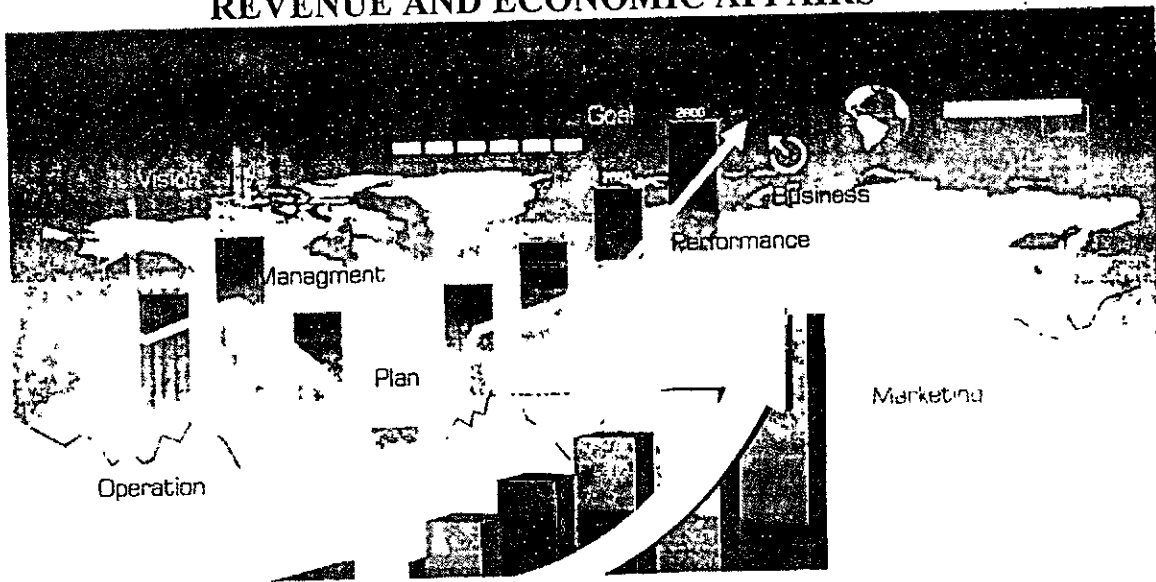


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PRESENTED BY
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CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue And Economic Affairs have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan in the Senate on 16th September, 2020 regarding "details of overall tax paid by Mr. Javed Afridi, owner of Peshawar Zalmi, along with his other entities". The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
3.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
4.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
5.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
7.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
8.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
9.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
10.	Senator Imam-ud-Din Shouqeen	Member
11.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
13.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
14.	Advisor to PM on Finance and Revenue, Member	Ex-Officio

3. The Committee took up discussion on the issue in its meeting held on 8th February, 2021. The following members of the Committee were in attendance on 8th February, 2021:

i.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
ii.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
iii.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
iv.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
v.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member

4. The Committee was apprised that the information sought by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan was protected under section 216(1) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001. The same is reproduced as below:

216. Disclosure of information by a public servant.- (1) All particulars contained in –

(a) any statement made, return furnished, or accounts or documents produced under the provisions of this Ordinance;

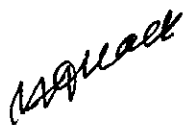
(b) any evidence given, or affidavit or deposition made, in the course of any proceedings under this Ordinance, other than proceedings under Part XI of Chapter X; or

*(c) any record of any assessment proceedings or any proceeding relating to the recovery of a demand,
shall be confidential and no public servant save as provided in this Ordinance may disclose any such particulars.*

5. The Committee was apprised that exclusions to Section 216(1) are set out in section 216(3). However, the Parliament and its standing committees do not fall within the ambit of these exclusions. The Committee was further apprised that section 198 of the Income Tax Ordinance provides for “*Prosecution for unauthorized disclosure of information by a public servant*”.

6. In light of the above, the Point of Public Importance was disposed off.


(Iffat Mustafa)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Farooq H. Naek)
Chairman Committee