

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

ON

A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING “DEROGATORY  
REMARKS ABOUT PASHTUNS IN O-LEVEL URDU BOOK”

RAISED BY  
SENATOR BILAL AHMED

ON 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024

PRESENTED BY  
SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT  
CHAIRPERSON SSC ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL  
TRAINING

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT PASHTUNS IN O-LEVEL URDU BOOK**

I, Senator Bushra Anjum Butt, Chairperson Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance regarding derogatory remarks about Pashtuns in an O-Level Urdu book, raised by Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

1. <b>Senator Bushra Anjum Butt</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
2. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
3. Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Member
4. Senator Falak Naz	Member
5. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
6. Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
7. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
8. Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
9. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
10. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
11. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training	Ex-Officio Member

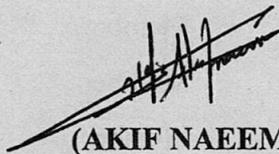
3. The Committee took up the matter in its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November and again on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 which was attended by the following Members;

1. <b>Senator Bushra Anjum Butt</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
2. Senator Falak Naz	Member
3. Senator Khalida Ateeb	Member
4. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
5. Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover
6. Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri	Mover

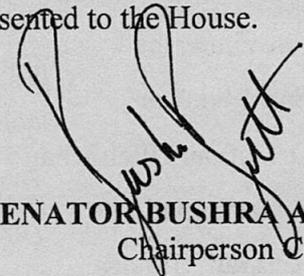
4. The Committee discussed the matter of derogatory remarks about Pashtuns in an O-Level Urdu book, raised by Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan during the meeting. The Director National Curriculum Council informed the Committee that the book has been banned, and the Author issued a written apology. However, Mover of the agenda, Senator Bilal Ahmed expressed

concern over its continued availability in markets and online presence. The Chairperson Senator Bushra Anjum Butt stressed that it's the federal government's duty to oversee educational content and called for the Publisher and Author to attend the next meeting. She highlighted the harmful impact of such content, recommending that the Ministry of Education instruct all provincial Secretaries to withdraw the book as a clear warning against hate speech. The Ministry assured the esteemed Committee Members that it will take necessary measures to address the matter on top priority.

5. Thereafter, the agenda was disposed-off. Copy of the Point of Public Importance as raised in the Senate is at **Annexure-A**. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.



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Acting Secretary Committee



(SENATOR BUSHRA ANJUM BUTT)  
Chairperson Committee