

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE**

**ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY
SENATOR SANA JAMALI IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON
11TH APRIL, 2018**

**PRESENTED BY
SENATOR SITARA AYAZ
CHAIRPERSON**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ON POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR SANA JAMALI REGARDING THE "JUNIPER FORESTS AND WATER ISSUES AT DISTRICT ZIARAT, BALOCHISTAN"

I, Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson of the Functional Committee on Climate Change have the honour to present, on behalf of the committee, this report on the point of public importance raised by Senator Sana Jamali regarding "the juniper forests and water issues at District Ziarat, Balochistan" held on 10th September, 2018 at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

2. The Honourable Chairman referred the matter to standing committee on Climate Change with the direction to report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz	Chairperson
2. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
5. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
6. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
7. Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
8. Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
9. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
10. Senator Faisal Javed	Member
11. Senator Samina Saeed	Member
12. Senator Kesho Bai	Member
13. Senator Gul Bashra	Member

4. The Committee addressed the point of public importance in its meeting held on 10th September, 2018, where the following members were present:

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz	Chairperson
2. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
5. Senator Kesho Bai	Member

6. Senator Faisal Javed	Member
7. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
8. Senator Gul Bashra	Member
9. Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
10. Senator Sana Jamali	Mover
11. Senator Samina Saeed	Special Invitee
12. Malik Amin Aslam	Advisor to PM on Climate Change (Ex-Officio Member)

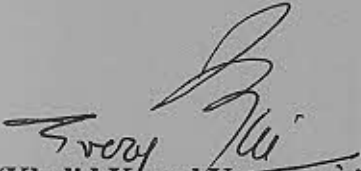
5. While discussing the agenda item on point of public importance raised by Senator Sana Jamali in the Senate session held on 11th April, 2018 that was referred to the Committee, regarding declination of the juniper forests at District Ziarat, Balochsitan. The Committee was of the opinion that it was a provincial subject. However, realized seriousness of the issue and took up for deliberations. The Committee expressed intention of visiting Ziarat in order to check the illegal cutting of not only Juniper forests but also Pinus Gerardana commonly known as 'Chilghoza' trees and taking up matter with the provincial government for corrective measures for protection of Juniper forests.

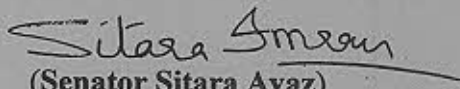
6. Senator Sana Jamali, Mover, informed the Committee that Juniper forests in Ziarat, are the second largest in the world and have scenic value though it has slow growth rate but outlasts by many years. She added that the area has significant importance of being a national heritage for the country where the Founder of Nation spent his last days. She stressed for protection of Juniper forests. She also highlighted the importance for medicinal uses of Juniper and informed that these forests have been declared as Biosphere Reserve under the UNESCO's Man and Biosphere programme.

7. Advisor to Prime Minister on Climate Change appreciated Senator Sana Jamali for raising an important issue and agreed to its unique type of forest due to high ecological significance. The Committee was informed that one of the major reasons for degradation of these forests was fuel wood and grazing rights of local communities due to which natural regeneration was badly affected. The Advisor added that government was giving thoughtful attention towards the waning situation of forests and the federal government has initiated programme consisting of two parts; one of which was billion-Tree Tsunami project and other of Green Pakistan Initiative for revival of vulnerable forests. He further informed that budget allocation has been planned and it shall be equally shared

between Federal and Provincial governments. The framework shall be provided by the Federal Government and provinces would be made responsible to implement it by involving local communities. An allocation of 64 million has been made for revival of Juniper and Chilghoza forests in Balochistan that would be released in the coming days. The Advisor assured the Committee that expeditious measures would be taken in coordination with provincial government to address the issue of Juniper forests and outcome of Ministry's efforts would be shared with the Committee.

8. The Committee disposed-off the point of public importance.


(Khalid Kamal Veryamani)
DG / Secretary Committee


(Senator Sitara Ayaz)
Chairperson Committee