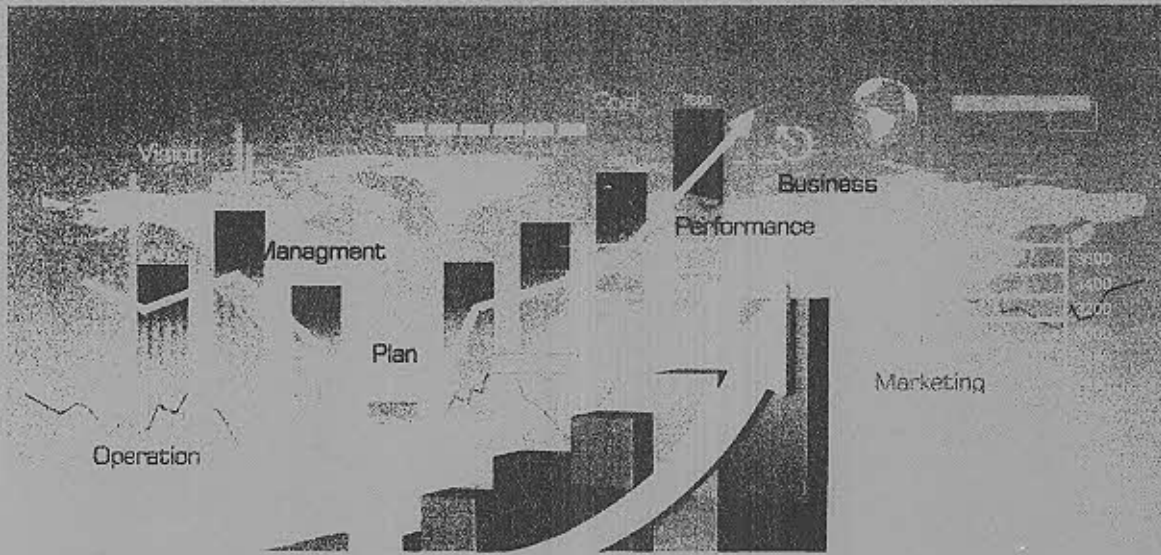


SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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NO. 230 ASKED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD
REGARDING "THE NAMES OF DOMICILE AND PLACE OF
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SECRETARIES AND TRADE MINISTERS POSTED IN PAKISTAN'S
MISSION ABROAD" IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 8TH MAY
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PRESENTED BY
SENATOR MIRZA MUHAMMAD AFRIDI
CHAIRMAN

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1. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry have the honour to present, on behalf of the committee, this report on starred question no. 230 asked by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood regarding "the names of domicile and place of posting of the commercial counselors, commercial secretaries and trade ministers posted in Pakistan's mission abroad" in the senate sitting held on 8th may 2019.

2. The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee on the Commerce and Textile industry with the direction to report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
3.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
6.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7.	Senator Ghous Mohammad Khan Niazi	Member
8.	Senator Islammudin Shaikh	Member
9.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
10.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
11.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
12.	Minister for Commerce	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Committee discussed the matter in its meeting held on 17th June, 2019, wherein the Committee was provided with all relevant details. The matter was concluded in the meeting of the Committee held on 26th July, 2019. The following members attended the meeting:

I.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
II.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
III.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
IV.	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
V.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
VI.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
VII.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Mover
VIII.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Mover

5. The Ministry of Commerce and textile Industry has apprised the Committee that currently the Commerce Division manages 57 posts of Trade and Investment Officers in Pakistan's Missions Abroad in 42 countries. Furthermore, the government is currently in the process of reviewing policy with respect to posting of the Commercial Counsellors and trade officers abroad. A Trade Officer's Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (TOMEC) has been constituted to monitor and evaluate the performance of these trade officers based on established KPI's. Performance of these Trade Officers is monitored by four supervising agencies, namely the Commerce Division, Ambassadors, TDAP and the Secretary Commerce. Currently, 41 trade officers belong to the Government Sector, whereas one officer belongs to the private sector. The remaining posts are currently lying vacant, and will soon be filled.

6. On the issue of five commercial counsellors being called back without issuance of prior show-cause notices, the meeting has been apprised that these officers were called back due to poor performance. Furthermore, a 20 percent quota has been allocated for overseas Pakistanis holding a NICOP and a test at four stations in this regard was scheduled to be conducted on 27th July, 2019.

7. The Committee has reiterated its recommendation for video conferencing with trade officers posted abroad to monitor their performance, and to improve exports, and has also recommended that Ambassadors posted abroad should also be taken on board for export promotion.

8. The Committee has disposed off the matter, and subsequently, the following information has been submitted to the Committee:

- Complete details of all trade officers posted abroad along with KPIs/ assessment criteria developed for their evaluation, their academic qualifications and professional background and a breakup of how many of these trade officers are from the Private Sector and how many are from the Government Sector along with their occupational group.



(Iffat Mustafa)
Secretary Committee



(Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi)
Chairman Committee