to the overseas Pakistani for assisting in socio economic matters.

The on-going process of greater economic interdependence among countries known as economic globalization is reflected in the increasing amount of cross-border trade in services and expertise. As of country Pakistan passing from difficult zone due to weak surveillance system and political well. The election has brought new and educated faces with diverse experiences to scale up our existing system. The new elected Govt personal has shown their commitment for strengthen the systems and build the capacity to address the surveillance system.

The Prime Minister prioritizes in his agenda overseas Pakistani challenges and given them opportunities for the contribution in the country economy to be boosted up. Currently almost 7.6 million overseas Pakistani lives abroad and they are contributed over \$15.87 billion yearly the National economy. Apart from that the Govt of Pakistan considering the existence of overseas contribution in charity and other sectors however overseas have faced hitches in term of land grabbing on properties once they return back to their homes and they always faced general lack of support from the country's diplomatic missions abroad, It is pointed out that overseas Pakistanis faced "corrupt practices at all levels" in the country from exploitation to abuse at the hands of immigration officials. The overseas are willing to establish their business on return to homeland, however in most cases they faced cheating in the business to start-up and partnerships. In 2017, approximately 1.75 million Pakistani visited homeland to see their native families and friends.

Mr. Sheraz Khan Executive Director of Legal Researchers with President Mr. Sheikh Shakeel (OFG) had great meeting with overseas Minister Mr. Zulfiqar Abbas Bukhari, he has the dynamic experience in the humanitarian work and development. Besides that a great contribution to voice on the issues of overseas. During the meeting address the issues and good practices of overseas Pakistani at Islamabad. Such initiatives will dust down the problems faced by overseas and open new gate ways of business opportunities and their return to home land with safety and dignity.



Provision of Legal Services to the overseas Pakistani:

Meeting has been held at Federal Ombudsman Islamabad with Mr. Hafiz Ahsaan Ahmad (Registrar Grievance Commissioner) Overseas Pakistanis, Federal Ombudsman on Friday, and Islamabad-Pakistan. Hafiz Ahsaan has diverse experience in the Legal affairs and great contribution for overseas Pakistani and introducing legal protection mechanism through advocacy and new initiatives through policy and procedures to streamline the structure.

The meeting agenda points we have prioritization for offering our services to the overseas Pakistani global foundation.

1. Pakistani prisoners in Saudi Jails.

It has come to our knowledge that in Saudi jail there are large numbers of Pakistani prisoners have completed their detention however they are facing problem to return their home land.

A). Funds for travel ticket.

B). Provision of travel documents to return back safely their home lands.

Recommendation:

The overseas Pakistani Global foundation will be assured for the provision, Legal Assistance and arrangement of funds depending on the Government of Pakistan provide us access to conduct an assessment with the collaboration of Saudi Government or either the provision of list of prisoner's. In this context OPGF will arrange funds and engage the Attorneys for facilitating the required documentation to help prisoners safely and dignity return to their home land.

2. Non-Filer unable to buy property:

A) Overseas cannot establish their business in Pakistan and not possible to be income tax filer.

B) Established Societies Foundation

Reference to this strategy the overseas cannot be entertained in this context to buy the property or invest the money. In case overseas wanted to contribute in the economy they cannot do so. In this situation the seller will be filer and overseas as non-filer. The Govt of Pakistan can control and monitor the illegitimate practice.

Recommendation:

This Strategy of non- filer can be re-visit by Govt of Pakistan to allow the overseas non- filer Pakistan will be a bigger investor to boost up the economy.

Simultaneously, the formation of Foundations / club for overseas will be encouraging them to contribute their crucial role in the investment at Pakistani to provide business networking.

3. The overseas fresh graduates and masters holders' youngster should provide the attraction to appear in CSS / other competitive exams.

The fact of matter is, the overseas youth will be able bring new technology and advance learning tools to Pakistan which will ultimately bridge in the prosperity of Pakistan and to build a strong affiliation with their native countries.

4. Entertained the Overseas Families delegates at point of Entry in airport.

The overseas are usually visiting their parents and families in Pakistan. During their short visit they are facing adherence at airport administration / operational staff.

Recommendation:

The overseas Pakistani residing in different countries are ambassadors they should a facilitating desk to receive them in dignified way as other officials / political members.

5. Costly Visa-Fee on Visit to Pakistan

It has been observed that usually overseas families pay visits to Pakistan to meet their families occasionally. The problems faced by those overseas families and are quite reluctant who consists of larger number as they are paying high-fee on return to Pakistan.

Recommendation:

It is highly recommended to look in to this matter to reduce the visa fee up to 10 dollars so that families can meet their beloved ones cheerfully.

