

House of the Federation

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO. 2

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES

ON

"BUDGETARY PROPOSALS OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES RELATING TO PUBLIC SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PSDP) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR, 2022-23 UNDER SUB-RULE (7) OF RULE 166 THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012."

Presented by:

SENATOR MUSADIK MASOOD MALIK CHAIRPERSON

STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES.

I, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Water Resources, have the honor to present report on "Budgetary Proposals of the Ministry of Water Resources Relating to Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) For the Financial Year, 2022-23 under sub-Rule (7) of Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

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۷.	The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

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i.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Chairman
ii.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humanyun Mohmand	Member
iii	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
iv	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
\mathbf{v}	Senator Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin	Member
vi	Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
vii	Senator Taj Haider	Member
viii	Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri	Member
ix	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
x	Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt	Member
хi	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
xii	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
xiii	Minister for Water Resources	Ex-officio Member

3. Discussion on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Water Resources was considered during the meeting of the Committee held on 25th February, 2022, which was attended by the following members:-

i.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	۲	Chairman
ii.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humanyun Mohmand		Member
iii.	Senator Sana Jamali		Member
iv.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen		Member
v.	Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt		Member
vi.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah		Member

4. The Secretary along-with representatives from the Ministry of Water Resources briefed the Senate Standing Committee on the budgetary proposals of the Ministry related to PSDP. The Committee was informed that the total PSDP allocation for 2021-22 was Rs. 182.424 billion which was broadly divided in two Sectors namely Water and Hydropower projects with a share of 51 percent and 49 percent respectively. The water sector included a total of 91 projects, whereas the category of Hydropower included 14 projects. The executing agencies for projects

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under Water comprised WAPDA, Punjab, Sindh, KPK, Balochistan, FFC, PPDU MoWR and PCIW.

- 7. The Committee was briefed that interim budget proposal for PSDP for FY2022-23 was Rs. 447.79 billion with Rs. 311.21 billion earmarked for the water sector (69 percent), and Rs. 136.58 billions, for Hydropower Sector (31 percent). The Committee was apprised that the Ministry was primarily focusing on the completion of existing projects. Only 13 new projects were proposed in the water sector, while no new project was forthcoming in hydropower. This policy of balanced portfolio was appreciated by the Committee in terms of effective cost and time management. The Committee was informed that WAPDA had proposed 4 new projects in the water sector, Punjab had proposed 4 new projects, Sindh had proposed 4 new projects, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had proposed 9 new projects, while Balochistan had not proposed any new project. The members of the Committee expressed their reservations over the lack of new project proposals from Balochistan, considering the scarcity of water and its impact on lives and livelihoods of the people of the region.
- The Committee endorsed the budgetary proposals of the Ministry of Water Resources related to PSDP for FY 2022-23. The Committee directed the Ministry to raise the issue of no new projects with the Provincial Government of Balochistan, and if it received any proposal for new projects before the deadline to ensure their inclusion.

8. The Committee requested the ministry to share the final list of proposals submitted for PSDP, if any changes were made.

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Secretary Committee

(SENATOR MŪSADIK MASOOD MALIK)

Chairman Standing Committee on Water Resources