

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

Report No.2



**Report of the Senate Standing Committee
on Cabinet Secretariat**

**On a Motion under Rule 218 regarding "Syllabus
prescribed for the Central Superior Services
(CSS) Examination in the country at present"
moved by Senator Sassui Palijo in the Senate
sitting held on 02nd September, 2019.**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this Report on the Motion under Rule 218 regarding "Syllabus prescribed for the Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination in the country at present" moved by Senator Sassui Palijo in the Senate sitting held on 02nd September, 2019, referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat for consideration and report thereof.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat is as under:-

i.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
ii.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
iii.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
iv.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
v.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
vi.	Senator Najma Hameed	Member
vii.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
viii.	Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
ix.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
x.	Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
xi.	Senator Seemee Ezdi	Member
xii.	Senator Samina Saeed	Member
xiii.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Member

3. The matter was taken up in the meetings of the Standing Committee held on 10-10-2019 & 24-10-2019, respectively.

4. The Committee disposed off the matter in its meeting held on 24-10-2019 and allowed to submit the report to the House. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

i.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
ii.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
iii.	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Member
iv.	Senator Najma Hameed	Member
v.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
vi.	Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
vii.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
viii.	Senator Seemee Ezdi	Member
ix.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Mover

SUMMARY

5. The Committee discussed the Motion in detail. The Mover Senator Sassui Palijo briefed that the purpose of bringing the Motion to make positive changes in the CSS

syllabus and some new subjects may be included in the syllabus of the CSS Exam. She further said that the most drastic and fundamental change must come in the structure of the exam itself instead of providing plethora of the optional subjects and the Exam must have single set of subjects which are compulsory for all students. She further elaborated that the CSS syllabus should be based on multidimensional. She emphasized that the recommendations of the Task Force on Civil Service Reforms regarding CSS syllabus/Exam may be shared with the Committee.

6. Mr. Tahir Iqbal, Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) briefed the Committee that CSS syllabus comprising on two parts, one six Compulsory Subjects and other 45 Optional subjects and the candidates out of those 45 optional subjects are required to select optional subjects carrying a total of 600 marks. He further elaborated that each compulsory subject carries 100 marks and majority of 45 optional subjects carry 100 marks and few subjects carry 200 marks as well. He further explained that minimum qualifying threshold in Compulsory subjects 40% & in Optional subjects 33% and an aggregate of 50% marks in written examination. The passing threshold for the interview is securing at least 33%. He further narrated that the existing syllabi were revised in the year 2016 after about 30 years of times. He informed the Committee that CSS syllabus was revised after 03 years extensive consultations with all the key stakeholders including the administrative departments of Occupational groups/Services, Chairmen of departments of several universities, professional subject experts and aspirant candidates of CSS of previous years after due approval of the Cabinet as well. He further added that the Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC) is working in consultation with the Task Force on Civil Service Reforms.

7. Senator Muhammad Javid Abbasi stressed on the Ministry to constitute a Study Group comprising on all the stakeholders including the Parliamentarians on syllabus of CSS. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed took part in the discussion and emphasized that in this regard latest global experiments particularly in the Regions may be evaluated and utilized. He also stressed that necessary training programme may be chalked out to change the mental approach of the civil servants.

8. After detailed deliberations, the Committee disposed off the matter after taking consent from the Mover with the following recommendations:-

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Committee recommended that the Establishment Division may constitute a Study Group comprising on all the stakeholders including the Parliamentarians to review the CSS Syllabus.
2. The Committee decided that the recommendations of the Task Force on Civil Services Reforms, particularly regarding CSS syllabus/Exam may be shared with the Parliament when finalized by the Task Force.



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D.G/Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD)
Chairman