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He also directed to transfer their profits against saving certificates to their personal accounts into scheduled banks. He further directed to issue ATM cards to CDNS customers so that they could draw their profits as per their own wishes. He was chairing a high level meeting to review the progress on CDNS Reforms Report issued by the Wafaqi Mohtasib Secretariat(WMS).

He said that CDNS is a reliable source of long-term funding to the government and a widespread distribution network that provides access to protect the savings of senior citizens, widows and pensioners in a rightful manner.

He expressed his concerns over the difficulties of senior citizens while getting profit against their saving certificates in the saving centers. Mr. Javed Iqbal, Senior Joint Secretary Ministry of Finance and Director General, National Savings (CDNS) Mr. Muhammad Khalil gave a detailed briefing on the implementation of CDNS Reforms Report. The representative of Ministry of Finance informed that although CDNS is a government department but it has been declared autonomous. The Director General CDNS informed that CDNS has 376 branches out of which 153 have been fully computerized and remaining would be automatized by the end of December this year. He said Shuhda Family Welfare Accounts, Widows, senior citizens and disabled persons have been especially facilitated in the centres. He said that ATM card has been designed and as soon as all the branches are computerized, ATMs would be issued to consumers.

The Ombudsman asked CDNS authorities to adopt the banking system at the earliest for provision of proper facilitation to senior citizens as per banking standards. He also asked for provision of facilitation to the customers in getting profit from any CDNS centre in Pakistan. He said that CDNS must obtain bank accounts of every certificate holder for transfer of their profit into their scheduled bank accounts. He further directed that automation of all CDNS branches must be completed by the end of December this year.

The Ombudsman also appointed Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Additional Secretary WMS as Focal Person on CDNS to monitor the progress. The CDNS also directed to submit its progress report after every 15 days to WMS.

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## CDNS told to facilitate senior citizens, widows

Federal ombudsman directs National Savings Directorate to issue ATM cards to customers

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Federal Ombudsman Tahir Shahbaz on Wednesday directed the Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) and the finance ministry to facilitate senior citizens and widows by transferring the profits on their saving certificates into their personal bank accounts.

Chairing a meeting to review a CDNS reforms progress report issued by the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat, Shahbaz also ordered the CDNS to issue ATM cards to its customers so that they could draw their profits whenever they wanted.

"The CDNS is a reliable source of long-term funding to the government and a widespread distribution network that protects the savings of senior citizens, widows and pensioners in a rightful manner," the ombudsman observed.

He also expressed his concerns over the difficulties faced

by senior citizens and widows while drawing profits on their saving certificates at CDNS centres.

Finance ministry's Senior Joint Secretary Javed Iqbal and CDNS Director General Muhammad Khalil gave a detailed briefing on the implementation of the reforms. The finance ministry official informed the ombudsman that although the CDNS was a government department, but it had been declared autonomous.

The CDNS director general said the directorate had 376 branches of which 153 had been completely computerised and the remaining would be automated by the end of December this year. He said the holders of the Shuhda Family Welfare Accounts, widows, senior citizens and disabled persons were particularly facilitated at the centers.

"ATM cards have also been designed and would be issued to consumers as soon as all the branches are computerised," he added.

The ombudsman asked the CDNS authorities to facilitate customers in drawing their profits from any centre in the country. (WITH INPUT FROM APP)

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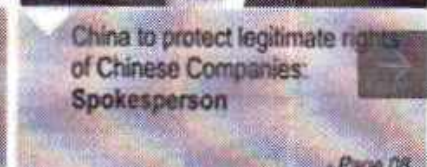
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