



Views of the panelists on ASER Launch

26-1-2012.

Ahsan Iqbal MNA PML(N), Former Federal Minister for Education

Ahsan Iqbal complimented ASER for producing a quality report on education. He said that we need to make a shift in the pattern of our resources. There are issues with curriculum. Nawaz Sharif Government had presented vision 2010 and had trained 35000 teachers. The demise of science subjects in our system is also a serious issue. In Punjab PML government has recruited 32000 teachers of Science .A major step is to change the mix of education and providing the students the opportunity to study from these trained teachers. Students in rural areas also have access to computer education. We are trying to bring a certain amount of balance. We noticed that girl enrollment was becoming a highlight. This is good for economic and social reasons .These positive things should also be captured. Inter province mechanism should be formed with a committee sitting in Islamabad for coordination.

Education has to be devolved at the district level. We are doing that in Punjab for quality of education. The issue of quality of management is also important .Good professionals and managers in education should be ensured. Finally the civil society has to take initiative and take the rulers to task. He concluded by sharing his personal experience proving that it is a very much supply side issue with more students and less teachers. It requires political will, restructuring, professionalism, and resizing among others

PROGRAMME

Time	Program
2:30 -2:45	Registration-
2:45-2:50	Opening & Welcome Remarks Baela Raza Jamil; Director Programs , Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA)
2:50-3:10	Highlights of the ASER Pakistan Report - Video/Presentation Documentary on ASER 2011
3:10-3:15	Citizens Speak: The ASER 2011 Journey ASER Volunteers
3:15 - 4: 25	Panel Discussion on Findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nadeem-ul-Haque, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission- Lead Panelist • Ahsan Iqbal, Former Minister for Education MNA PML(N) • Dr Zeba Sathar, Country Director, Population Council • Chaudhry Qamar Zaman, Secretary, Ministry of Professional & Technical Training • Ms.Nargis Sultana, Program Officer, FOSI • Mr. Mazhar Siraj, Social Development Advisor, DFID-UKaid • Dr. Nafisa Shah, Chairperson NCHD, MNA PPP
4:25-4:30	ASER Pakistan 2011 Launch by the Chief Guest & All Participants
4:30-4:40	Speech by the Chief Guest Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada; Minister for Professional & Technical Training
4:40	Refreshments