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**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTER PROVINCIAL
COORDINATION**

ON

**" THE SUBJECT MATTER OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 215 ASKED BY SENATOR
MUSHTAQ AHMED REGARDING POOR PERFORMANCE OF PAKISTAN TEAMS IN
SPORTS LIKE HOCKEY, CRICKET, SQUASH, SNOOKER, ATHLETICS AND BOXING
AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ON 14TH JANUARY, 2020 "**

PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD YAQOUB KHAN NASAR

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination have honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, the report on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 215 asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed regarding poor performance of Pakistan Teams in sports like Hockey, Cricket, Squash, Snooker, Athletics and Boxing at international level in the Senate on 14th January, 2020. The matter was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

i.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Chairman
ii.	Senator Faisal Javed	Member
iii.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
iv.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
v.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
vi.	Senator Miaz Raza Rabbani	Member
vii.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
viii.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
ix.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
x.	Senator Abdia Muhammmad Azeem	Member
xi.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
xii.	Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member

3. The Committee placed the subject matter of starred question on the agenda of its meeting held on 21st July, 2020 under the Chairmanship of Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, and the subject matter of the starred question was deliberated upon. Following members attended the meeting:-

i. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
ii. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
iii. Senator Faisal Javed	Member
iv. Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member
v. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member

4. The Secretary M/o Inter-Provincial Coordination responded affirmatively that the performance of Pakistani teams in different sports remained un-satisfactory over the years at international level. He further indicated that primarily; the lack of coordination amongst Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) and different Sports federations as main reason for the poor performance of teams in various international events. However, the performance in Squash and Snooker is better compared to the other disciplines.

5. The Chairman committee was of the view that hockey is the national game of Pakistan, hence, major focus of the committee remained on the hockey besides other games. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Secretary, Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) explained the decline of Hockey in Pakistan. Major reasons he alluded to are lack of funds, non-visiting foreign team, lack of foreign tours and non-availability of hockey stadiums with Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF).

6. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan said hockey brought great happiness to Pakistan but now the people are no longer interested in the game. He indicated that earlier private companies including government departments used to invest / own hockey teams. There were Wapda, banks and many other institutions which provided good salaries to the players but now situation has changed. He stated that the private sector should be bound to form hockey teams. Further, Ministry of IPC in collaboration of Ministry of Federal Education should ensure attention to be paid on hockey in educational institutions and their sports funds should be spent on the promotion of the game. Former players and influential people of the country like renowned politicians must be involved in promotion of the game alongwith opening an exclusive hockey channel.

8. Senator Faisal Javed added that in the media era coverage of the game is mandatory. Pakistan Television should give coverage time to domestic and old hockey matches. Senator Sitara Ayaz recommended that the Ministry of Education should revive sports in educational institutions and promote domestic hockey.

9. Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti was of the view that it was the responsibility of the government to provide hockey with a better budget annually and bound private companies in legislation to support sports in Pakistan under corporate social responsibility (CSR). Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi indicated that the budget being provided to hockey is very low. However, PHF should come up with cogent proposals for reviving hockey structure and made alike as PCB introduced the Pakistan Super League (PSL). The chairman committee said every possible step would be taken to make hockey a popular sport once again.

10. The Committee decided to report the matter with the following recommendations:-

- a. M/o IPC shall ensure promotion of departmental hockey, identification of 15 – 20 departments be made and such department should be bound to sponsor / form domestic hockey teams.
- b. Ministry of IPC in collaboration with Ministry of Federal Education shall ensure attention on sports activities in educational institutions and sports funds of such institutions shall be spent on the promotion of all kinds of sports.
- c. Former players and influential people of the country like renowned politicians must be involved in promotion of the game of hockey and an exclusive hockey channel may be started.
- d. Private companies shall be bound in legislation to support sports in Pakistan under corporate social responsibility (CSR) and to this effect M/o IPC shall bring amendments in existing legislation by bringing a Government Bill in the Senate within two months of issuance of minutes.



(Qasim Omer)
Secretary Committee



(Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar)
Chairman Committee