

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**



Report No.2

REPORT OF THE SENATE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

ON

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR SAJJAD
HUSSAIN TURI REGARDING PROBLEMS FACED BY PAKISTANI
EXPATRIATES DUE TO BIOMETRIC SYSTEM IN THE BANKS,
REFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN SENATE**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR DILAWAR KHAN
Convener Senate Implementation Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI REGARDING PROBLEMS FACED BY PAKISTANI EXPATRIATES DUE TO BIOMETRIC SYSTEM IN THE BANKS.

I, Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener Senate Implementation Committee have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi regarding "problems faced by Pakistani expatriates due to biometric system in the banks" referred by the House on 09.05.2019.

2. The composition of the Senate Implementation Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Convener
2.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
3.	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Member
4.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
5.	Senator Muahammad Ayub	Member
6.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
7.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
8.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
9.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
10.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member

3. The Senate Implementation Committee considered the matter in its meetings held on 24th June, 2019 & 8th October, 2019 respectively and invited the all concerned Government officials which include Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, State Bank of Pakistan & NADRA were invited in the meeting. The following members of the Committee attended the meetings and taken part in the discussion:-

1.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Convener
2.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
3.	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
4.	Senator Walid iqbal	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad	Member
7.	Senator Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
10.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
11.	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
12.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
13.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Mover

4. The Hon'ble Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener of the Senate Implementation Committee requested the Mover Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi to apprise the participants on the referred matter in relation to "Problems faced by Pakistani expatriates due to biometric system in the banks.

5. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi, Mover informed the Committee that the majority of the Pakistanis are working class and cannot visit Pakistan without the permission of their employers. Due to the closer of their accounts, their families living in Pakistan are facing difficulties while getting hard earned money sending legally through banks from abroad by their relatives.


6. The Executive Director, State Bank of Pakistan while briefing the participants said that in order to identify the fake bank accounts operated in the Pakistani banks and to meet the requirement of FATF, the biometrics verification of all account holders has been made as the mandatory process. He however, assured the Committee that State Bank of Pakistan is well aware of the difficulties being faced by the Pakistanis living abroad and their families living in Pakistan. In this regard efforts have been made to simplify the process in order to facilitate all those who are contributing in Pakistan's development by sending the foreign exchange legally by adopting the proper procedure.

7. The Committee was of the view that if such system / process cannot be simplified, people will start sending their hard earned money through illegal means like HUNDI etc. The Convener of the Implementation Committee therefore asked the State Bank of Pakistan to take sincere measures/ steps in order to facilitate and redress the difficulties being faced by expatriates.

8. After the detailed discussion and briefing by the concerned officers on the matter, the hon'ble Convener of the Committee after taking consent of the Mover Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi, disposed-off the matter with the following recommendations:-

Recommendations:-

The Committee advised the State Bank of Pakistan to properly advertise / exhibit the requirement of biometric verification in Urdu & English newspapers and also circulate in all Embassies of Pakistan particularly in the Gulf countries.


(HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH)
AS/Secretary Committee


(SENATOR DILAWAR KHAN)
Convener Senate Implementation
Committee