

Association of Builders And Developers of Pakistan (ABAD)

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Managing Director Karachi Water & Sewerage Board Misbahuddin Farid emphasized on the importance of the construction industry and said it is important that all steps be taken to facilitate the builders and developers in their activities for providing shelter to the people of Karachi. He was addressing members of ABAD on his visit to ABAD House for a luncheon meeting.

Earlier Chairman ABAD Anwar Gagai welcomed Misbahuddin Farid to ABAD House and offered ABAD's support and assistance. Anwar Gagai added that members of ABAD are facing extreme difficulties with regard to issues of excessive billing as well as bulk billing, no dues clearance, provision of new connections to bona fide ABAD members, provision of temporary water connection for immediate requirement of water for new projects. . Chairman ABAD reminded MD KW&SB that an ABAD representative would be included on Board of Directors of KW&SB was agreed but no notification was issued in this regard. He added that inclusion of ABAD representative would be helpful in addressing the issues faced by members of ABAD as well as KW&SB.

Misbahuddin Farid said as far as inflated and bulk billing is concerned he is aware of the situation. He announced that all inflated/ bulk billing is withdrawn and members of ABAD would only be liable to pay two years arrears.

For providing new connections to members of ABAD Managing Director KW&SB said that as an initial step KW&SB will ask for ABAD NOC for six months and see the results how this system works and then implement this procedure on a permanent basis. Managing Director also announced the formation of a committee comprising of representatives of ABAD and KW&SB officials to oversee this procedure.

Misbahuddin Farid announced that nomination of ABAD representatives on the Board of KW&SB is accepted and issued a letter to ABAD in this regard.

He said that provision of water to the city is becoming difficult as the days passes due to several issues which include nonpayment of dues by the general public and several institutions, load shedding which cripples the operation of water pumps. . Meeting the day to day expenses to run the KW&SB has become a gigantic task in a situation where funds are not available. He requested ABAD's support in advocating the cause of KW&SB on various platforms.

Speaking on the occasion, Convener of KW&SB Sub-Committee of ABAD said that it is a social responsibility which is being performed both by ABAD and KW&SB. Out of the population of 20 million KW&SB billing only for 1.4 million home, it is obvious that the balance households are using illegal connections. The water supply is a national issue and in order to provide clean environment to our coming generations we have ensure that our beaches are not polluted with untreated sewerage water.

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