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PTF President meets Minister Inter-Provincial Coordination/ Sports

ISLAMABAD: Mr. Salim Saifullah Khan, President Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) along with Senior PTF officials met Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) Minister Dr. Fehmida Mirza on 20th May, 2019, to seek the government's support for promotion of tennis and address the requirement of the PTF.

The President PTF informed the IPC minister about the upcoming high profile tennis event. He said that "Pakistan is to host India for the very first time for the Davis Cup tie in September in Islamabad. We need to prepare for that historic occasion. Preparations are not confined only to host the tie but to prepare a competitive team for the occasion. India has got a strong tennis base. We need to make best use of the opportunity".

The government has already stopped what meager grant they were giving to federations. This is despite the fact that some of the federations like tennis are continuously producing results. Instead of increasing the grants, even these federations are without any government support for the last ten months now.

"We have to spend heavy amount on teams' participation in international events abroad. Every other month we have to send teams abroad for regional, Asian or for international events. Participation in international events is important to keep up the tempo with international activities so that the country stays at par with the best nations in the continent," the PTF officials told the minister.

Mr. Saifullah also apprised the minister on the performance of the Tennis Federation and also highlighted its efforts to bring Davis Cup to Pakistan after 12 years. She was also informed about the performance awards received by the PTF from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) & Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) in recognition of growth & development of Tennis in Pakistan.

Ideas of establishing a Sports University and to generate funds from different sources were also discussed. The PTF officials conveyed that the PTF has already established a National Training Centre (NTC) at PTF Complex, Islamabad where where the best potential talent & National Teams is being trained in High Performance skills and techniques by qualified coaches & trainer.

Dr. Fehmida appreciated the achievements of the PTF and acknowledged the fact that despite resource constraints, the PTF is contributing to the cause in best possible way. She also assured of the government's support and asked the federation to underline its priorities regarding training of the players and their requirements for participation in international events.



Mr. Salim Saifullah Khan, President PTF with Dr. Fehmida Mirza, Minister IPC/ Sports