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Subject: **PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PAKISTAN BY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION ON THE EDUCATION SECTOR – 17TH AUGUST, 2002**

Sir,

The President/Chief Executive of Pakistan took note of the subject presentation given by Minister for Education on the Education Sector. Following decisions were taken:

- i) The Provincial and District Governments should ensure availability and earmarking of sufficient funds for all areas of ESR for their sustainability.
- ii) The concerned authorities at all levels should devise an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the District Education functionaries to exercise administrative and financial powers to implement the ESR in letter and spirit. Amendments in the rules, where necessary, should accordingly be made. The Provincial Governors be requested to take further action in this behalf.
- iii) The Provincial/District Governments should ensure full participation of civil society organizations and Community Citizens Boards in implementing Education Sector Reforms through administrative instruments.
- iv) It should be clarified that no Education specific taxes be levied on private institutions.
- v) The establishment of vocational schools should be started with a school in each district. Subsequently, the number of such vocational schools be enlarged.
- vi) In order to expedite establishment of Polytechnics, concerned Departments/Agencies be authorized to get the civil works carried out through the private sector under their own arrangements.

Simultaneously, creation of required posts and provisions of recurring budget be ensured to make the Polytechnics operational.

- vii) Music and culture should not be included in the list of subjects offered under the technical stream of Education.
- viii) Deregulation of development, printing and publication of textbooks be enforced uniformly across the country subject to approval of the text by the Curriculum Wing of the Ministry of Education.
- ix) The Ministry of Education should seek foreign assistance for the complete Education sector instead of primary/ Elementary/ Secondary specific assistance. The donor agencies be apprised in detail about the overall education strategy of the Government. The decision to allocate funds, received through foreign assistance, to Primary, Secondary or Higher Education should, however, rest with the Government of Pakistan. In case of any difficulty, Ministry of Education should bring the matter to the notice of Secretary General Finance.
- x) The recommendation of Ministry of Education to liberalize admission and visa policy to attract foreign students to Pakistan should be referred to Ministry of Interior. Ministry of Education should also focus on upgrading facilities in the educational institutions in order to facilitate and provide better facilities to foreign students studying in Pakistan.
- xi) The recommendation for creation of Education Service of Pakistan should be referred to the Establishment Division for examination.
- xii) The Minister for Religious Affairs should make a presentation on Madrassah Education. The following points may specifically be covered in the presentation:
 - a) Methodology for registration of Madaris.
 - b) Justification for creation of separate Madrassah Boards.
 - c) Mechanism for distribution of funds to Madaris.

2. All concerned quarters are requested to kindly take necessary actions for implementation of the above decisions and progress may be intimated to this Ministry.

Yours Sincerely

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