

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT ON THE MATTER REGARDING USE OF SOME DISCRIMINATORY REMARKS BY CDA IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN IN THE CASE RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN KATCHI ABADIS OF CAPITAL.

I, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat have the honor to present report on the subject issue referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat by the House on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, for consideration and report.

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

1. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Chairman
2. Senator Shahi Syed	Member
3. Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
4. Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
5. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
6. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
7. Senator Ms. Najma Hameed	Member
8. Senator Kalsoom Perveen	Member
9. Senator Ms. Rahila Magsi	Member
10. Senator Haji Saif-ullah Khan Bangash	Member
11. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
12. Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi	Member
13. Minister of State for CADD	Ex-officio Member

3. The brief background of the matter is that in the Senate sitting dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 during zero hour, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed drew attention of the House towards a news item published in the Daily Newspaper "DAWN" dated 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 regarding a report submitted by Capital Development Authority

(CDA) in the Supreme Court of Pakistan in a case relating to the settlement of Christian community in Katchi Abadis of capital.

4. The CDA's report submitted in the Supreme Court, reported in the newspaper is as under:-

*"It is necessary to identify the fact that most of the Katchi Abadis are under the occupation of the Christian community who are shifted from Narowal, Sheikhpura, Shakargarh, Sialkot, Kasur, Sahiwal and Faisalabad and occupied the government land so boldly as if it has been allotted to them and **it seems this pace of occupation of land may affect the Muslim majority of the capital.**"*

5. The Chairman Senate referred the matter during the sitting of Senate dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat for consideration and report the House on next Monday.

6. The Committee accordingly issued a notice to Chairman CDA and discussed and considered the issue in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

7. The Chairman CDA while furnishing the copy of report as submitted in the Supreme Court of Pakistan in C.P.No.41/2015, stated that there were no discriminatory remarks against the Christian community in CDA's report. He termed the newspaper report as wrongly quoted and clarified that the correct wording in the report is as "**it seems this pace of occupation of land may increase the Muslim majority of the capital**" not as "**affect the Muslim majority of the capital**".

8. The Chairman CDA however, upon pointing out by Committee regarding the missing word of "Katchi Abadis" in the last sentence, admitted the mistake and said that it should have been included and read as "**may increase the Muslim majority in Katchi Abadis of capital**". He also apologized to all communities including Christian community, if their sentiments were hurt.

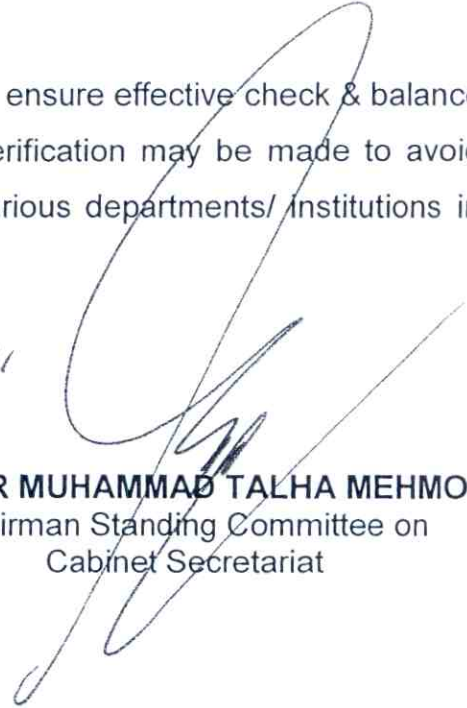
9. The Committee after perusal of the report of the CDA as submitted in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, observed that the view point of Chairman CDA was correct. The Committee however expressed concern for non issuance of clarification of the news item by CDA till today whereas the news published in "DAWN" on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The Committee therefore directed the Chairman CDA to issue clarification without further loss of time.

10. The Committee also directed the CDA to ensure effective check & balance in all CDA departments and proper checking and verification may be made to avoid such kind of flaws while submitting reports to the various departments/ institutions in future.



**(HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH)**  
JS/Secretary Committee

51



**(SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MEHMOOD)**  
Chairman Standing Committee on  
Cabinet Secretariat