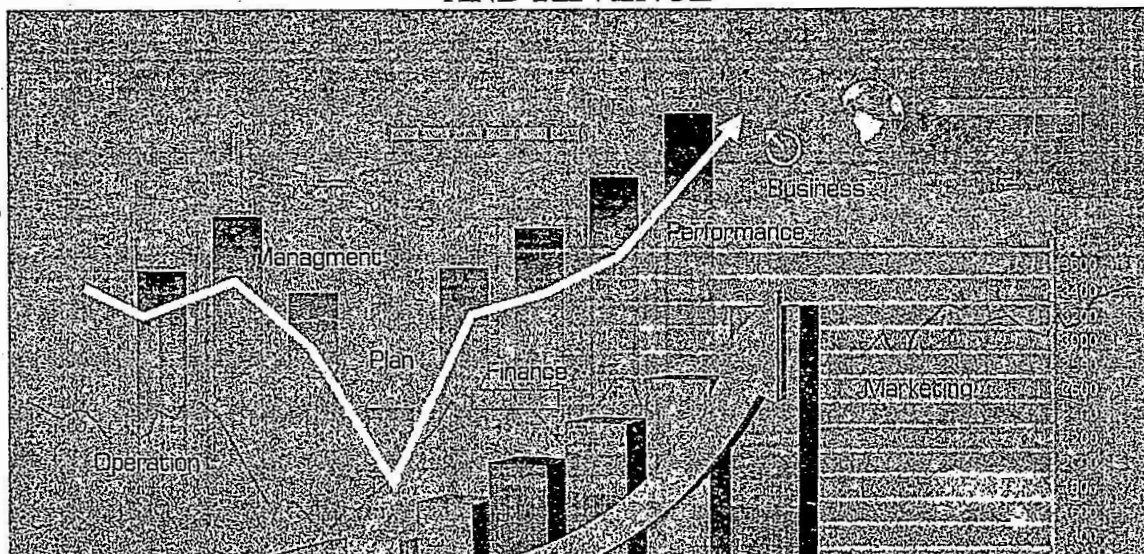


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I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue have the honor to present the report of the Committee on Motion under rule 218 moved by Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur on "the issue of ways and means to control the non-developmental/recurring expenditure of the Government" referred by the house on 27th November, 2023 to the Committee for Consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises of the following honorable Members:-

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
3. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
4. Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
5. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
6. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
7. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
8. Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
9. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
10. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
11. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
12. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
13. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
14. Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Member
15. Minister for Finance and Revenue	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 19th December, 2023 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members.

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
3. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
4. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
5. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
6. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
7. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
8. Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
9. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member

4. The agenda was deferred till the next meeting on the request of the Mover.



5. The Committee discussed the issue in its meeting held on 17th January, 2024 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members.

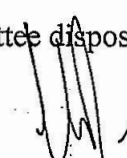
1) Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2) Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
3) Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
4) Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
5) Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
6) Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
7) Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Mover

6. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur brought to the Committee's attention a circular issued by the Finance Ministry on July 15, 2022, titled "Austerity measures for financial expenditure control." The circular mentioned measures such as banning the import of vehicles and stopping the hiring of new posts. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur asked about the implementation of these measures during the Fiscal Year 2022-23 and mentioned her distrust in the Finance Ministry's reported numbers, suggesting they might manipulate figures. In response, the Secretary of Finance assured that if there were any concerns about the accuracy of the numbers, the Chairman Committee could address them. He further explained that during the mentioned Fiscal Year, an Austerity Committee was in place at the Finance Ministry, and records of cases and decisions taken by the Austerity Committee could be provided. The Chairman Committee directed the Finance Ministry to submit details regarding the actions taken after the issuance of the circular. The Committee would analyze the information and decide on any further steps.

7. The Committee took up the matter in its meeting held on 2^{1st} February, 2024 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by the following Members.

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
4. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
5. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
6. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member

8. The Mover didn't attend the meeting and requested to defer the matter, however, since it was last meeting of the Committee of its tenure from 2021-2024 and the matter had been discussed in previous meeting in the presence of Mover, the Committee disposed of the matter



While reiterating its recommendation to provide the details of austerity measures taken especially after the issuance of said SRO to the Mover.



(IFFAT MUSTAFA)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA)
Chairman Committee