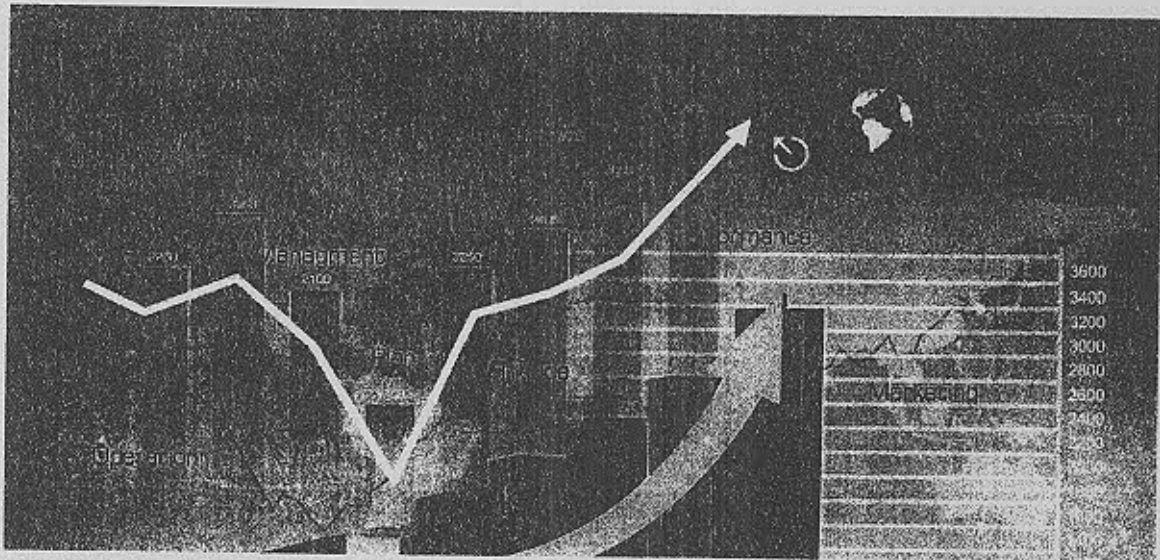


REPORT NO. 05

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE



Under Proviso To Sub-Rule (4) Of Rule 166 Of The Rules Of Procedure And
Conduct Of Business In The Senate, 2012

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR MIRZA MUHAMMAD AFRIDI
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE UNDER PROVISO TO SUB-RULE (4) OF RULE 166 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012

I, Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Commerce, have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on the budgetary allocation and its utilization of the Ministry of Commerce and its divisions/departments, under proviso to sub-rule (4) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012:-

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Commerce 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 Khushbakht Shujaat	Member
6.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7.	Senator Ghous Mohammad Khan Niazi	Member
8.	Senator Islammudin Shaikh	Member
9.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
10.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
11.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
13.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
14.	Minister for Commerce	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the budgetary allocation and its utilization in respect of the divisions/departments mentioned in para 1 above, in its meeting held on 16th January and 23rd January, 2020. The meeting of 23rd January, 2020 of the Committee was attended by the following members:-

I.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
II.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
III.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
IV.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member

4. The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce gave a detailed briefing on the budget and expenditure of the Ministry of Commerce, and its various attached departments and divisions for the period July-December, 2019. He has informed the Committee that the total budget for the Ministry is around Rs. 11,080 million for the fiscal year 2019-20 in comparison to Rs. 4,912 million in 2018-19. Out of this, Rs. 2,119 million (19%) has been allocated for the Export Development Fund, Rs. 5,000 million (45%) for the Strategic Trade Policy Framework, Rs. 3,961 million (36%) for the Main secretariat/trade missions/attached departments. The Committee has also been apprised that the expenditure up till 31st December, 2019 has been recorded at Rs 1,853.5 million. The Additional Secretary also presented a break-up of the non-developmental budget for the various attached departments/divisions of the Ministry of Commerce and budget allocations of each department/division independently under the various heads of accounts.

5. The Committee has always placed great emphasis on export promotion projects and subsequently held several meetings to discuss issues pertaining to the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP), trade missions abroad, and Free Trade Agreements / Preferential Trade Agreements signed by Pakistan, as these possess the greatest potential in terms of export promotion and for increasing the exports of Pakistan. The Committee has noted that despite several meetings and recommendations, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) has remained to be inefficient in improving the exports of Pakistan, or promoting trade. The members of the Committee attending the meeting are of the view that the budget for the TDAP should be reduced, as it is a burden on the national exchequer. In addition, a meeting of the TDAP Board hasn't been convened in over 18 months. However, a final direction by the Committee in this regard would be issued once a dedicated meeting regarding the role and issues pertaining to the TDAP is held.

6. The Committee has shown satisfaction regarding the budgetary utilization of the Ministry of Commerce, has adopted this report in its meeting dated 28th January, 2020, and has approved its presentation to the House.



(Iffat Mustafa)

Dir. (R) / Secretary Committee



(Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the 3rd February, 2020