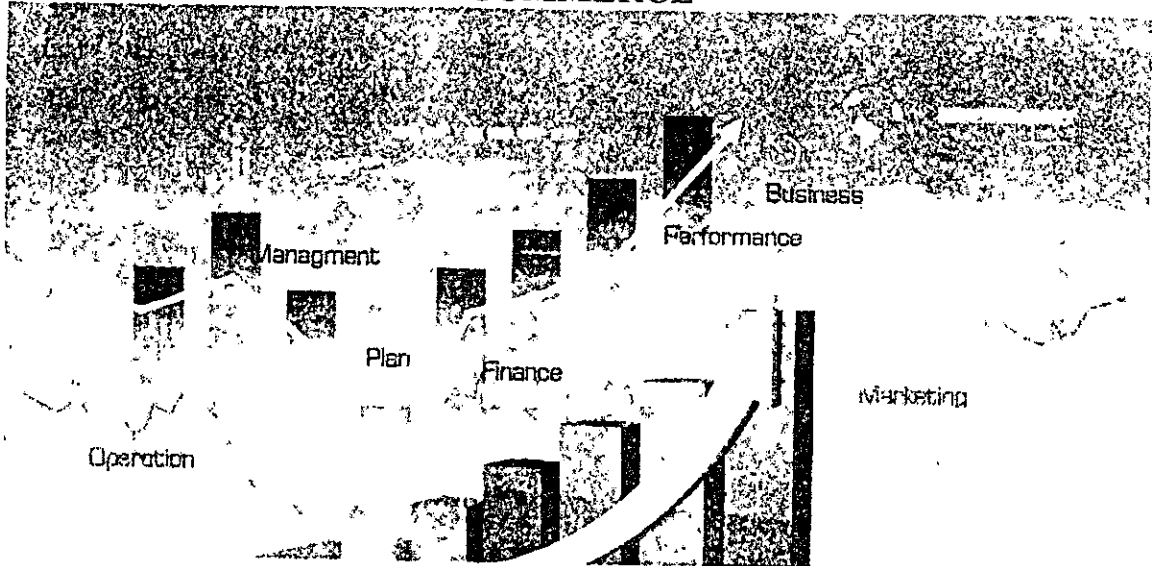


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I, Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Commerce have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Starred Question No. 162. asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, in the sitting of the Senate held on 11th February, 2022 regarding "The number of visits, indicating details of countries visited, duration of stay, purpose and expenses incurred on each visit, under taken by incumbent Secretary Commerce since assuming office". The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi (Dy.Chairman)	Member
3.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
4.	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
5.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
7.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
8.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
9.	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
10.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Member
12.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
13.	Senator Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
14.	Minister for Commerce	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee took up discussion on the issue in its meeting held on 3rd June 2022. The following members attended the meeting.


1. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Chairman
2. Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
3. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
4. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
5. Senator Muhammad Qasim	Member
6. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Mover

4. The Committee took up Question No. 162 asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed in the Senate sitting held on 11th February 2022 regarding “the number of visits, indicating details of countries visited, duration of stay, purpose, and expenses incurred on each visit, undertaken by incumbent Secretary Commerce since assuming office.” The Special Secretary Commerce briefed the Committee. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed was satisfied from the written reply and briefing given by the Special Secretary. Therefore, the matter was disposed of.

5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed further opined that Pakistan should increase its trade with neighbouring countries like Afghanistan, Iran, and Central Asian Republics (CARS). To enhance trade operations, Senator Mushtaq Ahmed suggested that African markets should also be explored.

6. Senator Mushtaq also enlightened the Committee that there are a number of connecting routes with our neighbours, right from Chitral to Balochistan, that must be utilized to boost Pakistan’s trade relations with the border countries.


(Iffat Mustafa)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Zeeshan Khanzada)
Chairman Committee