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House of the Federation

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

ON

**THE SUBJECT MATTER OF A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
RAISED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD ALI KHAN SAIF REGARDING
DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF ARMY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED AT
SIACHIN**

PRESENTED BY:

**SENATOR WALID IQBAL
Chairman (Committee)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD ALI KHAN SAIF**

I, Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 11th November, 2018, regarding deplorable condition of Army personnel deployed at Siachin, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under: -

(1)	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
(2)	Senator Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum	Member
(3)	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
(4)	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
(5)	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Member
(6)	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
(7)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
(8)	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
(9)	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
(10)	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
(11)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
(12)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
(13)	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member
(14)	Minister for Defence	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the said matter in an in-camera meeting held on 14th June, 2019, at Parliament House, Islamabad which was attended by the following:-

(1)	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
(2)	Senator Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum	Member
(3)	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
(4)	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Member
(5)	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
(6)	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
(7)	Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
(8)	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
(9)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
(10)	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member
(11)	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Mover

4. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif informed the Committee that he personally visited the Siachin area and found the condition of the Army personnel deployed there very deplorable. He was of the view that allowances and other facilities were not up to the mark which should be enhanced keeping in view the difficulties and hardships faced by the personnel involved. He also gave some suggestions such as enhancement of special allowance, up-gradation of technologies, improvement in broadcasting signals, better traveling facilities and reduction in posting tenure etc. The Secretary Defence responded that implementation was under process on most of the issues while enhancement in special allowances would also be considered upon recommendation of the Committee.

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5. After due deliberation, the Committee disposed of the matter and gave approval for presentation of this report to the House with the following recommendation:-

"The Government should increase the annual budget of the M/o Defence in respect of Special Allowances of the Army personnel deployed at Siachin from Rs. 58 million to Rs. 180 million."



(MUHAMMAD TAHIR KHAN)
Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR WALID IQBAL)
Chairman (Committee)