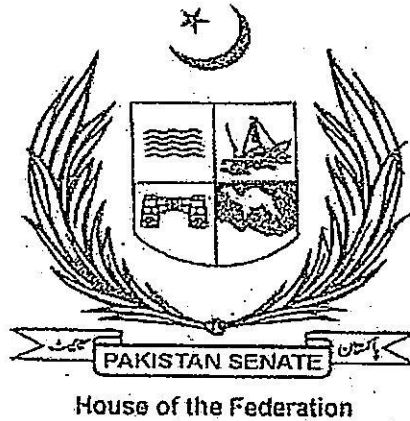


SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO----

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

ON

"STARRED QUESTION NO. 103, ASKED BY SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR IRFAN-UL-HAQUE SIDDIQUI

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON STARRED QUESTION NO. 103, ASKED BY SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED, REGARDING "THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN "A" AND "O" LEVELS UNDER THE CAMBRIDGE SYSTEM IN PAKISTAN AT PRESENT INDICATING ALSO THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPEARED IN "A" AND "O" LEVEL EXAMINATIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 2018 TO 2021 WITH YEAR WISE BREAK UP" IN THE HOUSE ON 5TH JANUARY, 2024 AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT.

I, Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui, the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training have the honour to present, on behalf of Committee, this report on Starred Question No. 103, asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, regarding "The number of students studying in "A" and "O" levels under the Cambridge system in Pakistan at present indicating also the number of students appeared in "A" and "O" level examinations during the period from 2018 to 2021 with year wise break up" in the House on 5th January, 2024 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

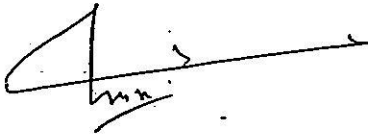
2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is given as under:-

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| 1. | Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui | Chairman |
| 2. | Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| 3. | Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary | Member |
| 4. | Senator Fawzia Arshad | Member |
| 5. | Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar | Member |
| 6. | Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Member |
| 7. | Senator Mushtaq Ahmad | Member |
| 8. | Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad | Member |
| 9. | Senator Ahmed Khan | Member |
| 10. | Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro | Member |
| 11. | Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee held its meeting on 14th February 2024 for final consideration of the Starred Question 103 asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad. The following Members attended the meeting:

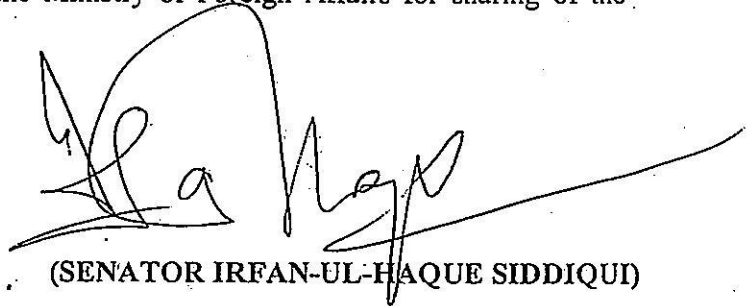
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| (i) | Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui | Chairman |
| (ii) | Senator Fawzia Arshad | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Falak Naaz | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi | Member |
| (v) | Senator Mushtaq Ahmad | Member |
| (vi) | Senator Mehr Taj Roghani | Member |
| (vii) | Senator Naseebullah Bazai | Mover |

4. Senator Mushtaq stated that in response to his starred question, details and number of students alongwith with amount transferred on account of exam fee has not been provided. The Minister said that the Ministry has been constantly approaching the British Council for the last four months but the Council is not providing any response. Furthermore, the Ministry has also been working to collect the data on the subject question. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad deplored that the British Council is not providing information to the Government of Pakistan and showed serious concern over the billions of rupees being outflowed from Pakistan on account of "A" and "O" level exam fee to other countries. The Committee showed serious reservations over the non responsive attitude of British Council and directed that at Ministry level a mechanism may be devised for maintaining the data of students and amount being paid on account of examinations of "A" and "O" level and affiliation of foreign universities in Pakistan. Furthermore, the Ministry may involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for sharing of the requisite data from the British Council.



(ALAMZEB KHAN)

Secretary Committee



(SENATOR IRFAN-UL-HAQUE SIDDIQUI)

Chairman Committee

Dated:-16-2-2024