

SENATE OF PAKISTAN HOUSE OF FEDERATION

Report No. 15 of the Committee



REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON
QUESTION NO. 88 ASKED BY THE SENATOR AHMED HASSAN, REGARDING
HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION LAUNCHING HELPLINE FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

**PRESENTED BY
SENATOR NASREEN JALIL
CHAIRPERSON**

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON QUESTION NO. 88 ASKED BY THE SENATOR AHMED HASSAN, REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION LAUNCHING HELPLINE FOR LEGAL ADVICE ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

I, Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights, have honour to present the report on the subject matter referred by the House during the sitting of the Senate held on 27th Oct, 2017. The matter was referred by the House to the Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights for consideration and report.

2. The agenda before the Committee was "Consideration of, "Question No. 88 asked by the Senator Ahmed Hassan, Regarding Human Rights Division launching helpline for legal advice on Human Rights violations in the country" the matter was referred to the Committee on 27th Oct, 2017."

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

i.	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Chairperson
ii.	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iv.	Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
v.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
vi.	Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
vii.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
viii.	Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
ix.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
x.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
xi.	Senator Asif Saeed Kirmani	Member
xii.	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed	Member


4. Accordingly, the issue was discussed in the meeting of the Functional Committee on Human Rights held on 16th Nov, 2017. The following Members attended the meeting.

i.	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Chairperson
ii.	Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iv.	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed	Member
v.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
vi.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
vii.	Senator Sehar Kamran	Member

5. The Committee thoroughly discussed the subject matter. The Committee was briefed that the Helpline is intact and is receiving 4,000 calls monthly and those callers who remained unattended were called back by a team of lawyers who offered free legal advice to the callers. The Committee was also informed that special attention is being paid to provision of legal assistance to victims of far-flung areas through proactive media campaigns for effective awareness and to outreach them. The Committee noted that National Commission on Human Rights should be strengthened as it plays an importance role on the ground and has better access to people across the board. The Committee disposed off the matter with the direction to enhance the standard/quality of the service.



(Malik Arshad Iqbal)
Secretary Committee



(Senator Nasreen Jalil)
Chairperson Committee