

Advisory committees: FCCI to be given due representation: DC

Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI) will be given due representation in all divisional and district advisory committees to ensure effective participation of the business community in formulation of strategy for this division, said Divisional Commissioner Asif Iqbal Chaudhary. He was addressing a meeting in FCCI along with Regional Police Officer (RPO) Ghulam Mehmud Dogar here today.

He told that private sector has unmatched experience and expertise in effective management of the development and welfare projects and hence their participation in these committees would not only streamline the working of these committees but also ensure positive results with ultimate objective to facilitate the masses. He told that notifications in this connection would be issued very soon. He categorically told that FCCI members would be inducted in Sugarcane Cess Committee, High-Rise Buildings, FDA, FWMC and other similar public sector entities. He stressed the need to promote effective relationship between the government institutions and business community as they could yield much better results in collaboration with each other.

Quoting the example of Clean and Green Pakistan, he told that FCCI has donated maximum saplings which have turned Faisalabad in to a lush green city in addition to arresting the environmental pollution. Regarding Faisalabad Waste Management Company, he told that 1600 metric tons of solid waste is generated daily within the jurisdiction of FWMC whereas it has lifting capacity of only 1200 metric tons. He said that government has now allowed hiring of vehicle from the public sector to lift and dispose of the remaining waste. He said that collaboration between divisional and district administration and FCCI will also supplement our efforts to make Faisalabad clean and green by bridging the resource gap.

Appreciating the philanthropic work of the business community of Faisalabad, he said that the city belongs to the inhabitants of this city and they must contribute their role for the overall betterment and uplift of the city in according to their own vision.

Responding to a question, he said that he has recommended a grant of Rs 20 million for the immediate repair and maintenance of roads in the Madina Town Hockey Stadium. Regarding the allotment of shops in this stadium, he told that he is forwarding a reference to FIA for further investigation in to the allotment of these shops. He also responded to the questions raised by the participants and asked FCCI to give its recommendations for the Annual Development Program (ADP) of next year as work on it formulation has already been started.

Regarding the tragic incident of Army Public School (APS) Peshawar, he told that divisional administration will organize a function to commemorate the sacrifices of students of this school. He also asked President FCCI to display the banners containing the pictures of martyrs of APS on December 15, 16. He also thanked the cooperation of FCCI in organizing different sports events and told that an International Kabbadi Champion will be played in Faisalabad next month. "Team from India and Iran are also expected to participate in it", he told and hoped that FCCI would also sponsor this event for the overall image building of Faisalabad and Pakistan.

Regional Police officer Ghulam Mehmud Dogar underlined the importance of community policing to improve the law and order situation in this division. "Police remained in touch with all stakeholders during last general elections and countrywide protests", he told and added that no road was blocked or public property was damaged in this division only due to the close liaison between the police and local community. He also assured that the forum of Citizen Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) would be restored with certain organizational changes. "15 to 20 criminal incidents are reported daily including heinous and non-heinous crimes, however reconciliatory committees have been made operational at the police station level to settle

the non-cognizable issues", he added. He told that he intends that there should be an independent organization which could adjudge the performance of police officials in addition to their departmental ACR. He also assured that E-Police Station of FCCI would be made functional very soon and efforts would be made to provide maximum police related facilities of verification and issuance of driving permits etc through this station.

Responding to a question, he said that online facility has been provided in all "Khidmat Markaz" and police stations and people could now register their complaints through this online system without visiting the concerned police station. He asked the business community to inform concerned police station or his office before the movement of heavy amounts. He further told that some industrial workers were found involved in incidents of snatching and robberies and hence a campaign has been launched to register the industrial workers. He asked the industrialists to confirm the previous record of any worker before recruiting him.

About Safe City Project, he told that it has been delayed due to non availability of funds. "However, work on it would be started on it as soon as funds were made available", he added. He told that in order to overhaul the police system at least 30 to 40 percent employees should be weeded out while the same number of officials should be transferred from the district in order to bring a qualitative improvement in the overall performance of the police department.

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