

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE ON THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 36, MOVED BY DR. NAFISA SHAH, MNA

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Commerce have the honor to present this report on the Starred Question No. 36 referred to the committee on the 6th February 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following: -

1.	Syed Naveed Qamar	Chairman
2.	Mr. Ali Khan Jadoon	Member
3.	Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob Sheikh	Member
4.	Mr. Muhammad Asim Nazir	Member
5.	Mr. Muhammad Aslam Bhootani	Member
6.	Mr. Raza Nasrullah	Member
7.	Mr. Khurram Shahzad	Member
8.	Mr. Ahmad Hussain Deharr	Member
9.	Mian Muhammad Shafiq	Member
10.	Ms. Wajiha Akram	Member
11.	Ms. Sajida Begum	Member
12.	Mrs. Farukh Khan	Member
13.	Mr. Usman Ibrahim	Member
14.	Rana Iradat Sharif Khan	Member
15.	Mr. Rasheed Ahmed Khan	Member
16.	Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb	Member
17.	Ms. Shaista Pervaiz	Member
18.	Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja	Member
19.	Mr. Asif Ali Zardari	Member
20.	Syed Javed Ali Shah Jillani	Member
21.	Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood	Advisor to the Prime Minister on Commerce and Investment

3. The Committee considered the Question No. 36, placed at Annex. "A" in its meeting held on 15th September, 2020 and recommended that the Starred Question may not be proceeded further.

Sd/-
TAHIR HUSSAIN
Secretary

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SYED NAVEED QAMAR
Chairman
Standing Committee on Commerce

Islamabad, the 22nd January, 2021

36. *Dr. Nafisa Shah:

Annex
A

Will the Minister for Commerce be pleased to state:

- (a) *what is the status of Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP) Plus presently; and*
- (b) *whether the Government has been warned by the European Union on withdrawal of GSP plus status and the reasons thereof?*

Minister for Commerce: (a) • The Third Biennial Review of GSP Plus Scheme (2018-2020) is going to be completed tentatively in early February 2020. Pakistan has successfully concluded two previous reviews in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

• In order to prepare for the Third Biennial Review (2018-2020), Government of Pakistan has submitted its response to the list of issues and follow up questions including ten (10) identified priority areas to the European Union. Based on Pakistan's Report, EU has prepared its report which will be shared with the EU Parliament.

(b) EU has given no such indication on the withdrawal of GSP + status from Pakistan. Extensive lobbying efforts are ongoing within Pakistan with all EU missions and in all capitals of EU countries including EU Headquarter at Brussels.