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Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Shaza Fatima Khawaja chaired consultative sessions on youth employment policy with IT and E-commerce stakeholders. Representatives of various ministries and private organizations participated in the session.

SAPM said that the goal of National Youth Employment Policy is to expand industrial sector and ensure supply of good talent. She further narrated that Prime Minister has given the mandate of formulating effective policy to this task force.

Participants shared their ideas and identified the key points behind unemployment of young population. Dignitaries also highlighted that covid has transformed the job market and in post pandemic era we need to adapt modern methods to compete in the fast-growing world of technology.

Participants were briefed that every year around 2.1 million students graduate from universities across Pakistan whereas annual job creation is 1.2 million. Main focus of this employment policy is to fill this vacuum by bridging the existing gap between academia and corporate sector.

Along with creating 2 million jobs, National Youth Employment Policy will focus on promoting gender equality in corporate sector. As women constitute more than 49 percent of our total population but only have 23 percent share in the labor force.

SAPM Shaza Fatima Khawaja urged members of PM Task force to come up with productive solutions for countering rising unemployment in Pakistan. She said that on the direction of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, meetings and consultative session for the National Youth employment policy will be held weekly. By establishing linkages with concerned ministries, Prime Minister's Youth Programme aims to speed up the process So that a policy draft can be formulated at the earliest.