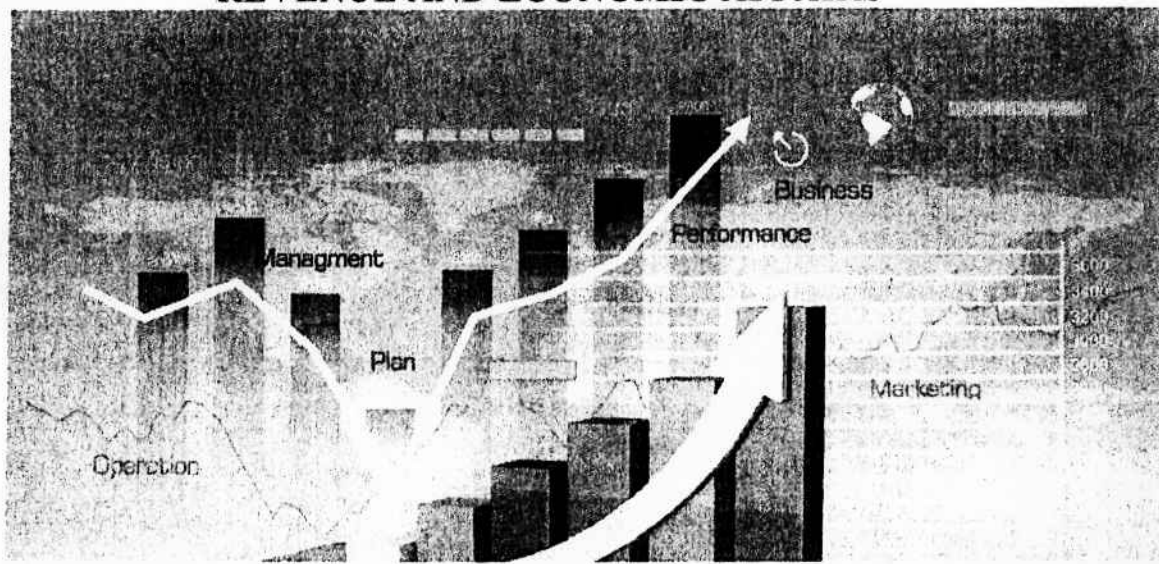


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# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS



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**PRESENTED BY  
SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD  
CHAIRMAN**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue And Economic Affairs have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Starred Question No. 39-D asked by Senator Walid Iqbal in the sitting of the Senate held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 regarding "The rules and policies for postings number of the position of Executive Directors, Directors and representatives from Pakistan at World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Economic Organization, World Trade Organizations and any International or Regional Bodies". 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 Muhammad Talha Mahmood	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem (Leader of House)	Member
3. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
5. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
6. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
7. Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
8. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
9. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
10. Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
11. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
12. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
13. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
14. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
15. Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up discussion on the issue in its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021. The following members attended the meeting.

1. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Chairman
2. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
3. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
4. Senator Anwar Ul Haq Kakar	Member
5. Senator Saleem Mandviwala	Member
6. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
7. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
8. Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
9. Senator Walid Iqbal	Mover

4. Senator Walid Iqbal, appreciated the Committee for taking-up his question for discussion. He informed that he had raised a question (i.e. No. 39-D) in the setting of the Senate held on 1st October, 2021, regarding the rules and procedure for posting of the government officials in international organization like World Bank (WB), IMF, and World Trade Organization (WTO) from Ministry of Economic Affairs. In response, rules and details of 64 officials for last 30 years was provided by the concerned Ministry. Furthermore, the mover highlighted the two facts; firstly, in the list provided not a single official was from the province of Balochistan and secondly, 74% officials were from two groups namely; Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS) and Secretariat Group (SG). Therefore, to rectify this situation he requested the Committee to recommend that an egalitarian set of rules should be adopted to allow level playing field for all provinces. Senator Saadia Abbasi, asked that why certain officers are regularly rewarded with these postings and no merit was followed.

5. Additional Secretary, Economic Affairs Decisions replied that in WB and Asian Development (ADB) Boards there is one honorary member from each member country. From Pakistan it is usually a BPS-22 grade officer with requisite expertise required in these organizations. These are term postings and are alternatively shared with other countries. A panel of 3-4 people is made by the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) and Establishment Division and final nomination is made by the sitting Government. Senator Musadik Masood Malik stressed the need for meritorious and affirmative action in this matter. The Chairman Committee appreciated the Senator Walid Iqbal for raising such a pertinent issue of public importance and decided that this matter would be further discussed in the next meeting. Furthermore, the Chairman Committee directed the Ministry of Economic Affairs Division and Ministry of Finance to provide the following information to the Committee, within ten days:

- i. Province-wise as well as department-wise details of government officials posted in regional or international organizations.
- ii. Criteria adopted for such postings.
- iii. Expertise of officials nominated for these postings.

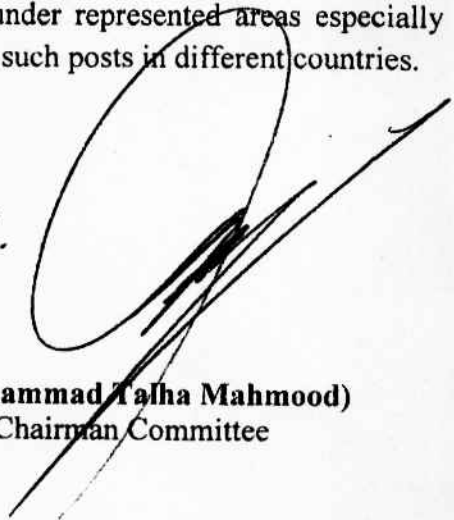
iv. Tenure and compensation of these postings.

6. Details received from Finance Division and EAD, discussed in the meeting. The Committee after comprehensive discussion agreed with the responses provided by Finance Division and EAD and directed the ministry to provide further details pertaining to SBP and Ministry of Commerce. The responses received from Internal Finance Wing, State Bank of Pakistan, Ministry of Commerce and its attached departments were forwarded to the Mover for information.

7. The Committee unanimously recommended that under represented areas especially Balochistan should be compensated in future selections for such posts in different countries.

8. The Committee disposed of the matter.

  
**(Iffat Mustafa)**  
Secretary Committee

  
**(Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood)**  
Chairman Committee