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**Faruqui urges use of biotechnology in Green Karachi Plan**

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Adviser to Sindh Chief Minister, Ms Sharmila Faruqui has stressed the need to adopt biotechnology in Green Karachi Plan for which billions of rupees funds have been allocated.

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and World Wide Fund (WWF-Pakistan) have mentioned in their reports that toxic related losses due to utilisation of these sprays are at a large scale as different species of birds and animals were killed in a large number after being affected by pesticides sprays, she said while talking to a delegation of farmers from interior Sindh who called on her at her office here on Thursday.

She said that the Sindh government and the City District Government Karachi (CDGK) could take huge benefits by adopting biotechnology while executing "Green Karachi Plan".

She added that with adoption of biotechnological science, trees could increase the oxygen which will help control carbon dioxide and reduce affects of global warming on Karachi city.

The adviser said that farmers' community of Pakistan had to pay Rs60 billion to multinational companies every year to purchase pesticide sprays for their crops. Biotechnology could help us to resolve poverty issue and save local agriculture from further devastation, she added.

Faruqui narrated that by adopting biotechnology there will be a noticeable reduction in need of utilisation of pesticide sprays which would be resulted in reducing expenditures of peasants on pesticide sprays.