SENATE SECRETARIAT HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION

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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

ON

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "OBSERVANCE OF PROVINCIAL QUOTA IN NEW SERVICES BEING PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNEMNT RAISED BY DR. SIKANDAR MANDHRO, IN THE SITTING OF THE SENATE ON 21ST JANUARY, 2020

PRESENTED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MEHMOOD

CHAIRMAN SSC ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet have the honour to present the Report of the Committee on "Point of Public Importance regarding Observance of Provincial Quota in new services being provided by the Government raised by Dr. Sikandar Mandhro in Senate Sitting held on 21st January, 2020 "Representation of Provinces in Regulatory Authorities". The House in its Sitting held on 21st January, 2020 referred the matter to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises of the following honourable members :--

Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
2. Senator Seemee Ezdi	Member
3. Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Javeed Abbasi	Member
5. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
6. Senator Najma Hameed	Member
7. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
8. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
9. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
10. Senator Anwar Lal Deen	Member
11. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Member
12. Senator Samina Saeed	Member
13. Senator Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
14. Minister In-Charge Cabinet Division	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 3rd September, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Committee Room No.4 at the Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following members:-

1)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
2)	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
3)	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
4)	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
5)	Senator Naseebullah Khan Bazai	Member
6)	Senator Najma Hameed	Member
7)	Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
8)	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
9)	Senator Samina Saeed	Member
10	Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Mover

11) Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan Minister-In-Charge Cabinet

4. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, the Mover of the Point of Public Importance, briefed the committee members about the significance of the matter he raised in the Senate Session held on 21st January, 2020. He said that in the Senate sitting he had mentioned about Article 172

Part-III of the Constitution which envisages that "subject to the existing commitments and obligation, mineral oil and natural gas within the province or the territorial waters adjacent thereto shall vest jointly and equally in the province and the federal government". He said that constitution provides joint sharing and equal representation of the provinces in terms of administration, financial aspects, in all regulatory authorities and state owned enterprises, but on the ground it is not realised. He quoted upstream regulatory authorities, estate owned enterprises, organizations such as OGRA, OGDCL, PPL, Oil Refineries, which according to him has no equal representation of provinces. The Special Secretary Cabinet stated that the forum of CCI is there for provincial representation. The Member NEPRA apprised the committee that in NEPRA provincial representation is being observed. Senator Mohammad Javed Abbasi stated that all the Regulatory Authorities are Statutory Bodies, formed and governed under Act of Parliament. However, for any changes in their composition, or amendment whatsoever, legislation is required through introducing Bill in the parliament. After deliberations, the committee disposed of the matter with consent of the mover.

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Secretary Committee

SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD

Chairman Committee