

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

(Under Rule 159 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012)

I, Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani, Chairman Functional Committee on Government Assurances, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the assurance given by the Minister for Commerce, on behalf of Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs in response to a supplementary question to the Starred Question No.30, asked by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on 4th November, 2015, regarding furnishing the results of the inquiry conducted in the matter of issuance of passport to the Non-Pakistanis in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under: -

(1)	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Chairman
(2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq	Member
(3)	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
(4)	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
(5)	Senator Ms. Nighat Mirza	Member
(6)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Member
(7)	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
(8)	Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
(9)	Senator Ms. Rahila Magsi	Member
(10)	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
(11)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
(12)	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member

3. The Committee considered the above said assurance in its meeting held on 17th August, 2016, at Parliament House, Islamabad, which was attended by the following:-

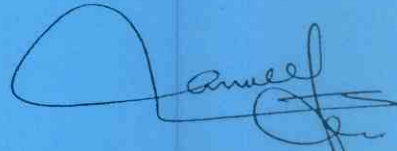
1.	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Chairman
2.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
3.	Senator Mrs. Nighat Mirza	Member
4.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Member
5.	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member

4. The Additional Secretary Foreign Affairs apprised the Committee that pursuant to the ministry's instructions to Pakistan Embassy in Riyadh and Consulate General in Jeddah probed into the matter and conveyed that there was no such instance where Pakistani passports were issued to non-Pakistanis. He said that MRP section of both the missions had not issued fresh passport to Pakistani Nationals but only renewing the passports after following a due process and manual passports were issued only to the holders of valid Pakistan CNIC or NICOP. He further informed the Committee that the subject matter of issuance of fresh Pakistani Passports comes under the purview of the M/o Interior.

5. The Committee showed its satisfaction and disposed of the matter and also gave approval for presentation of its report to the House.



(MUHAMMAD TAHIR KHAN)
Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR AGHA SHAHBAZ KHAN DURRANI)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the
17th August, 2016