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ON KASHMIR AND GILGIT/BALTISTAN.**

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ON

**MOTION UNDER RULE 218 MOVED BY SENATOR AGHA SHAHZAIB
DURRANI AND MUHAMMAD ALI SAIF REGARDING THE NEED FOR
REFORMS IN GILGIT-BALTISTAN IN ORDER TO ENHANCE SENSE OF
PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GILGIT-BALTISTAN IN UPGRADE
STANDARD OF GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, BOOST
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ESPECIALLY UNDER CPEC,
KEEPING IN VIEW THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE GILGIT-BALTISTAN
ASSEMBLY ON 15TH AUGUST, 2017 DEMANDING "CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS
OF PROVINCE WITH REPRESENTATION IN THE PARLIAMENT.**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR PROFESSOR SAJID MIR

CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Sajid Mir, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit/Baltistan, have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee this report. During sitting of the house held on 13th July 2020, Senators Agha Shahzaib Durrani and Muhammad Ali Saif, moved Motion Under Rule 218. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate with the sense of the House referred the Motion with the direction that the matter may be taken up in an in-camera meeting regarding the need for reforms in Gilgit-Baltistan, upgrade standard of governance and public service delivery, boost industry and commercial activity especially under CPEC, keeping in view the resolution passed by the Gilgit/Baltistan Assembly on 15th August, 2017 demanding "Constitutional Status of Province with representation in the Parliament".

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee was as under:-

1.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Chairman
2.	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
4.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member
6.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
7.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
8.	Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt	Member
9.	Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokar	Member



10.	Senator Siraj ul Haq	Member
11.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
12.	Senator Najma Hameed Ahmed	Member
13.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member

3. The Committee in its meeting discussed many issues pertaining to the "Constitutional Status of Province with representation in the Parliament". The main focus during these discussions, however, remained at consideration of providing due rights to the people of Gilgit/Baltistan. The Committee during the meeting was informed that all the fundamental rights at par with the other Provinces are being provided to Gilgit/Baltistan and the powers of legislative, executive and financial powers has been devolved. The Committee was informed that CPEC cannot be successful without giving benefit to Gilgit/Baltistan, therefore, the due shares will be provided and ,besides, several projects are in progress.

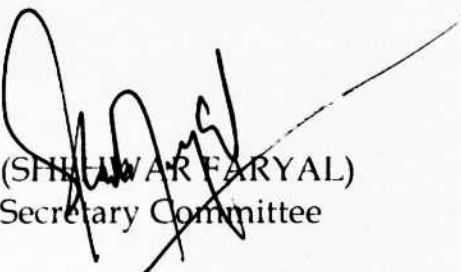
4. The Committee, however, observed that the information as given by the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit/Baltistan requires immediate action regarding implementation of directives and provision of due shares/rights to the people of Gilgit/Baltistan.

5. **Following are the key recommendations made by the Committee in meeting for implementation:-**

- I) Senate Committee on GB and Kashmir Affairs must be cognizant about all the developments taking place in GB regarding giving provincial status.



- II) The Committee unanimously recommended that due rights/shares be provided to the people of Gilgit/Baltistan; and development work be expedited.
- III) The Committee observed that the government should publish some booklet/broachers strengthening its narrative on Gilgit-Baltistan and educate the general public regarding the national narrative on this issue.
- IV) The Committee recommended that the federal government should grant more due rights to the people of Gilgit- Baltistan.
- V) The Committee stressed that through CPEC the economy of Gilgit/Baltistan be developed



(SHEHWAR FARYAL)
Secretary Committee



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Chairman Committee