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Will not let CDA develop housing society at NARC land: Ahmad

ISLAMABAD: Underlining the importance of agriculture sector for national development, Chairman Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad said that he and the agricultural scientists of PARC would not allow anyone to develop housing society at the land of National Agricultural Research Council (NARC).

Addressing a function organized in connection with the Independence Day of the country, he said the dream of economic progress and prosperity could not be materialized until we work for the progress of agricultural sector as economy of the country was having deep foundations in this sector.

He said that at a time when patriot Pakistanis were engaged in serving their country, some anti-Pakistan elements were hatching conspiracies to destabilize the country by weakening its institutions, as is being done in case of NARC.

"The Economic Corridor is of no use if we do not develop agriculture sector and the concept of future food security would always remain illusive if we do not take care of research institutions," he remarked and deplored that, instead of developing this sector, some elements are working day and night to grab the research land of NARC and deprive the agricultural sector of Pakistan of this great research facility.

Chairman PARC resolved that he and the agricultural scientists of PARC would not allow anyone to develop housing society at this national asset, "come what may."

"I will not allow them to destroy this national asset and develop housing society. If they (CDA) destroy NARC, they will do it over my dead body," the chairman resolved.

He urged the scientists of the council to get united against the enemies of agriculture who actually are the enemies of Pakistan and assured them they if they are unified, nobody on earth can defeat them.

He questioned that what type of institution Capital Development Authority which is not capable to pay salaries of its employees and has been eyeing on this important land to sell it out for paying the salaries to its employees.

The PARC Chairman said that it was responsibility all Pakistanis to pay their role for nation building and development of Pakistan and realize the dream of the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for independence of this country and for securing future of its people.

Speaking on the occasion, Director General, NARC Dr. Azeem lauded the PARC Chairman for delivering historic speech, which he said paved way for the development of research and agriculture. He said that all the scientists were united to defend the NARC, which has been playing important role in agriculture development.

President, PARC Scientists Association (PARSA), Dr. Altaf Sher said that it was strange that the CDA for the sake of only Rs.100 billion was poised to destroy this precious national asset. PR