



Views of the panelists on ASER Launch

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The National Launch of
Status of Education Report
ASER Pakistan, 2011

Dr. Nadeem-ul-Haque Chairman Planning Commission:

Dr Nadeem congratulated SAFED for managing the ASER survey. He said that Public sector is not performing its duty properly. Many such studies have come forward and they all state the simple fact that we have a problem in education. The achievement rate is not very high .And we need to ask where the education budget is going? The HEC has taken over 10 million of the education budget in the past few years. We need to review the situation immediately. There are lots of donors, NGOs working but then the result is what ASER says. People lack in the quality of education. Next time teachers should also be surveyed for quality .There’s a failure in all our public sector management .We need to rebuild the management systems. In our paradigm when we are thinking of keeping uniformity, we forget the cost difference in both rural and urban areas. We need to give opportunity for growth in our overall policies. We have to think holistically for the purpose of growth. We are beginning to quantify our output in ASER. He welcomed ASER for pushing the agenda of education forward and appreciated the fact that we are now going to go for a research based approach instead of input based approach towards out work. But what about the demand side? What would the children do without a job when they grow-up? We have quality, coverage and the demand. Are we ready to pay the price? We are an industrial country. He commended ITA for by saying that ASER was giving people food for thought.

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