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REPORT NO.28

PRESENTED BY

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CHAIRMAN

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, have the honour to present report on the subject matter of "Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar regarding the Fate of Area Study Centre, Islamabad" on 20th December, 2016.

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

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

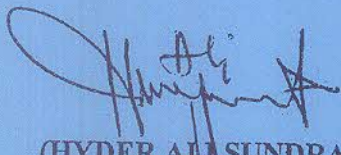
3. The Committee considered the matter in its meetings held on 3rd and 24th January, 2017.

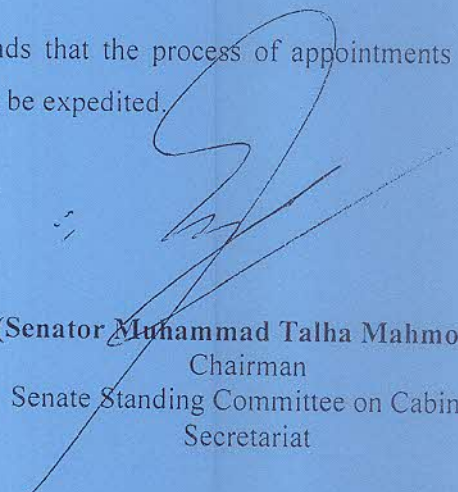
4. The Senator Fahatullah Babar briefed regarding "Fate of Area Study Centre (ASC), Islamabad", he stated that in 1975 six Area Study Centres were established and these centres were working like a think tank, however, after 18th

Amendment one of these six centers is working under the Quaid-e-Azam University and Quaid-e-Azam University has its own statutes as well as Area Study Centres works under an act namely Area Study Centre, 1975. He added that a question has arisen that under what law this centre is working under Quaid-e-Azam University. The Dean Social Sciences and Director Area Study Centre briefed the Committee that in consequence of 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan, the Ministry of Education stood devolved and all the functions of Area Study Centres were assigned to the respective Universities in 2011 by the Government. Consequently, the process of appointment of Director, Area Study Centre is initiated by the Vice Chancellor of university for appointment.

5. The Vice Chancellor, Quaid-e-Azam University, briefed the Committee that the Government of Pakistan is representing by the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Professional Training, Islamabad and the Higher Education Commission member is the Director General (Academics). The permission was sought for enhancement of the academic profile including filling of the vacant academic positions at the Centre. They graciously permitted the Director who immediately initiated the process of filling the vacant positions including Director of the Centre in the selection process. It is expected that the whole process will be completed in the present financial year. Once the whole process is complete, the reservations / concerns of the Honourable Senator will be addressed and the Centre will play its positive role in producing research scholars and giving positive feed back to the relevant quarters thus helping the Government of Pakistan in formulating its policies. Senator Farhatullah Babar agreed with the statement given by Vice Chancellor, Quaid-e-Azam University.

6. The Committee recommends that the process of appointments of all concerned staff of Area Study Centre may be expedited.


(HYDER ALI SUNDRANI)
 D.S/Secretary Committee


(Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood)
 Chairman
 Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet
 Secretariat