

PE1429/A

To,
The Convener
Public Petitions Committee
The Scottish Parliament

14 May 2012

Subject: Letter for consideration with Petition PE1429

Dear Sir,

It is an immense pleasure to write this letter to you for consideration regarding petition PE1429. I wish to thank the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government for admitting my petition.

With reference to the SPICe briefing and in particularly the Scottish Government International Framework identified as the forming criteria for the Saltire Scholarships, I must state and request that the education must be available for all countries and considering the history and the comparative development of the region itself, while India is more developed, Pakistan is not and the right to education must be protected by opening this avenue for the Pakistani students as well.

I also want to state that the SPICe briefing has correctly identified the scholarships available to the International students, but these are not specific to any particular nationality, and Indian students have the opportunity to apply for these scholarships as well as the Saltire Scholarship.

Even now, at the UK-level the Diamond Jubilee Scholarship 2012 has been specifically opened for Indian students for full-time Masters Scholarships, which provides them even greater chance of participating. If Pakistani students are not allowed open environment while decisions are made in the light of International frameworks, then Pakistani students will never get a chance to study and have good relations as India does with the UK, which Pakistani so urgently needs to develop. I am not sure when the International Framework would change.

I hope the Committee will consider my petition in the light of above arguments.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

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