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Women rights are being protected: Rubaba Buledi

By Our Reporter

QUETTA: Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Dr. Rubaba Buledi has said that the provincial government should protect women, prevent harassment, approve and implement laws related to women, set up special women's desks in provincial departments and police stations in Quetta.

"A comprehensive policy has been put in place to run special cornering and punk public transport for prayers and breast-feeding in five public places," she expressed these views in a joint report by UN Women and

the Aurat Foundation on the report of harassment of women in public places.

Speaking on the occasion, Sabira Islam, Provincial Ombudsman for Harassment Cell for Women, Alauddin Khilji, Resident Director, Aurat Foundation, Ayesha Wadood, Provincial Coordinator, UN Women, Dr. Rashida, Gender Specialist, Qari Abdul Rashid, Officers of departments and representatives of NGOs were also present.

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Health said that all members of the society have a collective responsibility to protect women and abide by the law.

"Department Providing opportunities on the basis of equality for the betterment of the society and the province will move forward on the path of development.

The establishment of a women's police station is a positive step towards the protection of women," Dr. Rubaba Buledi said.

"Govt is taking practical steps to prevent harassment in the workplace which

will enable women to be protected.

A special desk has been set up in the health department to prevent harassment where women employees can express their problems and grievances without any fear or concern," she said.

Rubaba Buledi said that breast feeding corners have also been set up in treasury care hospitals.

She said that the provincial government was taking steps to provide facilities to women, children and disadvantaged sections of the society. Keeping in view their needs, they are taking coordinated strategies to address issues such as

harassment.

In this regard, a grievance cell has been set up to address harassment of women and other issues.

Addressing the ceremony, Sabra Islam said that in Islam and the traditions of our province, the dignity of women is considered the most precious. Because our society is religious, traditional and tribal, public places are unsafe for women. Tragedy is a concern for our society.

She said that a cell is active in the office of the provincial ombudsman for harassment of women in the workplace and other issues while a harassment

cell has been set up in all provincial departments and districts where women can lodge complaints.

She said that the police and the administration have an important role to play in the protection of women. Besides, people belonging to all schools of thought in the society also have their own religious views for the protection of women.

The event was addressed by Resident Director Women Foundation Alauddin Khilji, Provincial Coordinator UN Women Ayesha Wadood, Dr. Rashida, Qari Abdul Rashid and others.