

### SENATE OF PAKISTAN

House of the Federation

#### **REPORT NO. 04 OF 2020**

## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "PAYMENT OF AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO THE INJURED AND DEAD IN THE TRAIN ACCIDENT OF TEZGAM EXPRESS DATED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2019" RAISED BY SENATOR MUSHAHID ULLAH KHAN IN SENATE SITTING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

#### PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

# REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS UNDER PROVISO TO RULE 195 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012

1. Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Railways, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on Point of Public Importance regarding "Payment of amount of compensation to the injured and dead in the train accident of Tezgam Express dated 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019" raised by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan in Senate sitting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
4.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
5.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
6.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
7.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
8.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
9.	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
10.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12.	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
13.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member

3. The Committee considered the Point of Public Importance in its meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. The following Members attended the meeting on **09<sup>th</sup> June**, **2020**:-

i)	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iii)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
iv)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member

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The following Members attended the meeting on 14th July, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
iv)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
v)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
vi)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
vii)	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan	Mover

- 5. On 09<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 the Committee was briefed that all the compensation was given to the affectees and only 06 people were left, out of which the relatives of 02 people recently contacted the Railway authorities who were asked to complete the documents to receive this compensation amount. The Chairman Committee pointed out that this compensation is made on account of insurance policy through postal Life Insurance against the insurance amount paid by the passengers themselves while purchasing the train tickets. He further highlighted that Railway authorities at the time of accident had announced some compensation to the affectees out of the government exchequer. He directed that Ministry of Railways may provide details of the compensation which is apparently not given to the affectees and their families. The Committee recommended that a detailed and comprehensive report in this regard may be presented to the Committee in the next meeting.
- 6. Secretary Railways informed the Committee that a Summary to Prime Minister regarding special dispensation of Rs. 47 million amongst the people injured/died in Tezgam Express incident, has been issued for his approval. He further clarified that dispensation of amount through Ministry's budget will raise audit objections due to some procedural requirements. It was, therefore, decided to move a Summary to the Prime Minister for his approval for special release of funds amounting to Rs. 47 million through Ministry of Finance. The Committee recommended that Ministry of Railways may pursue the case for special dispensation to the train affectees which is under process for approval of Prime Minister and report to the Committee about its further status. After thorough deliberation and discussion on the matter moved by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, the Committee unanimously disposed of the same.



## RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommended that Ministry of Railways may pursue the case for special dispensation to the train affectees which is under process for approval of Prime Minister and report to the Committee about its further status

(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR MOHAMMÁD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO)

Chairman (Committee)