

Press conference on implementation of National Aviation Policy 2019 by Secretary Aviation Shahrukh Nusrat

KARACHI: Secretary Aviation/Director General Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Shahrukh Nusrat speaking at a press conference held here on Saturday at CAA headquarters on National Aviation Policy 2019 (NAP 2019) - which was prepared under the directives and vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan - has said that implementation on NAP 2019 is continuing at fast pace and in this regard most of the concerned rules and regulations have been revised.

Secretary Aviation informed the journalists on this occasion that before the press conference first meeting of Aviation Oversight Committee, which was constituted under the directives of Federal Cabinet, was also held and attended by nearly fifty leading heads of aviation sector besides top officials of PIA, Air Blue and Serene Air. The meeting of the Aviation Oversight Committee mainly focused on the progress on implementation of NAP 2019 and also discussed challenges being faced by aviation sector and their possible solutions.

He further said that newly constituted Aviation Oversight Committee will meet after every three months in which mutual consultations will be made to resolve issues pertaining to aviation sector. "This is first time in the aviation history of aviation industry of Pakistan that a consultative platform has been provided to resolve the issues being faced by aviation sector", he added.

Secretary Aviation said that implementing the NAP 2019 - which was prepared in the light of directives of Prime Minister Imran Khan - terms & conditions and requirements for the issuance of Tourism Promotion and Regional Integration (TPRI) License have been drafted while regulatory function of CAA is being separated from its service provider function.

He further said that measures will also be taken to establish an independent Aircraft Accident Investigation Board and while following the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan domestic airlines will be facilitated under NAP 2019.

He further said that directives are being issued to rationalize all CAA charges while Air Service Agreements are being reviewed to change its those clauses which are not beneficial to domestic airlines.

He informed the reporters that recommendations are also being made to revise the government taxes on aviation sector.

Top officials of CAA, PIA, Air Blue and Serene Air were also present on this occasion besides representatives of various organizations of aviation sector.

