

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT
& SPECIAL INITIATIVES**



SPECIAL REPORT
OF
**THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING,
DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES**
ON
**“THE RECURRENT ANNUAL UNTIMELINESS AND FUTILITY OF
THE SENATE OF PAKISTAN’S RECOMMENDATORY ROLE IN THE
PSDP”**

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA
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SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee (SSC) on Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (PD&SI), have the honour to present on behalf of the committee, this Special Report on “The Recurrent Annual Untimeliness and Futility of the Senate of Pakistan’s Recommendatory Role in the PSDP”.

2. The matter was noted and strongly objected by majority of the Committee, whereupon it was decided to present the observations and reservations of the Committee before the House in the form of this Special Report.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
3. Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary	Member
4. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
5. Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
6. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
7. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
9. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
11. Senator Kauda Babar	Member
12. Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives	Ex-officio Member

4. The Committee convened to collect, discuss, and put forward the recommendations of the Senate of Pakistan for inclusion in the PSDP 2021 – 22 as part of the annual constitutional budget process during multiple meetings which were scheduled from 15th June, 2021 – 18th June, 2021.

5. During the opening meeting on 15th June, 2021, it was noted by the Committee that the tedious exercise of convening the budget meetings of the SSC on PD&SI each year after the laying of the Money Bill in the National Assembly is a futile exercise. The main reason behind the impracticality of this effort, the Committee noted, is that by this time each year, the PSDP for the next financial year has been finalised and printed with no room for inclusion or omission of any projects. The Committee observed that this yearly exercise only leads to a loss of time and finances incurred through meeting arrangements which have no ultimate utility; and most importantly, it undermines the recommendatory role of the Senate of Pakistan in the budget process.

6. The Ministry of PD&SI also acknowledged the dilemma as it is unable to process requests for the PSDP in question. During the meeting held on 16th June, 2021, the Chairman Committee, with the consent of the majority of the Committee Members, strongly suggested to revisit the laws and rules that bind this yearly exercise of the SSC on PD&SI in an untimely and handicapped manner.

7. In addition to the necessity of amending the law and rules in this regard, the Committee contends that the budget meetings of the PSDP be convened during or before the project approval-phase of the upcoming PSDP.

8. After reaching the same dead end this year, and as a matter of protest, the Committee decided to formally cancel its remaining meetings. In this regard, a dissenting note by Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary is annexed as 'A'.



(WIJDAN KHALIQ)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA)
Chairman Committee

Annex 'A'

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Islamabad the 25th June, 2021

Senator Saleem Mandviwalla,
Chairman,
Senate Standing Committee Planning,
Development and Special initiatives.

Subject:- DISSENTING NOTE IN RESPECT OF SPECIAL REPORT OF THE S.S.C ON
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES ON PSDP
BUDGET 2021-2022.

Respected Sir,

With reference to Cancellation Notice No. F.3(1) 2021-24/C-II, dated 16/6/2021.

It is submitted that I was not part of any protest, I told it very clearly as S.S.C. was formed late and there is no time to review / suggest anything in PSDP Budget 2021-2022. The PSDP Budget is prepared in early month of year.

My dissenting note should be part of proceeding of Committee.

Yours sincerely,

(EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHARY)