



## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

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**REPORT NO. 16**

**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
FEDERAL EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NATIONAL  
HISTORY & LITERARY HERITAGE**

**ON**

**“Step taken by the Government to preserve National Heritage in the  
Country since June, 2013”** introduced by Senator Muhammad Talha  
Mahmood on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI**

**Chairperson SSC on Federal Education, Professional Training, National  
History & Literary Heritage**

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I Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National History & Literary Heritage have the honour to present a report on the Starred Question regarding "Steps taken by the Government to preserve National Heritage in the Country since June, 2013" introduced by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 in the House and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The following is the composition of the Committee.

1. Senator Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
3. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
4. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
5. Senator Gul Bashra	Member
6. Senator Najma Hameed	Member
7. Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
8. Senator Dr. Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
9. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
10. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
11. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
12. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
13. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Starred Question in its meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 at Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad. Meeting was attended by the following Members:-

1. Senator Rahila Magsi	Chairperson
2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
3. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
4. Senator Najma Hameed	Member
5. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
6. Senator Prof. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
7. Senator Gul Bashra	Member
8. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Mover
9. Senator Dilawar Khan	Mover
10. Senator Shamim Afridi	Mover

4. The Committee had detailed discussion on the agenda, Ministry told the committee that the Department of Archaeology and Museums, DOAM (National History and Literary Heritage Division) Government of Pakistan was responsible for the protection and preservation of Archaeological sites in the country under Antiquities Act, 1975. Administrative control of all the protected sites and monuments has been transferred to the concerned provinces under Constitution (18<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Act, 2010 (Act No. X of 2010) w.e.f. 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

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5. After the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment Federal Government is only responsible for four sites whereas remaining sites are under Provincial Governments.

- Paharwala Fort, Kahuta, Islamabad.
- Rawat Fort, Rawat Village, Islamabad.
- Buddhist stupas Ban Faqiran, Village Shah Allah Ditta, Islamabad.
- Shah Allah Ditta Caves, Village Shah Allah Ditta, Islamabad.

6. The steps taken by the Governments to preserve the National Heritage in the country since June 2013 are stated as under:

- a) Rawat Fort was taken over from the Government of Punjab by Department of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM), Islamabad for conservation and preservation.
- b) Conservation of Rawat Fort through PSDP projects.
- c) Conservation/ Restoration of Archaeological site of Ban Faqiran, Islamabad through excavation. Remains have been open for the visitors.
- d) In order to build capacity of main stakeholders to preserve National Heritage, four international trainings on safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) were arranged from 2015-2018 in collaboration with CRIHAP, a category 2 office of UNESCO. Officers from Federal and Provincial Governments dealing with preservation of Heritage attended these sessions. National Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) inventory has been prepared in collaboration with UNESCO and placed on website [www.ichinventory.pk](http://www.ichinventory.pk)
- e) Moreover, two Intangible Cultural Heritage elements "Nowrouz" and "Falconry" have been inscribed on UNESCO ICH list whereas one element "Suri Jagek" has also been inscribed on urgent safeguarding list of UNESCO.
- f) A UNESCO funded project for documentation of heritage sites alongside the Grand Trunk Road (G.T) Road is also under process with an objective to publish a coffee table book on the heritage sites along the G.T Road highlighting the culture and history associated with the heritage sites and the area in order to help promote tourism and attract foreign and local visitors.

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Secretary Committee

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Chairperson Committee