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Involvement of parliamentarians should be made integral part of policy formulation on education

Islamabad. Parliamentarians are fully committed to bring about reforms in all aspects of education system in the country for which the involvement of parliamentarians is indispensable. It was stated by Syed Javed Ali Shah Parliamentary Secretary Production in a group discussion today at Secretariat of Parliamentarians Commission for Human Rights (PCHR) organized in collaboration with Education Sector Reform Assistance (ESRA) and USAID. Dr. Salman Hammayun Deputy Chief of Party ESRA briefly gave overview of issues pertaining to reform education sector in respect of curriculum, examination system, and teacher training etc.

Syed Javed Ali Shah highlighted the problems relating to education in rural areas like ghost schools, educational management, lack of financial allocations and some negative fallouts arising due to political favoritism in recruitment of teachers. He described the importance of role of parliamentarians in formulating education policy and said that having close links with the constituency and people, they are in better position to understand the needs of their constituencies. He remarked that to increase the literacy rate, it is imperative to increase financial allocation for education in budget.

Ms. Rifat Javed Kahlon Parliamentary Secretary Telecommunication and Information Technology briefed the participants about objectives of dialogues and centrality of involving parliamentarian in policy formulation. She said that due to this the problems have occurred in education management system, teacher training, curriculum, and accountability etc. It is dire need of the time that parliamentarians should be involved in education formulating process.

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