

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

(Under Rule 159 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012)

I, Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani, Chairman Functional Committee on Government Assurances, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the assurance given by Mr. Usman Ibrahim, Minister for Capital Administration and Development in response to a calling attention notice moved by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on 5th August, 2015, regarding the irrational figure about teacher-student ratio in many government schools of the federal government.

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

(1)	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Chairman
(2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq	Member
(3)	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
(4)	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
(5)	Senator Ms. Nighat Mirza	Member
(6)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Member
(7)	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
(8)	Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
(9)	Senator Ms. Rahila Magsi	Member
(10)	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
(11)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
(12)	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
(13)	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the above said assurance in its meeting held on 27th September, 2016, at Parliament House, Islamabad, which was attended by the following:-

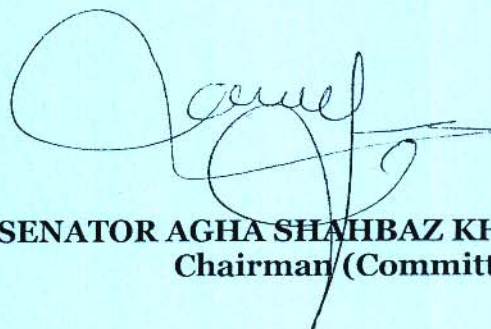
1.	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Chairman
2.	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
3.	Senator Mrs. Nighat Mirza	Member
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6.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
7.	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Director General, Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) informed the Committee that there were 422 educational institutions located in the rural as well as urban areas of Islamabad under the FDE including model schools and colleges. She said that total strength of students in those institutions was 207519 while strength of teachers was 9092 with the teacher-students ratio of 1:23. While explaining the reasons for irrational figure, she said that 65% institutions were functioning in rural areas and the population of ICT had been increasing rapidly for which more schools needed to be established in order to cater the need of increasing population and on the other hand recruitment of teachers had also not been made for the last many years and various posts of teachers were lying vacant. She further said that now 2330 more posts were created by the government which would help to fill the gap and steps were also being taken to adequately place teachers in all educational institutions for ensuring quality education and bring down teacher-students ratio. Replying to a query raised by the Committee, she said the average rationale remains between 1:22 to 1:25, while main cause of change in rational was the retirement of teachers, however, the rational was quite viable.

5. The Committee showed its satisfaction on the fulfillment of the assurance, given of by Mr. Usman Ibrahim, Minister for Capital Administration and Development in the House on 5th August, 2015, and disposed of the issue. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of its report to the House.



(MUHAMMAD TAHIR KHAN)
Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR AGHA SHAHBAZ KHAN DURRANI)
Chairman (Committee)