



**Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf  
Central Secretariat**

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Dear Mian Shehbaz Sharif,

This is in continuation of my letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, vide which I drew your attention towards the longstanding and important matter pertaining to the creation of a separate province of South Punjab.

As Vice-Chairman of PTI, I invited you to provide input on the way forward for reaching consensus on the formulation of a Constitution amendment bill for creation of a separate province of South Punjab. Furthermore, I requested that two members be nominated for inclusion in a committee dedicated to the task of formulating a draft amendment bill for Parliament.

Unfortunately, no response to my letter has been received to date. Hence, the aspiration of the people of South Punjab remains unmet due to lack of interest and will by elected representatives. As Leader of the Opposition and President of a mainstream political party with representation in South Punjab, I would urge you to expedite your response.

I write to you again following the release of the '*South Punjab Regional SDGs Indicators Comparison with Centre and North*' report prepared by the United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the South Punjab Secretariat.

The report concludes that South Punjab is the most deprived region in the province. It lays bare that the sense of deprivation among residents of South Punjab is not unfounded. The study reveals some disturbing facts as follows:

- 55pc of the population is living below 50pc of median income (per capita) in the rural South region of Punjab. 31% per cent of the population in the South is living below the national poverty line. Data shows only 56.2 per cent of the population uses improved sanitation facilities.
- More than a third of the children in South Punjab suffer from stunted growth. Infant mortality in South Punjab is higher than the rest of the Punjab. (43 deaths per 1,000 births)

This report reinforces the need for urgent action by all political parties. We must act now on the creation of a separate province of South Punjab. I remind you this is a long standing aspiration of the people of that region and the primary impediment to the realization of this desire of 35 million people, is a Constitutional amendment that requires 2/3rd majority of Parliament.

Accordingly, I reiterate my invitation to you to come together with the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf to put the future of 35 million people foremost and to reach consensus on the formulation of a Constitutional amendment bill for creation of a separate province of South Punjab.

To this end, I await nomination of two members from your party to be added to a committee, dedicated to the creation of the province, who will be tasked with formulating a draft amendment bill for Parliament.

I look forward to your support in this matter of national importance.

Yours Sincerely,



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