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**REPORT OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKING  
GROUP TO STREAMLINE HOLDING OF MANGO FESTIVAL  
IN URUMQI, XINJIANG, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
FROM 17TH-21ST AUGUST, 2023.**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR RANA MAHMOOD-UL-HASSAN  
CONVENER (COMMITTEE)**

## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

### **REPORT OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP TO STREAMLINE HOLDING OF MANGO FESTIVAL IN URUMQI, XINJIANG, CHINA UNDER PROVISIO TO RULE 195 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012**

I, Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan, Convener Senate Special Committee/Working Group to Streamline holding of Mango Festival in Urumqi, Xinjiang, China, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on successfully holding of Mango Festival in Urumqi, Xinjiang, Peoples Republic of China.

#### **CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE**

2. A five Members Senate Special Committee/Working Group under the Convenorship of Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan was constituted to streamline holding of Mango Festival in Urumqi, Xinjiang, Peoples Republic of China. The detail is as under:-

#### **COMPOSITION**

i)	Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan	Convener
ii)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
iii)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
iv)	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
v)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member

#### **MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

3. The Committee held its two meetings on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at Parliament House, Islamabad. The following Members attended the meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023:-

i)	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Convener
ii)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
iii)	Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member

4. The following Members attended the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2022:-

i)	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Convener
ii)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member

## FIRST MEETING

5. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023. Mr. Muhammad Naseer, Director General, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) briefed the Committee on the agenda point. He briefed that the Festival is proposed to be held during China-Eurasia Commodity & Trade Expo (17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August, 2023) in Xinjiang International Convention and Exhibition Center Urumqi, Xinjiang, China. The basic objective of this festival is to promote Pakistani Mangoes in the Chinese Market. 11 stalls will display extensive variety of Mangoes in that festival.
6. He informed that as desired by the Committee a meeting of TDAP with MNS University of Agriculture, Multan was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 wherein it was requested that TDAP may facilitate the venue reservation, branding, boarding & logistics. TDAP will also provide logistics expenses along with travel expenses (airfare, accommodation for five days, and visa processing) for two technical persons of the university.
7. All fruits will be used for gifting & sampling during event. Exhibitors will pay for their airfare and accommodation. However, TDAP may only facilitate the visa processing and accommodation. He further informed that a meeting with Multan Chamber of Commerce & Industries was also held with TDAP. MCCI has requested to provide either one way airfare or 5 days accommodation for each delegate. MCCI also propose to divert product sent under the Mango promotion campaign to China (Beijing, Guangzhou) for this Exhibition
8. The Committee appreciated the role and efforts made by the TDAP. Further the Committee recommended the proposed arrangements and facilities being provided to Pakistani exporters during the festival.
9. In addition to Commerce Division, all other relevant Ministries/Divisions e.g. Communication Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aviation Division, Ministry of Interior, Federal Board of Revenue, Department of Plant Protection, Ministry of National Food and Trade Development Authority of Pakistan were invited in the meeting and all of them attended the meeting wherein specific tasks were assigned to various stakeholders for facilitation of the exhibitors for holding a successful event in Urumqi.
10. The Director General (TDAP) informed that Convener, Senate Committee/Working Group will deliver opening speech during the Inauguration Ceremony of the festival. The travel and lodging arrangements of the Committee including senate officials will be borne by the Senate Secretariat. The Committee directed that Secretary Committee will move the case for approval of the Committee visit to Urumqi from 17 to 21 August, 2023.
11. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar proposed that Chinese investors/importers should be approached and invited to attend the festival. He further proposed that Pakistan's Dry Mango should also be exhibited in the festival. He further

said that at Urumqi visits of nearest agricultural farming centers be arranged for the Committee and exporters for information purpose. Senator Danesh Kumar proposed that during the festival one stall should be reserved for Onyx products from Balouchistan province. During the meeting, the following recommendations/direction passed by the Committee unanimously:

- i) Ministry of Foreign Affairs should approach and invite Chinese investors/importers to participate in the festival. The Committee also recommended that Embassy should arrange visit of nearest agricultural farming centers at Urumqi.
- ii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with TDAP should arrange meetings with Chamber of Commerce and heads of legislative and administrative bodies of Xinjiang State, China.
- iii) Ministry of Commerce/TDAP should provide travel expenses (airfare, 100 Dollar per day for five days) for two technical persons from university.
- iv) Delegates/Exporters will bear their own travel and accommodation expenses.
- v) Ministry of National Food Security & Research through Plant Protection Department will immediately make arrangements for hot water treatment and certification of the Mangoes to be exported to China for display in festival.
- vi) FBR through Customs department and Ministry of Foreign Affairs will immediately collect information regarding custom requirements at Urumqi, China for transfer of Mangoes from Pakistan to Urumqi for festival purpose. The concerned department and Ministry after collection of the information will share the same with TDAP. The TDAP will further share this information with exporters/relevant departments for necessary action.
- vii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs will facilitate TDAP in issuance of Chinese visas for exporters and departmental officers intending to participate in the festival at Urumqi, China. The Ministry will also make arrangements for proper media coverage during the festival.
- viii) All the concerned Ministries/departments will nominate their focal persons for coordination purpose. The name and contact details be immediately shared with Director General (TDAP) and Secretary Committee.



- ix) Ministry of Aviation will pass its directions to the Country Manager PIA in China to facilitate the delegates at Urumqi during the festival.
- x) TDAP may book 10 stalls for Mango Pavilion and 1 stall for Onyx company from Baluchistan
- xi) Dr. Mubashir Mehdi Director MNSUAM will be focal person for Mango exporters/delegates and will provide the list.
- xii) TDAP will bear expenses of Mango Cargo (2400 kg) provided by the exporters with all certification (Focal Person Dr. Mubashir Mehdi Director MNSUAM)
- xiii) The Committee also recommended that Senate Secretariat should make travel, stay and protocol arrangements of the Committee during its visit to Urumqi, China.

### SECOND MEETING

12. The second meeting of the Committee was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, soon after conducting Mango Festival at International Convention and Exhibition Center Urumqi, Xinjiang, China. The Committee was briefed that Pakistani delegation was led by Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan along with 11 exhibitors. Former Minister Prof. Ahsan Iqbal also joined the Pakistan delegation in some activities. The exhibitors showcased three tons of Pakistani Mangoes at the event. TDAP had sponsored mangoes for tasting and gifts to visitors/governments officials/ dignitaries and businessmen. The event attracted 50,000 people per day.

13. Initially, 42 exporters/growers showed interest for participation in the Mango Festival in Urumqi, however; at the end only 18 exhibitors/ delegates applied for the Chinese visa. Out of total 18 visa holders, only 12 exhibitors/ delegates including Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan travelled to Urumqi for participation in the exhibition.

14. The festival and diplomatic activities around it were a huge success as Pakistani mangoes were introduced to a wide number of people from Xinjiang as well as exhibitors and visitors from 37 countries. In a very important development the Pakistani delegation had engagements with top tier leaderships of Xinjiang province, giving a great opportunity to discuss current and future level of cooperation between Xinjiang province and Pakistan.

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The key events during the expo include:

- i) Initial Preparation of the festival as per the vision of Deputy Chairman Senate, operationally led by TDAP in close coordination with TIC Beijing and Mango exhibitors.
- ii) The Mango festival was launched by H.E. Erkin Tuniyaz, Governor of Xinjiang and Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The event was given wide coverage on the Chinese media and helped attract many visitors to the Pavilion. The Governor stayed for almost one hour in the Pavilion and enjoyed the great taste of Pakistani mangoes and beverages. The Governor was warmly welcomed by Senator Rana Mehmood ul Hassan, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal and Pakistani delegation.
- iii) High profile meeting of Pakistani delegation with H.E. Ma Xingrui, Member of Politburo of the CPC's Central Committee and Secretary of the CPC Xinjiang Uyghur's Autonomous Regional Committee was held on 19 August 2023 in Urumqi. Mr. Ma Xingrui appreciated the launch of Pakistan Mango festival and congratulated Rana Mehmood Ul Hassan for taking this step. Secretary Ma also supported the suggestion from Pakistan side to form a JWG between Xinjiang Province and Pakistan to enhance the cooperation at sub national level as per the vision of the leadership. He also accepted invitation to visit Pakistan and also hold Xinjiang Pakistan Business Forum in Pakistan with a substantial participation of businessmen from Xinjiang Province.
- iv) B2B meetings of the delegation were held at the Pakistan Pavilion, Pakistan Xinjiang B2B Investment Forum, local whole sale market and other venues. Substantial progress was made as 5 MOUs were signed by the delegation and dozen export and investment leads were made.
- v) Participation in round table meeting with concerned government officials followed by dinner hosted by TDAP on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. This event provided an opportunity to Pakistan delegation to interact with concerned government officials from GACC, Agriculture department, CCPIT Xinjiang, Universities and famous businesses. A great connection has been established with the concerned officials from Xinjiang Province.
- vi) Very useful visits were organized to agriculture farms, demonstration areas, Agriculture and other Universities, research centers and other enterprises.

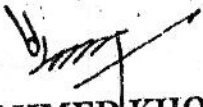
DG (TDAP) further informed the Committee that Dried Mangoes, Pink Salt and Millets are great areas for future export in China. He has proposed that China Trade Facilitation Center at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan and cooperative company at Xinjiang, China be established for future business. Chinese Standard Slaughter House in Multan for meat export is also a good business. He informed that a number of 1000 Ton Mangoes (3 Million Dollars Export) will be the next target to be exported to China in 2024 through activation of Urumqi airport and Kashgar land route opening. The Committee supported the initiative and directed for further projects in export of different items to China.


17. DG (TDAP) also conveyed the recommendations received from exhibitors like provision of warehouse facility, facilitation for logistics via land route, focus on branding and packaging of the product and exporters should also be encouraged for next delegation.

18. The Chair extended his gratitude to all Members of the Committee for their time and valuable contribution. The Committee lauded the efforts taken by the Ministry of Commerce, especially the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) under the supervision of Director General (TDAP). Souvenir awards were also presented from Convener and Members of the Committee to the representatives of Ministry of Commerce and TDAP for successfully organizing the subject event in China. The Committee unanimously passed following recommendations and decided to present its report in the House.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- i) The Committee recommended that a Joint Working Group be constituted between China & Pakistan for future export and development of trade between two countries.
- ii) The Committee recommended to form a JWG between Xinjiang Province and Pakistan to enhance the cooperation at sub national level as per the vision of the leadership.

  
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